

## **FEBRUARY 2014 BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

The regular board meeting of the Piute County School District Board of Education was held on February 11, 2014 at the Piute County Commission Chambers in Junction, Utah. President Derrin Jensen called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. Present were Marty Morgan, Erin Jensen, Derrin Jensen, Joyce Sudweeks and Rickey Dalton. Also present were Superintendent Shane Erickson and Business Administrator Jeff Barben. Guests at the meeting were Jodi Johnson, Terecea Westwood, Kennedy Sylvester, Shauna Bagley, Janetta Dalton, Paul James, Beth Allen, Zack Allen, Kim Reed, Jody Davis and Kerry Alvey.

### **Work Meeting**

A work meeting of the Piute County Board of Education was held at 3:00 p.m. Board members received training on stress management.

### **I. Opening Remarks**

Opening remarks were by Jeff Barben.

President Derrin Jensen welcomed everyone to Board Meeting.

### **II. Public Hearing:**

#### **A. Citizen Dialog**

President Jensen gave time to Zack Allen to describe his Eagle Scout Project. Zack would like to replace the chain link fence between the parking lot and Highway 89 from the marquee to the entrance. Zack asked the board what type of fence they would prefer. President Jensen explained that the board would like a chance to look at the current fence before deciding. Board members told Zack that he had their permission to move forward with finding out what requirements the state road may have for erecting a fence. Superintendent Erickson acknowledged that Zack took first place at the region wrestling tournament and was named the outstanding wrestler of the tournament.

### **III. Discussion Items:**

#### **A. Principal Reports on Schools and Progress**

Janetta Dalton reported on Circleville Elementary. Janetta highlighted intrigues of the past where students learned flint knapping and other outdoor activities. She reviewed with the board the hoop shoot winners, 6th grade elections, 5th grade preparation for DRI Christmas Light Village, 3rd grade Reader's Theater, Ticket to Read, Beverly Taylor Sorenson Grant for music and art. Janetta showed the artwork that had been done by the students this year and expressed gratitude to Mr. Belliston for the music program and Jo Whittaker for the art program. She reviewed Dibels Benchmark and Progress Monitoring. The students are getting ready to publish their books for the year. Janetta presented to the board on YPP data tracking for 1st through 6th grades.

Kennedy Sylvester presented to the board on Piute High School. The high school has spent a lot of time working on accreditation this year. AdvancedEd will be here on March 25 to review accreditation. Kennedy discussed the Ag program and the FFA Club. There are about 20 students involved in the program and they will be competing next month. Dan Springer would like to have a donkey basketball fundraiser. Jeff Barben presented on the speech team. They

recently attended their first speech meet of the year and did well. Gage Christensen took first in impromptu and Josey Morrison took third in congress. The high school is gearing up for all of the juniors to take the ACT. Devin Shakespeare is working to improve counseling and notifying students of deadlines for scholarship applications. Kennedy complimented Paul James on how smoothly the transition has gone in IT. Shauna Bagley also complimented Paul. State FBLA has scheduled the FBLA state competition during 1A State Basketball. She is taking about 20 students to the competition. The drill team placed third in state. The wrestling team did really well in region. Zack Allen placed first and was named the Outstanding Wrestler. Benton Erickson, Austin Trapp and Jayden Coburn placed second. Quade Fautin placed fourth and Keaton Jensen and Easton Kennedy placed 6th. Coach Raddon has been a great addition this year. Girls basketball starts region this weekend. Boys basketball are currently ranked second in our region. Superintendent Erickson complimented Kennedy and Shauna and the high school for their success. Superintendent Erickson read a thank you letter from McKay Morgan. Principal Jodi Johnson presented on the successes at Oscarson Elementary. Jodi complimented Sheree Fullmer for coming as a reading specialist and stated 94% of their students are reading at grade level. Jodi expressed support for the PLC team and the increased collaboration with Circleville Elementary. Jodi complimented Heather Fautin on her teaching and the aides that work with her. Superintendent Erickson concurred. Jodi expressed gratitude to the board for the training in principal literacy program and other training that she feels has really helped her to be a better teacher. With the changes in testing this year, teachers need more training.

Superintendent Erickson stated that CUES is considering hiring literacy and math specialists that can work within the districts. Oscarson Elementary got three new paraprofessionals this year that have been very helpful in Special Ed and in the school in general. Jodi thanked Paul for training her how to set up and use equipment. Jodi explained the Top Dog program. She expressed appreciation to Mr. Belliston and Mr. Budge for the music and art. Jodi thanked the board for the new finish on the gym floor and the exits and doorknobs and lighting. Ashtin Winkle won the hoop shoot at the local and regional level and tied for first at the state level. Board members thanked the principals for their support and all that they do for the students in the district.

#### **D. Taylor Upstart Grant for Piute Preschool.**

Superintendent Erickson explained to the board members the MOU that is required for the upstart grant. They will provide computers, internet and curriculum for preschool students and \$25,000 per year for five years to help facilitate preschool. Janetta Dalton praised the program as one of the best reading programs she has experienced.

#### **B. South Central Communications Discussion**

President Jensen introduced Kim Reed. Kim Reed introduced Jody Davis and Kerry Alvey.

Superintendent Erickson explained that the school district wants to do all that we can to improve our relationship with South Central Communications. Kerry Alvey expressed that South Central would like to be able to compete for our business.

#### **C. New Evaluation Tool Review**

Superintendent Erickson explained the ObserverTab Evaluation Tool. Paul James reviewed the tool with the board. Superintendent Erickson showed the board an actual evaluation. Board members expressed excitement for the positive use of this new tool.

## **V. Executive Session:**

6:08 p.m. Motion was made by Erin Jensen to enter into executive session to discuss personnel. Seconded by Joyce Sudweeks. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

8:20 p.m. Motion was made by Rickey Dalton to return from executive session. Seconded by Erin Jensen. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

## **V. Action Items:**

### **A. Approval of January Board Minutes and Vouchers**

Motion was made by Rickey Dalton to approve the minutes of the January 2014 Board Meeting, and to also approve vouchers #1973-2126. Seconded by Marty Morgan. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

### **B. New Cook and Substitute Bus Drivers**

Motion was made by Erin Jensen to approve the hiring of Roxie Beus as the new foodservice worker at Circleville Elementary and Greg Pearson and Scott Dalton as Substitute Bus Drivers. Seconded by Joyce Sudweeks. All Voted Aye. Motion carried.

### **C. Donkey Basketball Fundraiser**

Motion was made by Joyce Sudweeks to accept the proposal to hold a Donkey Basketball fundraiser. Seconded by Rickey Dalton. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

### **D. Upstart Grant MOU**

Motion was made by Rickey Dalton to accept the Memorandum of Understanding for the Upstart Grant. Seconded by Erin Jensen. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

## **VI. Information Items:**

### **A. Highly Qualified Teacher Status.**

### **B. Custodial Projects – Bleachers/CES Floor/OES Extension**

Motion was made by Rickey Dalton to adjourn the February 2014 meeting of the Piute School District Board of Education. Seconded by Erin Jensen. All voted Aye. Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned 8:25 p.m.