

## **JANUARY 2012 BOARD MINUTES**

The regular board meeting of the Piute County School District Board of Education was held on January 9, 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. DeAnn Heitman was a guest at the meeting.

### **I. Opening Remarks**

Opening remarks were by Jeff Barben.

President Elva Nielson welcomed everyone to Board Meeting.

### **II. Citizen Dialog: none**

### **III. Discussion Items:**

#### **A. Review District Food Service Program**

Superintendent Yates introduced DeAnn Heitman and explained that he had invited DeAnn to answer questions regarding the food service program. DeAnn passed out handouts to the board members and explained that the state is mandating that school districts serve only 1% milk, if we want the meals to count for reimbursement. The state is also mandating that the sodium content in meals cannot exceed 1,000 milligrams per meal. The food service has tried introducing whole wheat to the menu, but the students are not eating it as well. We are still offering wheat bread several times per week to meet the quota and the vending machines are turned off during lunchtime. The state does not allow putting saltshakers on the tables. Roger Westwood asked Superintendent Yates if he felt that the district should notify the parents of the state mandates for the food service program. Board members expressed their concern that by mandate the food service to make food that the students aren't willing to eat, we just end up throwing more away. Board members encouraged DeAnn to try to find ways to make the food more enticing to the students within the state mandates.

#### **B. Utah Department of Energy Grant Award**

Superintendent Yates showed the board members a copy of the check that the district had received from the Utah Department of Energy for \$500,000. The grant was received to upgrade the energy efficiency of the Piute High School Replace/Remodel project. Half of the check is a grant and the remainder is an interest free loan. Erin Jensen expressed her appreciation to Superintendent Yates on his work to secure the Utah Department of Energy Grant. Board members congratulated Superintendent Yates for the awarded funds and thanked him for his efforts to obtain the grant for the district.

#### **C. Auto Report**

President Nielson asked if any of the board members had questions regarding the Auto Report. Roger Westwood asked about the busses that were purchased at auction. Superintendent Yates explained that Craig Sudweeks had encouraged the purchase, but after looking at the busses, he felt that the heating systems would not be adequate for the climate. We will try to sell the busses and if necessary look for an auction to place them in. Roger Westwood asked about the marquis. Superintendent Yates explained that we have tried several different fixes but haven't been

successful in fixing the marquis. We are exploring options to replace or upgrade the marquis with Robson, the company that sold us the marquis, and other companies.

#### **D. Necessarily Existent Small Schools Formula Update**

Superintendent Yates explained to the board members that the Utah State Office of Education has been reviewing the NESS formula. It looks like we should be safe from cuts to the NESS formula this year and have the possibility of receiving more funding. President Nielson expressed appreciation to Superintendent Yates for his work on the NESS formula.

#### **E. Staff Reductions/Changes and Other Staffing Considerations**

Superintendent Yates requested that the discussion on staffing considerations be moved to Executive Session. Board members agreed.

#### **F. Miscellaneous (Key FOBS, Ipads, Etc.)**

Superintendent Yates asked board members if they would like an Ipad for use in board meeting and have Phil Singleton train them. Board members felt it would be helpful to use Ipads for board meetings and would like to have Phil train them on their usage.

Superintendent Yates asked if board members would like a Key FOB to be able to get into the high school. Erin Jensen and Roger Westwood declined. Rickey Dalton has access to a Key FOB already. Derrin Jensen requested that he be given a Key FOB.

#### **G. Migrant Education Program/Other Federally Funded Programs**

Superintendent Yates explained to the board members that our district no longer qualifies for Migrant Education funding under the new formula, but that we will receive one time migrant funds this year which should be the same amount we received last year.

#### **H. Other**

President Nielson asked about the support received from the Special Service District for the Pre-school program. Superintendent Yates explained that Terecea Westwood had gone to the Special Service District and requested \$35,000 for the Preschool program, which was awarded. Jeff Barben explained that those funds are critical to helping the district meet maintenance of effort requirements for federal funding. Board members expressed their appreciation to the Special Service District for the awarded funds.

Superintendent Yates informed the board members that we have received the video "Flight 1549" that Roger Westwood had recommended purchasing. It was suggested that we view the video during board meeting and make the video available for check out. Board members agreed. Superintendent Yates reviewed the Governor's Budget Proposal for 2012-13 with the board members. Although, we will have to wait until the end of the legislative session to know the final budgets, he feels that it is a good way to start the legislative session.

Superintendent Yates announced that Doug Allan will be receiving the Utah High School Athletic Association Distinguished Service Award this year. Board members expressed their congratulations to Doug Allan.

Superintendent Yates announced to the board that Utah Valley University is no longer offering concurrent enrollment classes to Piute High School students due to budget constraints and focusing on their service area. Devin Shakespear is working with other universities to make up the classes that were previously offered through UVU.

President Nielson expressed appreciation to Tony Henry for taking over as wrestling coach. Parents have come to her expressing their support and excitement for how he is running the wrestling program.

## **V. Executive Session:**

6:35 P.M. Motion was made by Rickey Dalton 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 Erin Jensen to return from executive session. Seconded by Rickey Dalton. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

## **V. Action Items:**

### **A. Approval of Board Minutes and Vouchers**

Motion was made by Rickey Dalton to approve the minutes of the December 2011 Board Meeting, and to also approve vouchers #013514-013606. Seconded by Derrin Jensen. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

### **B. Resignation Letter**

Motion was made by Erin Jensen to accept the letter of resignation received from Angela Crose dated December 7, 2011. Seconded by Roger Westwood. All Voted Aye. Motion carried.

## **VI. Information Items:**

### **A. Next Board Meeting – February 14, 2012**

### **B. Special Service Support for Pre-School**

### **C. Proposed Snow College Career and Tech. Ed. Programs**

### **D. 2012 Senate and House District Maps**

### **E. Flight 1549 DVD**

### **F. Governor's 2012-13 Budget Proposal**

### **G. UHSAA Distinguished Service Award**

### **H. January 11<sup>th</sup> Visit from Lt. Governor Bell, Education Deputy Kearl and Legislators**

### **I. Changes in Concurrent Enrollment Providers**

### **J. Other**

Motion was made by Roger Westwood to adjourn the January 2012 meeting of the Piute School District Board of Education. Seconded by Erin Jensen. All voted Aye. Motion carried.  
Meeting Adjourned 7:20 P.M.