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## DECEMBER 2015 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The regular board meeting of the Piute County School District Board of Education was held on **December 8th, 2015** at the Piute County Commission Chambers in Junction, Utah. President Erin Jensen called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M. Present were Erin Jensen, Marty Morgan, Joyce Sudweeks and Rickey Dalton. Excused was Teresa Morgan. Also present were Superintendent Shane Erickson, Technology Director Paul James, Administrative Assistant Gloria Fox, and Business Administrator Koby Willis. Guests at the meeting were Jo Whittaker, Matt Whittaker, Christina Anderton, Kristy DeLange, Eugene King, Sally James, and Heidi Hansen.

**Work Meeting:** For the December work meeting the Board participated in the district Finance and Internal Audit committee meeting. Business Administrator Koby Willis presented the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2015 to the committee. The committee also reviewed fund balances, leave policies, and post employment benefits.

### I. Opening Remarks

President Erin Jensen welcomed everyone to Board Meeting.

### II. Citizen Dialog

- Heidi Hansen presented need for another Special Education paraprofessional at Oscarson Elementary School. She explained that though the school is small, 50% of the students are special education students or students with an IEP (Individual Education Plan). The Board felt comfortable allowing Heidi to make the determination of the number of hours needed and proceed with the new hire process.
  - Gloria Fox updated the Board on a transportation request made by a parent. At Oscarson there is a potential to extend a bus run in Marysvale canyon with the approval of the State Office of Education. Generally there must be 10 students or 5 IEP students to receive state funding for a route. There is however an option to receive funding for a route with less students if special permission is received from the state office. Gloria explained that it would be possible to extend the morning route to pick up the additional students, but it would create a time conflict in the afternoon.
  - Jo Whittaker relayed to the board a Beverly Taylor Sorenson District wide event that will take place in the spring. Jo explained that they will be including music, drawing, photography, ceramics, and other variations of art. Jo informed the board that the event will require fundraising and invitations for media and education professionals.
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### **III. Discussion Items**

#### **A. Professional Development Incentive Program/Tracking**

- The school board reviewed the Professional Development Incentive Program proposed for the 2016 - 2017 school year. The Board liked the program generally, but had a couple questions about specific program requirements. The consensus was to have the administrative council review the plan again and bring revisions back to the Board.

#### **B. Building Use/Rental Policy Revision 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

- The Board read portions of the revised Building Use policy. Recent legislation indicates that if a school district has a application process for building use and rental and signatures are obtained the school district may obtain governmental immunity for liability purposes. There were several portions of the policy that the board felt needed additional clarifications and revisions. It was determined to bring the policy revision back for another reading.

#### **C. Paraprofessional Contracts**

- The Superintendent related to the Board that many districts no longer or have never used paper contracts for paraprofessionals. For those districts paraprofessionals are hired with the knowledge that there is no guarantee that they will be needed the next school year.
- Christina Anderton mentioned that there have been rumors that the district would be cutting leave and retirement benefits from paraprofessionals. All members of the Board assured Christina that that was not a in the discussion.

#### **D. SLO Plan**

- The Superintendent updated the Board on SLOs. The district had to make a decision on whether to use Student Learning Objectives or Student Growth Percentiles as part of the teacher evaluation process. The District SLO PLC felt more comfortable using the SLO module for the student growth portion of the teacher evaluation process.

#### **E. A/B Schedule Discussion**

- The Superintendent, Teresa Morgan, Joyce Sudweeks and several teachers traveled to Beaver School District and South Sanpete School District. Joyce reported that there were both pros and cons of the A/B schedule identified in both districts. Several administrators and teachers will also travel to Garfield School District to review their A/B schedule.
  - It was noted that there was a difference between the 4 period block and the 5 period block. The 4 period block has been around for decades and Piute has evaluated the idea before and determined that it would be too difficult to implement with our demographics. The 5 period block is a relatively new idea to Piute County School District and may or may not be beneficial to implement.
  - The Board discussed together some of the pros and cons and how it would effect Piute High School. The Board felt comfortable with further investigation into possibilities with an A/B schedule.
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#### **IV. Information Items:**

- A. None

#### **V. Action Items**

##### **A. Board Minutes, Payroll, and Vouchers**

- Motion was made by Rickey Dalton to approve the November 2015 Board Meeting minutes, the November payroll, and district vouchers #160459 - #160517. Seconded by Marty Morgan.
- Rickey Dalton voted Aye, Joyce Sudweeks voted Aye, Erin Jensen voted Aye, Marty Morgan voted Aye. Motion carried (4-0).

##### **B. Transportation Morning Route In Marysvale Canyon**

- Motion was made by Joyce Sudweeks to approve a morning extended bus route through Marysvale canyon pending the USOE approval. Seconded by Rickey Dalton.
- Rickey Dalton voted Aye, Joyce Sudweeks voted Aye, Erin Jensen voted Aye, Marty Morgan voted Aye. Motion carried (4-0).

#### **VI. Executive Session**

- None

#### **VII. Adjourn**

- Motion was made by Marty Morgan to adjourn the December 8th, 2015 meeting of the Piute School District Board of Education. Seconded by Rickey Dalton.
  - Rickey Dalton voted Aye, Joyce Sudweeks voted Aye, Erin Jensen voted Aye, Marty Morgan voted Aye. Motion carried (4-0).
  - Meeting Adjourned **5:20 P.M.**
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