

APRIL 2014 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The regular board meeting of the Piute County School District Board of Education was held on April 15, 2014 at the Piute County Commission Chambers in Junction, Utah. President Derrin Jensen called the meeting to order at 4:06 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 McKay Morgan, Gwen Morgan, Connor Davis, Shauna Bagley, Shaylyn Bagley, Shannon Gleave, Carrie Davis, Faith Fullmer, Sarah Julander, Brin Fullmer, Rylee Fautin, Mikyla Bagley, Cameo Lindgren, Whitney Westwood, Kristi Delange, Brandi Bowler, Tazia Johnson, Laney Mickelson, Dan Springer and Paul James.

Work Meeting

A work meeting of the Piute County Board of Education was held at 3:00 p.m. Board members received training on Positivity presented by Board Vice President Erin Jensen.

I. Opening Remarks

Opening remarks were by Erin Jensen.
President Derrin Jensen welcomed everyone to Board Meeting.

II. Public Hearing: none

A. Citizen Dialog

President Jensen gave time to Brandi Bowler. Brandi requested that the board consider making girls softball a sanctioned sport. She expressed that girls who play sports are happier, healthier and can get athletic scholarships. There are 35 girls who are interested in playing softball. Joyce Sudweeks stated that she had heard that Panguitch High School was also considering starting a girls softball team. Superintendent Erickson talked to the Superintendents in Wayne and Garfield and they are interested. Joyce Sudweeks asked what the costs would be. Brandi answered that she thought we could do it for \$6,000. We would have to play with a 2A softball region for at least a year. Superintendent Erickson expressed his support for girls softball and feels that it would bring the communities together. Title 9 may be an issue. We will have to review the costs. President Jensen asked how long the season lasts. Brandi stated that it starts when basketball ends and lasts through the middle of May. We will need to look at travel expenses and other expenses related to the program. President Jensen stated that he felt it would be a good thing that we need to pursue. Superintendent Erickson suggested that we run a cost analysis and look at title nine. Brandi asked where they would play. Rickey Dalton suggested that they could possibly use Oscarson Elementary fields and modify them until they could workout another option. President Jensen thought that the Circleville field would be a better option. They will have to know by April 30, 2014 if we are going to be involved in league play. Superintendent Erickson stated that he would review the costs and get back to them, but it would probably not be before April 30.

President Jensen gave time to Connor Davis. Superintendent Erickson announced that Connor Davis has been accepted to the Governors Honors Academy. Only 50 students are selected from the state to attend. It is a very prestigious honor. Because it is a nine day camp the cost is over \$1,000. Connor requested that the board help sponsor him to the academy.

President Jensen gave time to Shauna Bagley, who gave time to Shaylyn Bagley. Shaylyn announced that 15 students competed in FBLA competition and made it to the national competition in Nashville, TN. Shaylyn reviewed the costs with the board. President Jensen commended Shauna for the accomplishments of the FBLA program. Shauna also requested that the district provide transportation to the airport. Shauna shared with the board that she has been accepted to SUU for their Administrative Endorsement in Education program and will start in the fall. Kristy Delange also shared that she is pursuing a special education endorsement. Board members complimented them both on their academic pursuits.

III. Discussion Items:

A. Update Policy 4010 and 4079 Student Eligibility and Attendance

Superintendent Erickson explained to the board that the student eligibility policy needed to be clarified. He referred board members to the policy and the recommended changes. If a student is eligible to participate in sports will also be ineligible to ride on the bus to activities. Students will be eligible to participate in academic events. Students who miss more than 4 classes in a day will be ineligible to participate in sports that day unless they have received prior approval. These changes line up with the UHSAA rules.

B. Review & Discuss R277-700-5 Administrative Rule Middle School Credits HB 345 2013

Superintendent Erickson explained that junior high school students will have to have 12 credits in order to advance to high school, including 2 math credits, two language arts and 1.5 science credits. Superintendent Erickson recommended increasing the science credit to two credits and the physical science classes to two credits. The school has also looked at several options to remediate students who aren't going to meet the requirements. Jeff Barben asked what would happen to students who transferred from other schools who stayed with the minimum state requirement and would not be able to meet the higher standards. President Jensen asked Superintendent Erickson to make sure that that contingency would be addressed.

C. Review Trustlands Plans

Superintendent Erickson reviewed the Trustlands plans from each of the schools with the board members including the breakdown of expenditures. Superintendent Erickson expressed that the schools had done a good job putting the plans together. Board members agreed.

D. 2nd Reading of Policies DBD-Extra Duty Contract, and Employee Immunizations

Superintendent Erickson reviewed the Employee Immunizations policy with board members. President Jensen moved the policy to an action item.

Superintendent Erickson discussed the extra duty contract with the board members. He consulted with risk management who directed to not set conditions of an extra duty contract.

