



# APPROVED MINUTES

## MAY 2020 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The regular board meeting of the Piute County School District Board of Education was held on **May 12th, 2020** at the Piute County Courthouse in Junction, Utah. President Marty Morgan called the meeting to order at 3:07 PM. Present was Marty Morgan, Teresa Morgan, Erin Jensen, Rick Dalton, and Jeremy Pearson. Also present was Interim Superintendent Koby Willis. Guests at the meeting were Shauna Bagley, Tyrel Ivie, and Gloria Fox. This meeting was made available for the public to watch and listen at home through the school district website.

**Work Meeting:** The school board held a work meeting with Representative Derrin Owens. Derrin Owens is a current representative in the Utah House and is running for the Utah Senate seat that will be vacated by Senator Ralph Okerlund. Representative Owens explained some of the things he is working on with the state legislature. The school board discussed some of the challenges facing small school districts in Utah. The discussion of recruiting and retaining quality teachers was revisited several times. Representative Owens provided some of his views of the current COVID-19 crisis and its economic impact.

### Opening Remarks:

- Board President Marty Morgan welcomed everyone to the meeting. After the pledge of allegiance opening remarks were given by Teresa Morgan.

### Citizen Dialogue:

- None

### Discussion Items:

- **District Calendar 2020-2021 Revision**
  - Because Fridays will be a half day for all students next school year the school board recommended in the April meeting that there wasn't a need for half day professional development days Monday through Thursday. The approved school calendar had a half day on Wednesday November 11th, 2020 and a half day on Monday March 8th, 2021. For the proposed calendar revision those two days would be made full days of school and Martin Luther King Jr. would be made a vacation day for students and a full day professional development day for teachers.
  - Rick Dalton made a motion to approve the revisions to the 2020-2021 School District Calendar. Motion was seconded by Erin Jensen. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- **School Land Trust Plans**
  - The school board reviewed the final draft of the school land trust plans for all three schools. The school board felt the plans were ready for approval.
  - Jeremy Pearson made a motion to approve the 2020-2021 School Land Trust Plans for all three schools. Motion was seconded by Rick Dalton. Motion passed by unanimous vote.



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### Executive Session

- The school board interviewed Circleville Elementary Principal candidates in an executive session.
- The school board entered the executive meeting at 12:35 PM.
- The school board left the executive meeting at 4:40 PM.

### Discussion Items:

- **School District Parking Lots Crack Seal, Seal Coat, and Painting**
  - Koby Willis explained that the school district had budgeted to crack seal, seal coat, and paint school district parking lots in fall 2020. Since the plan for graduation required painting new lines in the parking lot it was discussed whether or not the project should be completed earlier to have the parking lots looking good again before school starts in August. A bid was procured and another bid is anticipated shortly. The school district's portion of the project will likely be greater than \$50,000 requiring a board action item. The school district would like to have approval to proceed with the project if it appears it will work for everyone involved. If bids and timing don't appear favorable with the district and the county the project will be moved to fall as planned prior.
  - Erin Jensen made a motion to approve the presented bid to crack seal, seal coat, and paint school district parking lots. Motion was seconded by Rick Dalton. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

### Adjournment

- At **4:45 PM** Erin Jensen made a motion to adjourn the **May 18th, 2020** meeting of the school board. Teresa Morgan seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

- **CARES Act Funding Plan**
  - As part of the federal government stimulus bill school districts were awarded funds to help cover expenses that may have been caused by the response to COVID-19. The school principals discussed using the funds for replacement devices as many student technology devices. The school district was awarded just over \$76,000 from the federal CARES act. The school board discussed some other possible uses for the funds for one time expenditures.
- **#4076 Eligibility To Participate In Student Activities Policy Revision 2nd Reading**
  - The school board requested in the April meeting that the Eligibility to Participate in Student Activities Policy be revised to require students to attend classes on Friday in order to participate in Saturday activities and practices.
  - Teresa Morgan made a motion to suspend the rule for three readings and approve the revision to the Eligibility To Participate In Student Activities Policy on the second reading. Motion was seconded by Erin Jensen. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- **SY21 District Goals Discussion**
  - Superintendent Willis provided the school board with a list of areas where he thought the school district could set measurable goals for the 2020-2021 school year. He explained that he would like to put together a goals sheet that could be provided to the community at Back To School Nights and other events. The idea was to select a few areas the school district really wants to put some special attention to and set some clear measurable goals for.
  - After some discussion the school board highlighted the areas of ACT Scores, Post Secondary Placement, PLC's, Mentor Teachers, Early Literacy, and Math Curriculums. The superintendent and principals will work together to create measurable goals for each area with corresponding strategies.
- **Operational Changes For SY21 School Year With Anticipated Pandemic Risk Levels**
  - The Governor's Office has colored risk levels of Red, Orange, Yellow, and Green to explain what restrictions there are for businesses, employers, and individuals during the current pandemic. The risk level of Piute County in August 2020 will determine what changes need to be made in school level operations in order to operate. Under a red or orange risk level students are not permitted to attend school.
  - The USBE and other agencies have been speculating what requirements might be put in place for schools to operate in a yellow risk level. Under a green risk level schools may operate the same as they always have. Under a yellow risk level there could not be groups of over 50. That would eliminate school assemblies and sporting activities with fans. Lunch hours would have to be modified to prevent more than 50 students eating in the same place at the same time. Social distancing of 6 feet would be required making it difficult to put more than 12-15 students in a classroom.
  - The primary change that will need to be made in schools for the 2020-2021 school year is adapting teaching styles to allow students who may be experiencing any symptoms of illness to participate in classes from home. It would also require some accountability measures and allowances in the attendance policies of the schools, as more students will be much more strongly encouraged to stay home if there is a chance of spreading illness.
- **New School Bus & Suburban Order**
  - The school board reviewed a bid for a new 64 passenger school bus and a new school suburban. Both bids match state contract prices. The school board approved a new school bus last school year but there was some debate about the size and whether or not the schools should use two suburbans more often when student counts were low. After additional research it was determined that another school bus was needed but it would be a 64 passenger rather than the traditional 82 passenger.

### **Executive Session**

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- The school board entered the executive meeting at 5:26 PM.
- The school board left the executive meeting at 6:36 PM.

### **Adjournment**

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