

AUGUST 2012 BOARD MINUTES

The regular board meeting of the Piute County School District Board of Education was held on August 14, 2012 at the District Office in Junction, Utah. President Elva Nielson called the meeting to order at 4:08 P.M. Present were Roger Westwood, Erin Jensen, Derrin Jensen and Elva Nielson. Also present were Superintendent Shane Erickson and Business Administrator Jeff Barben, Ron Stege, Phil Singleton and Dennis Budge. Rickey Dalton arrived later.

A Piute County School District Board of Education Work Meeting was held from 3:00 p.m. to 4:05 p.m. Board members completed online training regarding open meeting statutes for the Master School Boards Award.

I. Opening Remarks

Opening remarks were by Roger Westwood.

President Elva Nielson welcomed everyone to Board Meeting.

Superintendent Erickson noticed that the recorder was not recording and left to fix it. Meeting restarted at 4:15 p.m.

II. Citizen Dialog: none

III. Discussion Items:

A. Memorandum of Understanding – Central Utah Public Health

President Nielson gave time to Ron Stege, Public Health Nurse from the Central Utah Public Health Department. Ron explained to the board members that he came to renew a memorandum of understanding that allows Piute High School to be used as a shelter in case of a biological attack. Ron reviewed the former agreement that was signed in 2007 and presented the renewal agreement. In case of a biological terror attack, Piute High School would be opened for residents of the county to access medications and supplies from the state strategic reserve. President Nielson, Superintendent Erickson and Jeff Barben signed the memorandum of understanding.

B. NESS Funding Plan - Art

Superintendent Erickson introduced Dennis Budge to the board members and explained that he had approached Mr. Budge with the possibility of expanding the art offerings at Piute High School to comply with the NESS funding priority list that had been presented to the legislature. Dennis shared with the board members his perspective of what he would be able to offer students at the high school. He presented artwork from his students from his 30 years of teaching art in public schools. Board members thanked Mr. Budge for his presentation.

C. Building Keys – Safe Schools Protocol

President Nielson gave time to Phil Singleton to discuss the use of keys and access to buildings. Phil reviewed Policy 6015 – Facility Use and Control of Keys. Phil expressed concern that the policy had been followed in some cases and people had been lending keys and key fobs to others without being present at the facility. Phil shared his feeling that the district should follow the policy or change the policy if necessary. Superintendent Erickson directed the board members to state statute and other policies regarding facility use and control of keys. Board members discussed options for use of the key fobs and access to the building. Superintendent Erickson suggested taking the information to administrative council for review. Board members agreed.

D. Review of PHS Master Schedule, Staffing and Online Course Offerings

Superintendent Erickson explained to the board members that the schedule was not completed due to hiring of new positions and suggested moving these items to the next board meeting. Board members agreed.

E. ESEA – Utah Flexibility

Superintendent Erickson explained to the board members that the state of Utah has filed a waiver with the federal government regarding ESEA that would allow the state to no longer have to meet AYP. Under the waiver, Utah has the right to adjust the core standards. Superintendent Erickson directed board members to handouts explaining the Utah Core Standards and clarified the flexibility that we now have to change the standards. Superintendent Erickson gave additional details about how the new teacher evaluations will fit into the core standards. Superintendent Erickson proposed that the board adopt the R277 Performance Measure that the state has adopted.

F. 2013 Legislative Priorities

Superintendent Erickson shared the governor's priorities for education for 2013, which are:

1. Fully funded growth including all programs associated with growth.
2. Increasing the WPU.
3. 66/2020 – 60% of the workforce holding a post-secondary degree by 2020.

Superintendent Erickson will reinforce these priorities with teachers and administrators.

G. NESS Funding Plan – Spanish/Math

Superintendent Erickson reviewed the NESS funding priorities with the board members. Our first priority is to try to add a foreign language to the class offerings at the high school. We would prefer to offer Spanish language classes, but don't have anyone certified in our current teaching pool. Mr. Thomas could teach French, which may end up being our only option. Our second priority is to expand the math offerings. We are trying to expand Math 1 and Math 2 to a second track. Jeff Barben expressed that we will be seeking additional NESS funding next year and felt it would be important to show the legislature that we have made progress on the priorities that helped us get the initial funding.

H. Needs Assessment Parent Survey for School Improvement

Superintendent Erickson directed board members to an example of a needs assessment created by South Summit School District. Superintendent Erickson will work with administrators to determine how to proceed with the needs assessment. Board members expressed that they really liked the tool and encouraged Superintendent Erickson to proceed with the development.

I. Professional Development

Superintendent Erickson would like to schedule four professional development training days for the staff this school year. He will work with principals to determine the best days to schedule the professional development trainings.

J. Policy Review - Transportation

Superintendent Erickson suggested that the discussion of transportation be done in executive session. Board members agreed.

V. Executive Session:

5:15 P.M. Motion was made by Erin Jensen to enter into executive session to discuss personnel. Seconded by Roger Westwood. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

7:15 P.M. Motion was made by Derrin Jensen to return from executive session. Seconded by Erin Jensen. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

K. Sequestration

Jeff Barben explained that because the U.S. Congress had not been able to come to an agreement the last time they voted to raise the debt limit, they put a sequestration plan in place that would raise taxes and cut the budgets significantly if another agreement was not reached by January 1, 2013. It appears likely that they will not reach an agreement by then, which would mean cuts to federal funds received by the district of \$30,000 or \$60,000 this fiscal year. The state has asked districts to make plans for those funding cuts. Jeff assured the board that we have sufficient funds to absorb the cuts this fiscal year, but would need to address them in future budgets.

L. Updates and Summary

Superintendent Erickson shared his satisfaction with the board members regarding the Auto Report. Superintendent Erickson expressed concern about school chairs being used in the communities. He suggested the district have a policy to charge communities for the use of school chairs. Board members asked Superintendent Erickson to get additional information. Jeff Barben explained to the board members that the Utah School Boards Health Plan Pool had put together an interlocal agreement to continue to be a part of the pool which needed to be adopted by each participating district.

V. Action Items:

A. Approval of July Board Minutes and Vouchers

Motion was made by Erin Jensen to approve the minutes of the July 2012 Board Meeting. Seconded by Rickey Dalton. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

B. Staffing Approval

Motion was made by Rickey Dalton to approve the hiring of Susan Morgan as the assistant secretary at Piute High School, Sally James as the 3rd and 4th Grade Teacher at Oscarson Elementary and Sandra Christensen as the Special Education Aide at Piute High School. Seconded by Erin Jensen. All Voted Aye. Motion carried.

C. Interlocal Agreement

Motion was made by Roger Westwood to adopt the Interlocal Agreement for the Utah School Boards Health Plans. Seconded by Erin Jensen. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

D. R277-531 Performance Measure

Motion was made by Roger Westwood to adopt Board Rule R277-531 Performance Measure from the Utah Core Standards. Seconded by Erin Jensen. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Derrin Jensen to adjourn the May meeting of the Piute School District Board of Education. Seconded by Erin Jensen. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned 8:00 P.M.