E. Review Board Meeting Schedule and District Calendar for 2014-15 Year

Superintendent Erickson directed the board to the Board Meeting Schedule and the District Calendar for the 2014-15 School Year. The administrative council meeting will be changed from the Wednesday following board meeting to the Thursday following board meeting. President Jensen suggested that the teachers and students not have to come to school on the Monday before Christmas. There will be 8 half day professional staff training days. Marty Morgan asked why the trainings are on Wednesdays and not Fridays. Superintendent Erickson

expressed that it might be beneficial to have the school trainings on Fridays. Board members recommended discussing the school calendar with administrative staff. Superintendent Erickson agreed.

F. PLC/RTI Update - District Literacy Coach

Superintendent Erickson explained the PLC team progress this year. He would like to have a PLC literacy team that would meet quarterly to focus on current literacy best practices. Erin Jensen expressed that writing skills have been declining over the years and needs to be reversed. Part of the mission of the PLC team will be to intervene and improve literacy and writing skills.

G. IT Director/BA/Music Teacher Positions - Hiring Timelines and Processes

Superintendent Erickson updated the board members on the progress of the hiring process for the IT Director, Business Administrator and Music Teacher positions.

President Jensen asked Paul James about the state of the IT department within the district. Paul stated that the backbone and one to one devices for students is ahead of most schools. We will need to replace some servers and work toward changing teaching environments to facilitate one to one technology. We are above average on the rubric that the state has developed to measure technology utilization.

H. Review of District Fee Schedule for 2014-15

Board members reviewed the fee schedule for the high school for the 2014-15 school year. None of the fees have changed from this year.

Shane updated the board on the ongoing debate regarding the Utah Core Standards. The USOE is stating that any teacher who promotes students not taking the Sage Testing will be in violation of licensure. Teachers are also in violation of their licensure if they inform students that they have to take the SAGE testing and cannot opt out. Both issues are violation of teacher licensure.

V. Executive Session:

6:30 p.m. Motion was made by Marty Morgan to enter into executive session to discuss personnel. Seconded by Rickey Dalton. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

10:03 p.m. Motion was made by Marty Morgan to return from executive session. Seconded by Erin Jensen. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

V. Action Items:

A. Approval of March 2014 Board Minutes and Vouchers

Motion was made by Joyce Sudweeks to approve the minutes of the March 2014 Board Meeting, and to also approve vouchers #2260-2326. Seconded by Erin Jensen. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

B. Employee Immunizations and Extra Duty Contract & Policy

Motion was made by Marty Morgan to adopt the Employee Immunization and Extra Duty Contract and Policy. Seconded by Rickey Dalton. All Voted Aye. Motion carried.

C. Student Eligibility and Attendance

Motion was made by Rickey Dalton to adopt the updated policies 4010 and 4079, Student Eligibility and Attendance. Seconded by Erin Jensen. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

D. TrustLand Plans

Motion was made by Rickey Dalton to accept the TrustLand Plans from Piute High School, Oscarson Elementary and Circleville Elementary. Seconded by Marty Morgan. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

E. Paraprofessional

Motion was made by Erin Jensen to approve the hiring of Lee Ann Smith as a paraprofessional. Seconded by Erin Jensen. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

F. Junior High Graduation Credits

Motion was made by Erin Jensen to approve Policy 4076 to meet the requirements of R277-700-5 for Junior High School graduation credits and remediation. Seconded by Joyce Sudweeks. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

G. Professional Development

Motion was made by Erin Jensen to approve the additional professional development days as per HB 103. Seconded by Joyce Sudweeks. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

H. Teacher

Motion was made by Erin Jensen to approve Sally James as a full time teacher at Oscarson Elementary. Seconded by Marty Morgan. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

I. FBLA

Motion was made by Erin Jensen to accept the proposal to donate \$2,000 to FBLA and pay the \$1,300 to clean the cars and busses. Seconded by Rickey Dalton. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

J. Student Fees

Motion was made by Erin Jensen to approve the student fees for the 2014-15 school year. Seconded by Joyce Sudweeks. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

K. Connor Davis

Motion was made by Marty Morgan to approve a donation of \$225 to Connor Davis for Governors Honors Academy. Seconded by Erin Jensen. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

L. Girls Softball

Motion was made by Rickey Dalton to accept the proposal to pursue girls softball in 2014-15 if there is no a large penalty for withdrawal. Seconded by Erin Jensen. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

VI. Information Items:

A. Report on NSBA-Erin and Joyce

B. Work Session with Principals and Directors-June Board Meeting-Goals and Vision of the District

C. High School Accreditation Results

Motion was made by Marty Morgan to adjourn the April 2014 meeting of the Piute School District Board of Education. Seconded by Rickey Dalton. All voted Aye. Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned 10:30 p.m.

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