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## JANUARY 2017 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The regular board meeting of the Piute County School District Board of Education was held on **January 10th, 2017** at the Piute County Commission Chambers in Junction, Utah. President Erin Jensen called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M. Present were Erin Jensen, Teresa Morgan, Jeremy Pearson, Marty Morgan, and Rickey Dalton. Also present were Superintendent Shane Erickson and Business Administrator Koby Willis. Guests at the meeting were many. Thank you to those that participated.

### I. Opening Remarks

President Erin Jensen welcomed everyone to board meeting and gave some guidelines regarding open board meetings.

Opening remarks were offered by Marty Morgan.

### II. Citizen Dialogue

- President Erin Jensen gave time to Tom Beus. Tom Beus related some concerns about Roxie Beus being made a target for criticism in relation to the Jo Whittaker situation. Tom expressed some concern about Jo coming back to the classroom. Tom and Roxie were worried that the students and Roxie's safety.
  - President Erin Jensen assured Tom that the board was very concerned about the issue and that the board was willing to hear all the communities concerns. Superintendent Erickson also assured Tom that the school district is using all available resources to help address the issue.
  - Katy Sudweeks expressed that she hopes we would all put child safety first.
  - Kristy Westwood expressed concern about when the parents were notified. She was concerned that there was too much time before parents were notified. The Superintendent responded that the policies regarding the issue would certainly be reviewed and that the timeline of parent notification could have been better. Eugene King also commented on the timeline of events and how it could be handled in the future.
  - Dustin Westwood asked if the board was taking this as a serious threat or as a joke. President Erin Jensen asked that the tone be adjusted.
  - Bailey Dalton asked if district procedures or state procedures were being followed. The Superintendent and Board President answered both. She also asked when the community would have more information. The Superintendent and Board President told her that the issue was being worked through, but there is no way to estimate when more information will be available.
  - Shaylee Beus asked if there was a date when Jo Whittaker would be coming back. The Superintendent said there was not a date. Shaylee informed the board that their child would not return if Jo Whittaker returned to the classroom.
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- Joe Dalton asked who has talked to Roxie Beus. Several comments and concerns began coming forward at the same time. The board president informed those present that the board would like to hear their concerns but could not do so if order could not be maintained.
  - The board thanked the community for their input regarding the issue and assured them that student safety was the top priority.

### **III. Discussion Items**

#### **B. District Directors Reports**

- Don Yates reported on the state of CTE. There are 7 different program areas in CTE and PHS offers 5 of them. PHS is offering 15 CTE courses this year. The CTE program is excited to have Morgan Hoyt as the new Ag and Shop teacher. Starting in the 2018 - 2019 school year we will have to offer a Digital Literacy course for all 8th graders. It is supposed to incorporate keyboarding skills. This is the last year that Computer Technology will be a required for graduation. Digital Studies will replace the Computer Technology graduation requirement. There will be several upper level technology courses that could fulfill this requirement (Such as Computer Programming, Web Design, Etc).
- Hilary Morgan asked what grade Keyboarding education begins. The consensus was that it is supposed to begin in the third grade. There is no keyboarding education taught in the middle or high school grades currently.
- Heidi Hansen reported for the district Special Education program. Heidi reported that the Autism robot named "Milo" is being implemented in the schools. Heidi reported that the program will have a USBE onsite visit on February 7, 2017.
- Eugene King reported on the district STEM program. Mr. King reported that around \$100,000 has been awarded to Piute School District for the current school year. Math programs received from STEM funds are being implemented at the schools. The Edviation tool acquired through STEM is becoming a powerful tool for teacher professional development. Shauna Bagley, Heidi Hansen, and the Superintendent commented on the success of the PD incentive program since STEM funds were added to the incentive.
- Sheree Fullmer was not available to report for the Literacy program. She left a report that was read by Erin Jensen. Pathways for Progress are now being used in connection with DIBELS. Battle of the Books is being conducted with the 3rd through 6th graders. Literacy PLC meetings are taking place once each month.

#### **C. Chris Jessen USU Extension Career Pathways**

- Time was given to Chris Jessen, Stephanie Dahlstrom, and Bailey Dalton to discuss changes with the USU Extension programs. Chris introduced Stephanie Dahlstrom from the USU extension in Moab. Stephanie gave a presentation to the board regarding Stackable Certificates. Through this program students can take classes towards certificates in subjects such as Digital Design and Web Business. These certificates can be stacked towards a Bachelors degree. These certificates are workforce based.
  - Mrs. Jessen also introduced Bailey Dalton as the new Nutritionist. She will be available to come into the schools.
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### **G. Bus Rental**

- McKay Morgan was present representing the LDS Stake Committee that would like to use the school district buses for a out-of-state Pioneer trail reenactment. The proposal would require Garfield School District to participate also. There were concerns about insurance, drivers, and timelines. McKay agreed to take the concerns back to the committee and report on Garfield School District's feelings.

