

APRIL 2012 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The regular board meeting of the Piute County School District Board of Education was held on April 10, 2012 at the District Office in Junction, Utah. President Elva Nielson called the meeting to order at 4:16 P.M. Present were Roger Westwood, Erin Jensen, Derrin Jensen, Elva Nielson and Rickey Dalton. Also present were Superintendent Don Yates and Business Administrator Jeff Barben. Guests at the meeting were Holly Nowers, Beth Allen, Shauna Bagley, Brian Morrill, Matt Davis, Phil Singleton, Kennedy Sylvester, Janetta Dalton, Shalyn Bagley, Taylor Allen, Brielle Millett and Ashtin Dalton.

I. Opening Remarks

Opening remarks were by Erin Jensen.

President Elva Nielson welcomed everyone to Board Meeting.

II. Citizen Dialog: none

III. Discussion Items:

A. FBLA Competition Results/Out of State Travel Request

President Nielson gave time to Shauna Bagley. Shauna referred board members to Tab 1 and reviewed the awards received by the Piute FBLA Club at the State FBLA Competition. Fifteen students qualified for the FBLA National Competition in San Antonio, Texas. The cost for each student will be \$1,075. The FBLA club will receive grants to cover part of the cost, but still lack \$10,300 in order to take all of the qualifying students. The FBLA Club will be holding fundraisers throughout the summer to help raise additional funds. Shauna requested a \$2,000 donation from the board and the opportunity to clean the district busses and vehicles for \$1,300. President Nielson congratulated the FBLA club members, thanked Shauna Bagley and excused them from the meeting.

B. Piute High School Wrestling Program Request

President Nielson gave time to Matt Davis to present to the board on a proposal for new wrestling mats. Matt explained the need for new mats for the wrestling program. There is a new type of wrestling mat that is more economical and easier to set up than regular mats with an estimated cost of \$10,000. Roger Westwood asked how long it would take to get the new mats. Matt explained that it would take about a month and a half to get the design that they want. Jeff Barben asked how much it would cost to resurface the old mats. Kennedy Sylvester stated that it would cost about half as much as purchasing new mats. President Nielson thanked Matt Davis for his presentation and excused Matt and the other patrons who had come in support of the proposal from the board meeting.

C. Circleville Elementary Trust Lands Proposal

President Nielson gave time to Janetta Dalton to present the Trust Lands Plan for Circleville Elementary. Janetta handed the Circleville Elementary Trust Lands Plan to the board members and detailed their plan for using Trust Lands funds. Jeff Barben asked Janetta if she was aware of the changes that the legislature made to the Trust Lands law. Janetta asserted that she was aware of the changes. President Nielson thanked Janetta for her presentation and excused her from the meeting.

D. Technology Training for Board Members

President Nielson gave time to Phil Singleton. Phil presented board members with Ipads and instructed them on their use. Each Ipad will be specific to the election district for the use of the board member that is elected in that district. Phil explained basic usage and how to access the district networks and helped board members become familiar with the operation of the Ipads.

E. Health Insurance Premium Increase/Retirement Payment Increase

President Nielson gave time to Jeff Barben to explain the preliminary change in the budget for next year. Jeff explained that the health insurance premium for next year would increase by 6.5% which would equal \$32,186 if the district continues to fund the premium at 100%. The retirement rate is set to increase by 1.9%, which will cost the district an additional \$39,377. Funding steps for next year would cost approximately \$40,411 and lanes would cost around \$3,000. The total increase for those costs is projected at \$114,974. We will receive a 1.16% increase in the WPU for next year, which would provide \$26,961 of additional revenue, which leaves us with a shortfall of \$88,013. The district is projected to lose funding in Necessarily Existent Small Schools and Professional Staff formulas, due to changes in student population and transportation due to a formula change. We have not received the final numbers for the loss of funding in those programs. The district will also lose about \$35,000 for not being the fiscal agent for Storm Ridge, due to them losing their Medicaid contract. The district will receive additional funding from the increased funding to NESS from the legislature this year and should realize savings from Shelly Blackwell's retirement.

F. 2012-13 Necessarily Existent Small School Funding

Jeff Barben explained to the board members that the legislature passed a bill this year to increase funding for NESS by approximately \$3 million. We had requested \$10 million to bring us back to the original funding percentage, but we were grateful to receive the \$3 million because the legislature received requests for double the amount of money that was available. The Utah State Office of Education is changing the NESS funding formula so we will not know for a few more weeks how much additional revenue will come to our district.

G. 2012-13 Staffing

Superintendent Yates requested that discussion for staffing be postponed until the next board meeting due to unknown budget amounts. Board members agreed.

