

SEPTEMBER 2012 BOARD MINUTES

The regular board meeting of the Piute County School District Board of Education was held on September 18, 2012 at the District Office in Junction, Utah. President Elva Nielson called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. Present were Roger Westwood, Rickey Dalton, Derrin Jensen, and Elva Nielson. Erin Jensen arrived later. Also present were Superintendent Shane Erickson and Business Administrator Jeff Barben. Guests at the meeting were Lon Dalton, Parker Dalton, Holly Nowers, Marty Gleave and Marty Morgan.

I. Opening Remarks

Opening remarks were by Derrin Jensen.

President Elva Nielson welcomed everyone to Board Meeting.

II. Citizen Dialog: none

III. Discussion Items:

A. Parker Dalton Eagle Scout Project

President Nielson gave time to Parker Dalton to explain his proposed Eagle Scout Project. He is planning to remove the old cement dugouts near Circleville Elementary and fill the holes with fill dirt and plant grass, then replace with fencing and trim the trees. Cost to the district should be \$100 or less. Board members thanked Parker for his interest in the project.

B. Ty Markham – Candidate for District 73 House of Representatives

President Nielson noted that Ty Markham was not in attendance and moved to Item D.

D. Data – CRT's, PHS Circleville, Oscarson and Overall Scores.

Superintendent Erickson discussed classroom data and setting affective tone in the classroom. He directed board members to the CRT test results and reviewed the results. Roger Westwood asked how many of the students were spanish speaking. Superintendent Erickson stated that he was not sure. Holly stated that there is a high percentage of resource students in 3rd grade. Superintendent Erickson stated that the results are really good. Holly explained that because of the change in standards the students weren't taught what they were tested on and still did really well. Superintendent Erickson stated that he has been doing evaluations with teachers and feels that our teachers are as good as any in the state. Test results are really good overall in both the elementary schools and the high school.

E. Data – State/Piute - ACT Overall Scores

Superintendent Erickson compared data with state and national averages. Science scores are slightly lower but very close. Piute is higher than the state average in reading and slightly lower in other areas but very close. Holly Nowers stated that if one student takes the ACT who isn't as prepared it brings down the average much more than larger schools. Colleges are using the ACT test less often than they have previously, but the state is considering using the ACT test for testing of high school students. Superintendent Erickson will share ACT test score information with administrators and teachers to determine where improvement is needed and how to best implement it. Superintendent Erickson reminded board members that Piute HS is #28 in the top 50 schools in Utah. Superintendent Erickson will be training teachers on the new testing level requirements.

F. Transportation Policy Review

Superintendent Erickson discussed transportation and routes with board members. Policy 4098 states that students outside of the attendance area can attend our schools if the student/teacher ratio is not too high. Superintendent Erickson read the policy to board members. Roger Westwood asked if there is a problem with the current policy. Superintendent Erickson stated that he could not see a problem with the current policy.

G. Student Electronic Use Policy Review

Superintendent Erickson directed board to policy FGAB, which is a state policy that the district is reviewing to determine what changes to make to our policy. Holly asked to speak and stated that the only problems she has had is with the Ipads. Superintendent Erickson explained that students are mandated to comply with teacher requests to turn off electronic devices. If students need to use electronic devices for health or other necessary reasons they are allowed. Rickey Dalton asked Superintendent Erickson if he thought the policy was sufficient. Superintendent Erickson replied that he felt the state policy is very thorough and well thought out.

H. Master Schedule Review.

Superintendent Erickson directed BM to the master schedule and went through the classes in detail. Holly Nowers suggested that the number of students in each class should be included for board members to review. Roger Westwood asked if Mr. Belliston is traveling to Circleville after coming to Junction. Superintendent Erickson will find out. Roger Westwood asked how many students were taking the new art class taught by Dennis Budge. Superintendent Erickson replied that there were approximately 20 students at the beginning of the semester and now there were around 17. Most of the enrolled students appear to like the art class. Holly asked about the possibility of offering Agriculture classes. Superintendent Erickson explained that the district has been exploring options. There could be a possibility of receiving funding through CTE depending on the credentials of the teacher. There are several teachers that might be able to meet the requirements if we can find a way to fit the classes in to the master schedule. Board members asked Superintendent Erickson to research the issue. Superintendent Erickson will communicate with Don Yates, CTE director to seek a viable option. Jodi Johnson is requesting Dennis Budge to teach an art class at Oscarson Elementary that would be funded through Trustlands and the additional NESS funding.

I. Auto Report

President Nielson asked if there were questions regarding the Auto Report. Rickey Dalton asked if the logs are being filled out. Superintendent Erickson stated that he felt they were. Rickey Dalton asked if there were any safety issues with the vehicles. Superintendent Erickson stated that there is an issue with the brakes on one of the cars that is being checked.

