

MARCH 2012 BOARD MINUTES

The regular board meeting of the Piute County School District Board of Education was held on March 13, 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 Clay Fullmer, Shane Millett, Kay Blackwell and Shelly Blackwell.

I. Opening Remarks

Opening remarks were by Roger Westwood

President Elva Nielson welcomed everyone to Board Meeting.

II. Citizen Dialog: Clay Fullmer updated the board on his Eagle Project to provide a roof and tin backing on the dugouts at the Circleville Baseball Field. He handed out revised estimates on the cost of the project and explained the details to board members.

III. Discussion Items:

A. 2012-13 Staffing

Superintendent Yates noted that Shelley Blackwell will be retiring this year from teaching and serving as Principal of Oscarson Elementary. Shelley Blackwell handed out letters of resignation to board members. Rickey Dalton asked how many students were currently attending Oscarson Elementary. Shelley replied that there are currently 33 students, which should stay about the same for the next few years. Shelley suggested that the district may be able to absorb her position when she retires. There are currently 4 teachers at Oscarson Elementary, but one is paid as an aide. Sally James is currently teaching kindergarten and would like to teach 3rd and 4th grades. Heather Fautin could pick up kindergarten in addition to 1st and 2nd grades that she currently teaches, but would require a full time aide for one of her students. Glenda Reitz has been working as the aide to the student, but currently has other duties which may need to be changed. Jodi Johnson has informed Shelley that she would be willing to take over the position of head teacher. Superintendent Yates stated that we would need to open the position for the 3rd and 4th grade teacher.

B. Legislative Update

Jeff Barben updated the board on the 2012 legislative session. The Necessarily Existent Small Schools bill passed, but was only funded at \$3 million. The districts with NESS schools had requested \$10 million, but \$3 million will help. There is also \$1.3 million in undistributed funds that should be distributed in the formula. We will not know how much additional funding the district will receive until the Utah State Office of Education amends the current funding formula. The legislature also increased the value of the WPU by 1.16%, however, that amount is not enough to cover the increase in the retirement rate and anticipated health insurance increase for FY2012-13.

C. Auto Report

Rickey Dalton asked which car Phil uses. Jeff Barben explained that Phil uses different vehicles as they are available. Phil also takes his own vehicle to meetings in Richfield. Superintendent Yates explained that the amount of money for driver education vehicles has dropped to \$6,900

and that currently we will have to use it this year or lose it. Board members discussed options for saving the money to purchase new vehicles every three or four years. President Nielson directed Superintendent Yates to explore options for the next board meeting.

D. Annual School Land Trust Board Training

Superintendent Yates showed a training video to the board members to complete the training requirements for the School Land Trust funding. Superintendent Yates explained that the Community Councils have been under scrutiny for the last few years. Piute District was audited this year by phone and are in line with other small districts. Board members discussed ways to increase participation in the community councils. President Nielson asked if each board member had completed the open meeting laws training online. Jeff Barben suggested that we do the training together using laptops. Board members agreed.

E. Bus Camera, Gym Floors, Marquee

Superintendent Yates explained to board members that we only have a camera on one bus and the camera has stopped working. Superintendent Yates asked Phil Singleton to get bids to replace the camera. Superintendent Yates showed the board a bid for \$2,600. President Nielson asked how many miles were on the bus. Superintendent Yates wasn't sure but he assured the board members that the camera can be moved to another bus in the future. Superintendent Yates directed board members to the bids that we have received for replacing the marquee. Board members reviewed the bids and directed Superintendent Yates to get an additional bid from YESCO.

Superintendent Yates directed board members to the bids for replacing the old gym floor and resanding the new gym floor. Board members reviewed the options and asked about available funding. Jeff Barben explained that we should have enough money in the capital budget for FY2012-13.

Superintendent Yates explained to board members that we need to replace the manlift. Terry Higgins would prefer a 2 man scissor lift. Shane Millett agreed that the county would pay half of the cost if the district would be willing to provide the space to store it. Board members directed Superintendent Yates to go forward with the purchase.

Superintendent Yates informed the board members of issues with the plumbing in the basement. The old mixing pump needs to be replaced which will require several thousand dollars.

F. Other

Superintendent Yates stated that he had spoken with Lynn Morgan, who is advising Clay Fullmer on his Eagle Project. Some improvements were made to the project which increased the cost. Shane Millett suggested that the Special Service District may be willing to help fund the project. Superintendent Yates suggested that the Little League coaches look at the project to give suggestions and that the board choose a color if they decide to fund it. Derrin Jensen suggested that he approach the Special Service District to build bleachers to keep people from parking behind the dugout near the street. Board members directed Superintendent Yates to tell Clay Fullmer to move forward with the project and chose light gray as the color.

V. Executive Session:

6:55 P.M. Motion was made by Roger Westwood to enter into executive session to discuss personnel. Seconded by Erin Jensen. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

8:25 P.M. Motion was made by Erin Jensen to return from executive session. Seconded by Roger Westwood. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

V. Action Items:

A. Approval of February Board Minutes and Vouchers

Motion was made by Erin Jensen to approve the minutes of the February 2011 Board Meeting, and to also approve vouchers #013760-031856. Seconded by Rickey Dalton. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

VI. Information Items:

A. Next Board Meeting Scheduled for April 10, 2012

B. Utah Public Education Foundation

C. Thank You Note

D. Other

Motion was made by Roger Westwood to adjourn the May meeting of the Piute School District Board of Education. Seconded by Rickey Dalton. All voted Aye. Motion carried.
Meeting Adjourned 8:32 P.M.