### **A. Election of School Board President and Vice-President**

- Motion was made by Rickey Dalton to retain Erin Jensen as Board President and Marty Morgan as Board Vice President for the next two years. Seconded by Teresa Morgan.
- Rickey Dalton voted Aye, Jeremy Pearson voted Aye, Marty Morgan voted Aye, Teresa Morgan voted Aye, Erin Jensen voted Aye. Motion carried (5-0).

### **D. Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Policy 1st Reading (USBA Model Policy)**

- The school board felt comfortable using the Utah School Boards Association model policy. With new legislation in the 2016 session this became a required policy.

### **E. Policy 4091a Safe Schools and Appropriate Conduct Policy Revision 1st Reading**

- The Superintendent explained that this policy needed to be updated to address e-cigarettes specifically. E-cigarettes have become a problem in schools across the state and the policy did not previously address them specifically.

### **F. Security for Technology / Filtering Systems Parameter**

- The board had some questions that they thought would best be answered by Paul James. Paul notified the Superintendent that he wouldn't be able to make it to the meeting but hoped they would revisit the subject in the February meeting.
- Superintendent Erickson explained some of the difficulties that are being experienced with the current device filtering systems. There has also been some questions about the effectiveness of Chromebooks versus iPad's. Currently the school district infrastructure is geared primarily toward Apple devices. Shauna Bagley and Kennedy Sylvester complemented the transition to Apple devices. Shauna explained that the Apple desktop computers in her classroom run both Windows and Apple operating systems to allow the students access to the best of both platforms.

### **H. Principal Sylvester Retirement Discussion**

- Principal Sylvester provided an update in this meeting as to retirement. He explained that he is still completing some research about retirement and that when he has some more information he'll be able to give them a more definitive answer. He expressed that he would like to continue coaching Baseball either way. Principal Sylvester also gave an update on the progress of the new dugouts.

## **IV. Information Items:**

- A. New Therapist Role and Schedule** - The schools are developing referral process and parent permission processes and once that is in place a schedule can be created for the new therapist visits.
  - B. UMTSS/Blended Learning Visit to Juab** - Some staff members made a trip to Juab School District to evaluate their tiered systems of learning and had positive things to report.
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## **V. Action Items**

### **A. Election of School Board President/VP**

- Motion was made by Rickey Dalton to retain Erin Jensen as Board President and Marty Morgan as Board Vice President for the next two years. Seconded by Teresa Morgan.
- Rickey Dalton voted Aye, Jeremy Pearson voted Aye, Marty Morgan voted Aye, Teresa Morgan voted Aye, Erin Jensen voted Aye. Motion carried (5-0).

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

- Motion was made by Rickey Dalton to approve the December 2016 Board Meeting minutes, the November payroll, and district vouchers #170517 - #170597. Seconded by Jeremy Pearson.
- Rickey Dalton voted Aye, Jeremy Pearson voted Aye, Marty Morgan voted Aye, Teresa Morgan voted Aye, Erin Jensen voted Aye. Motion carried (5-0).

### **C. Child Sexual Abuse Policy and Policy 4091A Revision**

- Motion was made by Teresa Morgan to suspend the rule for three readings and approve the Child Sexual Abuse Policy and the revision to the Safe Schools and Appropriate Conduct Policy on the first reading. Seconded by Marty Morgan.
- Rickey Dalton voted Aye, Jeremy Pearson voted Aye, Marty Morgan voted Aye, Teresa Morgan voted Aye, Erin Jensen voted Aye. Motion carried (5-0).

### **D. Special Education Paraprofessional Position at OES**

- Motion was made by Teresa Morgan to approve Hannah Isbell as a new Special Education paraprofessional at Oscarson Elementary. Seconded by Rickey Dalton.
- Rickey Dalton voted Aye, Jeremy Pearson voted Aye, Marty Morgan voted Aye, Teresa Morgan voted Aye, Erin Jensen voted Aye. Motion carried (5-0).

## **VI. Executive Session**

- **3:57 P.M.** Motion was made by Teresa Morgan to enter into executive session for discussion of character and competence of individuals. Seconded by Rickey Dalton.
- Rickey Dalton voted Aye, Jeremy Pearson voted Aye, Marty Morgan voted Aye, Teresa Morgan voted Aye, Erin Jensen voted Aye. Motion carried (5-0).
- Marty Morgan left the meeting shortly after 5:00 PM.
- The board left executive session at 6:23 PM.

## **VII. Adjourn**

- Motion was made by Teresa Morgan to adjourn the January 10th, 2017 meeting of the Piute School District Board of Education. Seconded by Rickey Dalton.
  - Rickey Dalton voted Aye, Jeremy Pearson voted Aye, Teresa Morgan voted Aye, Erin Jensen voted Aye. Motion carried (4-0).
  - Meeting Adjourned **6:23 P.M.**
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