J. Budget Update

Superintendent Erickson presented the Utah Consolidated Application to the board members. Board members need to approve the UCA for 2012-13 by October 1, 2012. Superintendent Erickson went through the budgets in each category with the board members.

K. Teacher Contract Time

Superintendent Erickson explained to the board that contracts were later this year than usual because of not getting budget numbers from the legislature in a timely manner. Holly acknowledged the unusual year and shared her support for the way that the district is managed financially and felt most teachers understood. Superintendent Erickson also addressed the issue of teachers coming early and staying late. Holly Nowers stated that if we require one teacher to come at 7:30 a.m. and leave at 3:30 p.m., we would need to require it of all teachers. She taught at Lehi and there were requirements to come at 7:30 a.m. and stay until 3:30 p.m., but in Lehi she wasn't assigned the other duties that she has been assigned at Piute. Derrin Jensen felt that if there are specific problems they should be addressed individually. Superintendent Erickson expressed that he felt the majority of teachers are spending much more time working on grading assignments and other duties at home. Marty Morgan expressed his opinion that principals should manage employees on an individual basis.

L. Board Goal Setting and Planning

Superintendent Erickson introduced the goal setting and planning proposals for 2012-13. Superintendent Erickson introduced the goals that he had come up with after receiving input from teachers and administrators. President Nielson felt that increased community involvement should be a goal of the school district. Rickey Dalton suggested that Superintendent Erickson revisit the strategies that were developed for the "What Counts" program. President Nielson stated that one of the goals was to update the buildings, which has been done. RD also suggested sending a newsletter. Superintendent Erickson explained that there will be a newsletter in October with input from all of the schools.

Derrin Jensen left the meeting at 5:15 p.m.

Superintendent Erickson has put together evaluation committees with teachers, administrators and patrons serving. Holly Nowers stated her opinion that positive things done by teachers need to be recognized and suggested notifying parents that they can receive grades by email.

Erin Jensen arrived at the meeting at 5:25 p.m.

Superintendent Erickson reviewed the rest of the goals with Board members. Superintendent Erickson will start working on strategies and outcomes in the goal setting process. The focus needs to be student learning. Erin Jensen brought up utilizing technology to improve student learning, including Khan academy. Board members agreed that they had been impressed with the presentation by Salman Khan at the National School Board Convention.

IV. Executive Session

6:19 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.

7:50 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 August Board Minutes and Vouchers

Motion was made by Erin Jensen to approve the minutes of the August 2012 Board Meeting, and to approve vouchers #14187-14305 and #6-171. Seconded by Roger Westwood. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

B. Master Schedule

Motion was made by Erin Jensen to adopt the Master School Schedule for 2012-13. Seconded by Roger Westwood. All Voted Aye. Motion carried.

C. New Positions

Motion was made by Roger Westwood to accept the hiring of Scott Colby as a teacher a Piute High School, Dennis Budge as an art teacher for one period at Piute High School, Terri Coburn as an Aide at Oscarson Elementary and Stephanie Griffiths as an Aide at Circleville Elementary. Seconded by Rickey Dalton. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

D. Administrative Stipends

Motion was made by Rickey Dalton to approve a stipend of \$4,000 to Principal Kennedy Sylvester and a stipend of \$2,000 for Vice Principal Shauna Bagley. Seconded by Erin Jensen. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

E. Utah Consolidated Application

Motion was made by Roger Westwood to approve the Utah Consolidated Application for the Piute School District. Seconded by Erin Jensen. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

F. August Emergency Board Meeting

Motion was made by Roger Westwood to accept the minutes of the August Emergency Board Meeting. Seconded by Erin Jensen. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

G. Vacation Days Reimbursement

Motion was made by Rickey Dalton to approve reimbursement for 14 days of vacation time that was not given to Phil Singleton, which would resolve all prior claims of errors in vacation and personal days. Seconded by Erin Jensen. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

VI: Information Items:

A. Hogan Walk Through.

Superintendent Erickson explained that Hogan met with us regarding warranty issues with buildings. Hogan Construction assured us that the warranty items would be completed.

B. Title I – School Administrators Planning with Parents/School Administrator Goals

Both Elementary Schools are Title I schools. Principals have submitted goals.

C. Community Council Operations and Protocol

Superintendent Erickson reviewed Community Council protocols with board members. Board members complimented the work done by the Community Councils.

D. Professional Development District Training Dates Oct. 30, Jan. 8, and March 12.

Superintendent Erickson explained the topics of professional development trainings.

Superintendent Erickson directed board members to other key dates.

E. Student Counts in Schools - Outlook

F. Legislative Updates

Motion made by Erin Jensen to adjourn the September meeting of the Piute School District Board of Education. Seconded by Rickey Dalton. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned 8:01 P.M.