

JUNE 2012 BOARD MINUTES

The regular board meeting of the Piute Board of Education was held on June 19, 2012 at the District Office in Junction, Utah. President Elva Nielson called the meeting to order at 4:12 P.M. Present were Roger Westwood, Erin Jensen, Rick Dalton, Derrin Jensen, and Elva Nielson. Also present were Superintendent Don Yates and Business Administrator Jeff Barben. Guests at the meeting were Sundee Dalton, Hillary Morgan, Shelia Jensen, Holly Nowers, Shane Erickson, Teresa Morgan, Mike Medley, Alan Hart, Sam Steed, Kennedy Sylvester, Roger Westwood, Janetta Dalton.

I. Opening Remarks

Opening remarks were by Roger Westwood.

President Elva Nielson welcomed everyone to Board Meeting.

II. Citizen Dialog:

Elva asked citizens in attendance if any of them had topics to discuss. Sundee Dalton asserted that she wanted to insure that Sherida Allen would be replaced by a teacher qualified to teach Biology, rather than trying to absorb her position. Board members assured her that the district would be replacing Sherida Allen with a teacher qualified to teach Biology.

Shelia Jensen explained to the board members that she feels that she really needs help in the office and is concerned that she won't be able to handle the workload alone. Betty Jo Hoagland helps her with eligibility, attendance, pay to play, paper work, transportation, assigning locker combinations and covered for her and teachers when things came up that were not planned.

Holly Nowers stated that if the board understood how much Betty Jo does, they would see that it will not be possible for Shelia Jensen to take care of all the duties by herself.

Holly Nowers told the board that she has been offered a job in Beaver. She has not accepted but will let the board know as soon as possible after she decides. She intends to let Beaver district know by tomorrow what her decision will be.

President Nielson thanked the citizens in attendance and invited them to stay or be excused.

III. Discussion Items:

A. Transportation Revenue/Formula

President Nielson noted that Alan Hart and Michael Medley would not be here until later. She asked Superintendent Yates to move to transportation. Superintendent Yates explained that this year is an unusual year. Usually we have settled negotiations with teachers by this time, but we are still waiting to get complete information on about \$250,000 of potential revenue. We are still waiting for information on transportation funding. Initial estimates from the state would have cut our budget by almost \$40,000. In reviewing the formulas from the state we found that they had made an error in their formulas. We expect that our transportation budget should be at least as much as last year and probably more.

B. Necessarily Existent Small Schools Revenue/Formula

Superintendent Yates explained that our efforts to lobby the legislature for Necessarily Existent Small Schools were successful and the legislature passed a bill increasing NESS funds. The USOE is in the process of changing the formula so we are not sure what the revenue will be at this point.

C. Snow College Career and Technology Program Update

President Nielson introduced Michael Medley, Alan Hart and Sam Steed from Snow College Richfield and gave time to Michael Medley. Michael Medley presented the changes in the Snow College Richfield CTE programs. Snow College is streamlining their programs to better meet the needs of industry. Board members complimented Michael Medley on his presentation and expressed that it gave them a better understanding than what they have read in the newspaper. President Nielson thanked Michael Medley, Alan Hurt and Sam Steed and excused them from the meeting.

D. Budget Hearing for 2011-2012 Fiscal Year

President Nielson gave time to Jeff Barben to review the 2011-12 Fiscal Year. Jeff referred board members to the budget sheet and explained that the budget sheet was still an estimate because the budget year has not ended. The budget projections look like they will be coming in very close to the projected budget figures. The fund balance is projected to drop slightly due to the one time salary adjustment that was given to all staff. According to the district independent auditor, the district maintains an adequate fund balance. President Nielson asked if the district is subsidizing the school lunch program. Jeff Barben replied that we are projected to subsidize the school lunch program by almost \$40,000, but the final revenue from federal school lunch programs should come in a little higher than projected so the subsidy should be closer to \$30,000 when we have the actual numbers.

E. Budget Hearing for Tentative 2012-2013 Fiscal Year

Jeff Barben referred board members to the 2012-13 budget column in the budget sheets. Jeff explained that we still do not know the revenue for transportation, NESS funding and Secure Rural Schools which could be more than \$250,000. For this reason, the budget is tentative and Jeff recommended passing a tentative budget and reviewing the budget again when we have the better revenue estimates. Jeff Barben reviewed the current budget figures with the board. Jeff Barben also reviewed the projected tax rates that the district is planning to set for the 2012 tax year. He explained that we received more tax revenue than expected in 2011, which increased the fund balance in the debt service fund. Jeff recommended lowering the debt service tax rate for next year to offset the excess funds.