H. 2012-13 District Calendar

Superintendent Yates discussed the school calendar for 2012-13 with board members and asked how they would like him to proceed in putting it together. Board members directed Superintendent Yates to start from the week before Memorial Day and put together the calendar to present in the next board meeting.

I. Auto Report (Postponed Until May)

J. Establish Board Meeting Schedule for 2012-13

Superintendent Yates asked board members if they would like to make any changes to the board meeting schedule from last year. Board members decided to continue with the same time on the second Tuesday of every month through next year.

K. Gym Floors, Marquee

Superintendent Yates directed board members to Tab 4 and reviewed the bids for the gym floors. Board members discussed the different options for sanding or replacing the gym floors. There is cupping on the new gym floor that should be able to be sanded out. We will not know whether we need to replace the old gym floor until the testing is done to determine if we are down to the nail heads. Superintendent Yates recommended the board accept the bid from Mountain Heights because they had the lowest bid.

Superintendent Yates directed board members to the bids for replacing the marquee. Board members discussed the options for replacing the marquee.

L. Other

Board members asked Kennedy Sylvester how he felt the food service program is working out. Kennedy feels that DeeAnn has tried several different things to try to improve the food service program. He suggested that board members eat school lunch at the high school during the year to gauge the improvement.

President Nielson asked Kennedy Sylvester about the lack of applicants for the Drill/Cheer Leader. Kennedy stated that he is not sure why there appears to be a lack of interest in the position. Derrin Jensen asked Kennedy Sylvester if there is enough interest among the students for a drill team in the school. Kennedy stated that he was not sure. The girls at the high school are saying that there is enough interest, but he has some doubts. President Nielson asked Kennedy to conduct a survey of the girls to determine the interest level for Drill/Cheer.

Superintendent Yates asked Kennedy Sylvester when Piute High School Graduation would be held. Kennedy responded that Graduation will be held on May 23, 2012 at 8:00 pm.

President Nielson asked Kennedy Sylvester how many students would be graduating this year. Kennedy explained that there are 26 slated to graduate, with two that are still questionable.

Superintendent Yates turned time to Jeff Barben. Jeff explained that the \$250,000 Office of Energy Grant for energy efficiency also came with a \$250,000 interest free loan that needs to be paid back. We can pay it all back at once or pay it back over 10 years. Board members discussed the options for paying back the loan.

Superintendent Yates informed the board members that Glen Allen will be going to Richfield instead of Junction for the next few months which will necessitate someone driving his sons to Circleville Elementary from the high school everyday. We could use district staff to take the boys or approach Sharon Allen to see if she would be willing to take them. Board members discussed their options.

V. Action Items:

A. Approval of March Board Minutes and Vouchers

Motion was made by Rickey Dalton to approve the minutes of the March 2011 Board Meeting, and to also approve vouchers #013857-013936. Seconded by Roger Westwood. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

B. FBLA Request

Motion was made by Rickey Dalton to approve the request from FBLA for a donation of \$2,000 and to approve \$1,300 for the cleaning of the district busses and vehicles. Seconded by Derrin Jensen. All Voted Aye. Motion carried.

C. Marquee Replacement

Motion was made by Rickey Dalton to accept the proposal from Golden Rule to replace the Marquee and to accept the proposal from Mountain Heights to sand and replace the gym floors. Seconded by Erin Jensen. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

D. Energy Grant Loan

Motion was made by Derrin Jensen to pay off the \$250,000 Energy Grant Loan in one payment. Seconded by Roger Westwood. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

E. Circleville Elementary Trust Lands Plan

Motion was made by Derrin Jensen to approve the Trust Lands Plan for Circleville Elementary. Seconded by Roger Westwood. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

F. 2012-13 Board Meeting Calendar

Motion was made by Erin Jensen to accept the 2012-13 Board Meeting Calendar as written. Seconded by Derrin Jensen. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

G. Wrestling Mats

Motion was made by Derrin Jensen to accept the proposal to purchase new wrestling mats for \$10,000 as requested. Seconded by Roger Westwood. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

VI. Information Items:

A. Next Board Meeting Scheduled for May 8, 2012

B. NSBA Information

C. Driver Education Vehicle Funding

D. 2012 Piute County Voting Districts for Senate, House, State School Board, U.S. Congress.

E. Other

Motion was made by Erin Jensen to adjourn the May meeting of the Piute School District Board of Education. Seconded by Derrin Jensen. All voted Aye. Motion carried.
Meeting Adjourned 7:40 P.M.