



# UNAPPROVED MINUTES

## JUNE 2020 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The regular board meeting of the Piute County School District Board of Education was held on **July 21st, 2020** at the Piute County Courthouse in Junction, Utah. President Marty Morgan called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM. Present was Marty Morgan, Teresa Morgan, Erin Jensen, Rick Dalton, and Jeremy Pearson. Also present was Superintendent Koby Willis and Business Administrator Dallas Sylvester. Guests at the meeting were Tyrel Ivie, Neccia Dalton, Jodi Barnson, Trevor Barnson, Jennifer Strong, Rick Beckman, and Christa Beckman.

### Opening Remarks:

- Board President Marty Morgan welcomed everyone to the meeting. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

### Citizen Dialogue:

- None

### Discussion Items:

- **Superintendent & Business Administrator Oath of Office**
  - Dallas Sylvester recited the Oath of Office for the Business Administrator position.
  - Koby Willis recited the Oath of Office for the Superintendent position.
- **Approval of Resolution For District PTIF Account Authorizers**
  - Marty Morgan presented the authorization of Dallas Sylvester for the school district's PTIF (Public Treasurers Investment Fund) account. Jeremy Pearson made a motion to approve the authorization and Erin Jensen seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- **Approval of School Reopening Plan**
  - Superintendent Willis presented the school district reopening plan, which can be found on the Piute School District website. The main topic of discussion was the state health department's mandated mask order for school districts. Koby presented the state health department's written mask order from July 17th. The superintendent explained that the school district will comply with the law, but would prefer to let students choose whether or not they wear a mask. He stated that he feels that the county risk level is very low right now. He said he thinks we can keep our kids safe by focusing more on keeping things clean and sanitized.
  - Jodi Barnson said she does not agree with anyone being forced to wear a mask. She explained that her child would not be attending school if they are forced to wear a mask. She stated that she is okay with people wearing masks if they want to, but she doesn't agree with

masks being mandated. She said she hopes the school will let the kids choose whether or not to wear a mask.

- Trevor Barnson expressed his concern that the schools should focus more on keeping schools clean than wearing masks. If kids are sick, they should be sent home. He suggested an update of the attendance policy that would encourage students to stay home if they are sick.
- Koby stated that the school district's attendance policy does allow for an appeal if a child has to take more days off due to an illness. He also stated that the district will encourage students to stay home if they are sick and that the district will make accommodations for those students.
- Ivie stated that the district is already prepared for online learning due to the shutdown last spring.
- Rick Beckman stated that he deals with confined spaces in his occupation. He stated that masks reduce the amount of fresh air a person can breathe. He expressed his concern that certain masks can cause a lack of oxygen for the students.
- Krista Beckman stated that she worries about the misdemeanor . She stated her concern that her child could be charged with a misdemeanor if they don't wear a mask. She asked what happens if a student contracts the virus .
- Neccia Dalton asked what we should do if someone refuses to wear a mask. And how to handle conflicts between students in regards to wearing a mask.
- Marty Morgan stated that we don't want kids to be bullied for not wearing a mask. He stated he wants his kids to be in the classroom learning. If they are sick, he doesn't want them in the classroom.
- Jodi stated that she was impressed with the online system that the school district implemented during the spring shutdown.
- Jennifer Strong stated that they have had 1000's of customers at their family restaurant since covid started and not one of her family members has contracted the virus. She stated that her husband does not want their kids to go to school if they have to wear a mask . She stated that she doesn't think the 5-day absence policy will not work with this situation. She stated she doesn't want her kids to have to wear a mask. She said her son would rather miss his senior year than wear a mask.
- Trevor Barnson asked if the district has a plan to push back on the mandated mask order. Superintendent Willis responded that the district has already asked the governor's office if there could be an exemption. He was told that no one can receive an exemption.
- Tyrel Ivie stated that there will be a faculty meeting addressing the attendance policy.
- Koby explained that if we send kids home for wearing a mask and this causes students to stay home, then it would be extremely difficult for our staff to teach students both in person and online.
- Jennifer Strong asked about how this will affect school lunch. Koby responded that we will be staggering lunch times and try to space students out and implement social distancing.
- Superintendent Willis explained that there will be a Regular Schedule, modified schedule, and a soft closure schedule depending on the severity of covid 19.
- Superintendent Willis explained that the school will take several precautions, such as: enhanced cleaning and safety, leaving doors open when possible to reduce touching , and directional arrows to avoid congestion in the halls.
- Superintendent Willis continued presenting the school re-opening plan as found on the school district website.
- Superintendent Willis presented the UHSAA sport by sport guidelines booklet.

- Neccia Dalton asked what if someone on a team gets Covid 19. Koby stated that we would have to follow the health department's guidelines on quarantine.
- Koby stated that we will have to be stricter on where we take our field trips, such as not traveling to Salt Lake where cases are higher. As of right now, there will be no overnight activities. He stated that this can be revisited when state tournaments are coming up.
- Koby stated that teachers will be able to wear a face shield in place of a face mask if desired.
- Erin Jensen made a motion to approve the school reopening plan. Rick Dalton seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
  
- **Approval of 2020-2021 Board Meeting Schedule**
  - The Board meeting schedule was presented for FY 2020-2021.
  - Rick Dalton made a motion to approve the board meeting schedule and Jeremy Pearson seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
  
- **Approval of FY21 Budget Revision**
  - Dallas Sylvester and Koby Willis presented the revised FY21 budget for approval. A copy of the FY21 budget can be accessed on the school district website
  - Rick Dalton made a motion to approve the budget revision and Erin Jensen seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
  
- **Approval of FY21 Collective Bargaining Agreement**
  - The collective bargaining agreement for FY21 was presented to the school board.
  - Jeremy Pearson made a motion to approve the collective bargaining agreement for FY21 and Teresa Morgan seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

### **Information Items:**

- **Tri-County Newspaper** - Superintendent Willis let the board know that our students' help has been requested to help produce a tri-county newspaper including Wayne , Garfield and Piute Counties.

### **Adjournment**

- At 7:59 PM Jeremy Pearson made a motion to adjourn the **July 21, 2020** meeting of the school board. Rick Dalton seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.