



UNAPPROVED 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 Piute High School 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.

- **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.

- Jeremy Pearson made a motion to approve the bid for the purchase of a school bus. Motion was seconded by Rick Dalton. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- **Custodial Summer Projects**
 - The school board reviewed a list of summer projects for each of the three schools. All three schools will have parking lots crack sealed, seal coated, and repainted this summer. All three schools are also going to do lots of painting this summer. The new gym at the high school will receive all new paint, gray wall carpet will replace the old blue, and red pads will replace the old dark blue pads at the ends of the gym.

Information Items:

- **Graduation Update** - The changes in health risk levels will not affect the plans for the drive in graduation ceremony unless the risk level is green before the ceremony. The stage will be set up in the parking lot and parking stalls for each of the 26 graduating seniors will be painted on the asphalt. The ceremony will be conducted in as normal of a manner as possible while still following health guidelines. Following the ceremony the seniors will be paraded with an escort down main street in Junction. The ceremony will be broadcast live online through the KSL website. Those attending the ceremony live in the parking lot will be able to listen to the program through their car radios.
- **Master Board Awards Program Progress** - Koby provided the school board with a progress report of the Master Board Awards program. The program details requirements for the school board to complete to receive the award at the Utah School Boards Association conference. Many of the requirements include training that is completed in the monthly work meetings. The school board also examined a schedule for 2020 work meetings.

Action Items:

- **Minutes, Vouchers, Payroll**
 - Jeremy Pearson made a motion to approve the minutes for the April board meeting, the April payroll, and district vouchers 200821-200876. Erin Jensen seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- **New Hires**
 - Rick Dalton made a motion to approve the assignment of Roxie Beus as a Cook Manager at CES, the assignment of Brandi Barney as a Cook at CES, the assignment of Brandi Bowler as a Cook Manager at PHS, the assignment of Amanda Gregerson as a Cook at PHS, the assignment of Sherry Winckel as a Cook at PHS, the assignment of Brandi Bowler as a Summer Lunch Cook, the assignment of Amy Sylvester as a Summer Lunch Cook, the assignment of Brandi Bowler as the District Food Services Director, and the assignment of Aleia Nay to teach a middle school art class. Motion was seconded by Erin Jensen. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- **Superintendent of Schools**
 - Rick Dalton made a motion to approve the appointment of Koby Willis as the Superintendent of Schools with a contract salary of \$86,000 starting July 1, 2020. Motion was seconded by Erin Jensen. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- A special Thank You was expressed to Mr. Tyrel Ivie for managing the broadcast for the Graduation ceremony and for the school board meeting.

Executive Session

- Erin Jensen made a motion to enter an executive session for the discussion of personnel. Jeremy Pearson seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous individual voice vote. Erin Jensen voted aye, Teresa Morgan voted aye, Rick Dalton voted aye, Jeremy Pearson voted aye, and Marty Morgan voted aye.
- The school board entered the executive meeting at 5:26 PM.
- The school board left the executive meeting at 6:36 PM.

Adjournment

- At **6:36 PM** Jeremy Pearson made a motion to adjourn the **May 12th, 2020** meeting of the school board. Jeremy Pearson seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.