F. 2012-2013 District Staffing

President Nielson noted the presence of Janetta Dalton and asked if she would like to address the board. Janetta asked about the mixer at Circleville Elementary. She noted the problems that they have had with it and wondered if it needed to be rebuilt. Janetta asked if we will be painting lines on parking lots. Superintendent Yates responded that the contractors will be back next week to apply another coat of asphalt and paint the lines on the parking lots. Janetta spoke in defense of Kristy Delange. She had heard that people had made negative remarks about Kristy Delange and wanted to assure the board that Kristy is a competent and valued teacher at Circleville Elementary. Kristy test scores are very good. She is a good teacher. Kristy loves the kids and the kids love her. Superintendent Yates suggested that the rest of the staffing issues be discussed in executive session. Board members agreed.

IV. Executive Session

6:35 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.

10:05 P.M. Motion was made by Roger Westwood to return from executive session. Seconded by Erin Jensen. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

G. Auto Report

President Nielson asked if there were any comments or questions about the Auto Report. Roger Westwood asked Superintendent Yates if he had been approached about a bus driver position. Superintendent Yates answered that he had been approached and he explained that the bus driver position had been filled, but that the district is always in need of bus drivers to add to the substitute pool.

H. July Board Meeting Agenda/Schedule

Superintendent Yates asked if the board members wanted to skip the July board meeting. President Nielson felt that with all of the changes and the new Superintendent coming on board July 1st that the board needed to meet in July. Board members agreed to meet on the regularly scheduled board meeting on July 10 at 4:00 p.m.

I. Capital Projects Update

Superintendent Yates updated the board members on the progress of the current capital projects. The gym floors are moving forward and should be complete by August. When Terry Higgins was painting the gym at Oscarson, the gym floor popped some varnish. Superintendent Yates suggested that the gym floor at Oscarson Elementary be sanded next year. Superintendent Yates explained that the new Marquee should be here in 2 weeks. Superintendent Yates will help Phil set it up and make sure that it is working. The parking lots have been chip sealed. In two weeks they will come back to apply the finish coat and paint lines. Sprinklers in front of building are spraying on the windows and masonry. Don checked and found that we could still turn them down. He has turned them down and will have the custodians continue to monitor the sprinklers. Rickey Dalton asked about the floor in the art room. The paint seems to be coming up. Superintendent Yates has checked it out and asked Terry to repaint it. Superintendent Yates reported that he and Jeff Barben had fixed the gauge on the fuel tank.

J. Piute High School Attendance Policy 1st reading

President Nielson asked the board members if they had reviewed the proposed Piute High School Attendance Policy. Board members indicated that they had. Jeff Barben expressed concern that the policy seemed a little too heavily weighted towards penalizing students for missing school days and felt that the language should be softened a little to give parents more input before penalties were imposed. Board members discussed his suggestion.

K. Breakfast and Adult Lunch Prices

President Nielson referred BM to the lunch prices handout and suggested moving the issue to Action Items. Board members agreed.

V. Action Items:

A. Approval of November Board Minutes and Vouchers

Motion was made by Erin Jensen to approve the minutes of the May Board Meeting, and vouchers #014020-014212. Seconded by Rickey Dalton. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

B. 2011-12 Final Budget

Motion was made by Roger Westwood to approve the 2011-12 Final Budget as presented. Seconded by Rickey Dalton. All Voted Aye. Motion carried.

C. 2012-13 Tentative Budget

Motion was made by Erin Jensen to approve the 2012-13 Tentative Budget as presented. Seconded by Roger Westwood. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

D. Business Administrator Contract

Motion was made by Rickey Dalton to reinstate the contract of the Business Administrator for 2 years. Seconded by Roger Westwood. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

E. Adult Education Accreditation

Motion was made by Erin Jensen to include accreditation of Adult Education with the accreditation of Piute High School. Seconded by Derrin Jensen. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

F. School Lunch Prices

Motion was made by Erin Jensen to increase school lunch prices for students to \$2.25 at Piute High School and \$1.75 at both elementary schools. Seconded by Roger Westwood. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

G. Energy Grant Loan Repayment

Motion was made by Derrin Jensen to pay the Energy Grant Loan of \$250,000 over 12 years. Seconded by Roger Westwood. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

H. Breakfast Cook at Oscarson Elementary

Motion was made by Erin Jensen to approve the hiring of Jody Julander for the Breakfast Cook position at Oscarson Elementary. Seconded by Roger Westwood. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

I. 2nd Reading – Piute High School Attendance Policy

Motion was made by Erin Jensen to move the Piute High School Attendance Policy to the next board meeting for a 2nd Reading. Seconded by Roger Westwood. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

J. 2012 Debt Service Tax Rate

Motion was made by Erin Jensen to lower the Debt Service Tax Rate to .002800 for the 2012 Tax Year. Seconded by Derrin Jensen. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Roger Westwood to adjourn the June meeting of the Piute County School District Board of Education. Seconded by Erin Jensen. All voted Aye. Motion carried.
Meeting Adjourned at 10:57 P.M.