

JUNE 2014 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The regular board meeting of the Piute County School District Board of Education was held on June 10, 2014 at the Piute County Commission Chambers in Junction, Utah. President Derrin Jensen called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. Present were Marty Morgan, Erin Jensen, Derrin Jensen and Rickey Dalton. Also present were Superintendent Shane Erickson and Business Administrator Jeff Barben. Guests at the meeting were Eugene King, Holly Nowers, Dayna Torgerson, Pam Whittaker, Paul James and Koby Willis.

Work Meeting

A work meeting of the Piute County Board of Education was held at 3:00 p.m.

Board members received training on

I. Opening Remarks

Opening remarks were by

President Derrin Jensen welcomed everyone to Board Meeting.

II. Public Hearing: none

A. Citizen Dialog

None

III. Discussion Items:

A. Review of Finance Procurement Policies

Moved to Next Mtg.

B. Teacher/Classified Negotiations

President Jensen gave time to Holly Nowers and Dayna Torgerson. Holly Nowers asked Jeff Barben what the finances looked like. Jeff explained that the budget projections hadn't really changed since the last board meeting. Dayna presented the board with a salary comparison of elementary secretaries. Holly Nowers asked for a 3% increase in salary. She thanked the board for the 1% increase but felt that with the amount of unallocated funds that we have, the district could afford to give the teachers a 3% increase. Holly also requested that the district continue to pay 100% of the health insurance, add a step 25 and steps and lanes. She suggested that the board begin meeting with faculty on a monthly basis to improve communication. Dayna asked that the board look at increasing the salaries of classified staff to try to catch them up with other districts in the state. Holly expressed her support for increasing salaries for classified staff.

C. Review of Sub Lists

Superintendent Erickson directed board members to the sub list for their review and approval.

Erin Jensen asked if there were any new ones from last year. Superintendent Erickson showed that there were a couple of new subs added to the substitute list.

D. Fencing Around Ball Field at Oscarson Elementary

Erin Jensen expressed concern that people are hitting balls into a person's yard and sometimes hitting his home. He has tried various ways to resolve the issue but feels that he has not gotten any resolution. Erin suggested that the board look at adding a nylon mesh on top of the home

run fence to resolve the issue. It would only require about 50 feet of netting to solve the problem. The netting would cost between \$300 and \$500 but the poles would be more expensive. Pam Whittaker stated that she felt he may be bringing some of it onto himself and he should bear some responsibility. Erin disagreed because he had built his home before we changed the direction of the ball field. Pam felt that the sheriff should handle the issue. Rickey Dalton stated that we are going to have to move the backstops anyway at Oscarson Elementary so maybe we should change the direction of the fields. Putting up cameras, having the scouts put up netting as an Eagle Scout project and contacting the sheriff were proposed.

H. State Travel Rates

Superintendent Erickson directed board members to a handout on mileage reimbursement. Currently the district pays .40 cents per mile if a district car is not available and .32 cents per mile if a car is available and the employee wishes to take their own vehicle.

G. State Graduation Credit Proposals

Superintendent Erickson directed board members to a handout describing the revised graduation requirements proposed by the Utah State Board of Education. They are proposing adding a focused preparation track to meet graduation that would allow more autonomy for students to take courses that they desire and still meet graduation requirements. The change would put more pressure on school counselors and high schools to provide the additional options. Eugene King stated at we should try to provide the options that we can through online courses.

F. Communication Policy 1st Reading

Superintendent Erickson stated that we need to align the board handbook with the communications policy. Superintendent Erickson requested Paul to help him reviewing the policy.

Rickey Dalton requested time to discuss the Oscarson ball fields. Rickey suggested that the board look at helping with fixing the problems with the ball fields. He suggested doing something in the fall after the ball teams are done. President Jensen stated that we need to wait until the town and other entities have made commitments. Rickey will bring more information to the next board meeting.

V. Executive Session:

5:15 p.m. Motion was made by Erin Jensen to enter into executive session to discuss personnel. Seconded by Rickey Dalton. Marty Morgan, Rickey Dalton, Erin Jensen and Derrin Jensen voted Aye. Motion carried.

9:15 p.m.. Motion was made by Erin Jensen to return from executive session. Seconded by Marty Morgan. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

V. Action Items:

A. Approval of May Board Minutes and Vouchers

Motion was made by Marty Morgan to approve the minutes of the May 2014 Board Meeting, and to also approve vouchers #2327-2473. Seconded by Erin Jensen. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

B. IT Director

Motion was made by Marty Morgan to approve Paul James as the IT Director. Seconded by Erin Jensen. All Voted Aye. Motion carried.

C. School Counselor

Motion was made by Rickey Dalton to approve William Maughan as the Counselor at Piute High School. Seconded by Erin Jensen. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

D. Music Teacher

Motion was made by Erin Jensen to approve Clayton Barber as the Music Teacher for the high school and Elementary schools. Seconded by Rickey Dalton. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

E. Boys Basketball Coach

Motion was made by Marty Morgan to approve Tyrel Clove as the Piute High School Head Basketball Coach. Seconded by Rickey Dalton. Marty Morgan and Rickey Dalton voted Aye. Derrin Jensen and Erin Jensen voted Nay. Motion tabled.

F. Elementary Teacher

Motion was made by Erin Jensen to approve the hiring of Eugene King as a Teacher with some administrative duties at Circleville Elementary. Seconded by Rickey Dalton. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

G. Summer Ag Credit

Motion was made by Erin Jensen to approve credit for the Summer Ag Program. Seconded by Rickey Dalton. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

F. Substitute List

Motion was made by Erin Jensen to approve the substitute list for school year 2014-15 with the exception of Laci Shakespeare. Seconded by Marty Morgan. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

F. Reassignments at Circleville Elementary

Motion was made by Erin Jensen to approve the reassignments at Circleville Elementary. Seconded by Rickey Dalton. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

F. Teacher Negotiations

Motion was made by Erin Jensen to approve a 1.5% increase for teachers and 2% increase for classified staff for FY 2014-15 while maintaining 100% of insurance paid by the district, Steps and Lanes and absorbing the retirement rate increase. Seconded by Marty Morgan. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

VI. Information Items:

A. Work Session with Administrators in August Board Meeting-Goals

Superintendent Erickson stated that there are 15 or 20 compliance issues that the state is telling us that we need to address. Superintendent Erickson would like to meet with the administrators in August to work on goals and strategic plans to try to bring the district into compliance. We need to do a better job communicating which goals are compliance issues and which are board directives.

B. Opening Institute Date and Agenda

Superintendent Erickson directed board members to the opening institute date and agenda. The faculty had input on topics they would like to have addressed which is reflected in the agenda.

C. Girls Softball Program-Update

The UHSAA is excited that Piute high School is moving forward with girls softball. They have approved us as an independent JV team which gives us a lot of autonomy as we start the process of a softball program.

D. Date for Public Hearing of District Budget 2014-15

Budget hearing is scheduled for June 19 at 9 a.m.

E. Finance Committee Meetings

The internal audit committee needs to meet on a quarterly basis to review the district budget. We need to establish that meeting schedule.

Motion was made by Marty Morgan to adjourn the June 2014 meeting of the Piute School District Board of Education. Seconded by Erin Jensen. All voted Aye. Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned 9:29 p.m.