



APPROVED MINUTES

January 2024 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The regular board meeting of the Piute County School District Board of Education was held on **January 9th, 2024** at the Piute County Courthouse in Junction, Utah. President Jeremy Pearson called the meeting to order at **3:34 P.M.** Present was Jeremy Pearson, Teresa Morgan, Erin Jensen, Rick Dalton and Neccia Dalton. Also present was Superintendent Koby Willis and Business Administrator Dallas Sylvester. Guests at the meeting were: Shauna Bagley, Russ Lee, Robert Thomas, and Jason Strate.

Work Meeting: The board, Superintendent Willis, and Dallas Sylvester met to have an evaluation meeting and preview the Superintendent and Business Administrator contract renewals.

Opening Remarks:

- Jeremy Pearson welcomed everyone to the meeting. After the pledge of allegiance was recited, opening remarks were given by Rick Dalton.

Program Reports:

- **CUES Office Report**
 - Jason Strate reported to the board on behalf of the CUES Office.
 - He explained that CUES received grant funding from USBE for mental and behavioral health to run a program for a year in the area.
 - He mentioned to the board that CUES has started a program called “Coaching For Parents” that provides training and resources for parents.
 - The program provides weekly counseling services to parents, students, and teachers who may need it.
 - Those who need the services can receive help from a therapist for a half-hour, once a week.
 - Jason expressed that CUES is excited to offer this program to our region and encouraged the school board to advertise the program in the community.
- **Secondary Math Program Report**
 - Robert Thomas presented the board with the secondary math program report.
 - Robert Thomas expressed his concern about state grant funding not being continued for math software in the classroom.
 - He mentioned that having the software in the classroom is very helpful to him and saves him a lot of time.
 - Rick Dalton asked Robert how the 4-day week schedule has affected his instruction this year.

- Robert mentioned that he wouldn't go away from a 4-day week schedule because he feels that he is ahead of schedule this year and getting more accomplished with his students.
- He added that he has really liked the rotational period that was implemented this year.

Public Comments:

- The board gave time for the public to make comments.
 - No public comments were made.

Business Items:

- **Piute County School District Calendar 2024 - 2025**
 - Superintendent Willis presented the board with the draft of the school district calendar for 2024-2025.
 - The calendar will be revisited again in the next board meeting.
- **Small Districts Capital Projects Grant Applications Update**
 - Superintendent Willis presented the board an update on the small schools capital projects grant.
 - He mentioned that the school district has been recommended to the state school board to receive grant funding for new elementary schools in Marysville and Circleville.
 - The total cost of the project is \$23 million.
 - The total amount awarded from the state is \$18 million.
 - The school district will need to come up with \$5 million to cover its portion of the project.
 - Koby mentioned that the school district must increase its capital levy to .00225 in order to receive the grant funding.
 - The board discussed different options of moving forward with the projects and how to best communicate the plan to the community.
 - Superintendent Willis mentioned that the state school board will be meeting on Thursday, January 11 to officially award the grant funding of \$18 million to the district.
 - The board discussed the importance of getting the word out to the community about what the tax implications would be if the district moves forward with the projects.
 - The board will continue the discussion of how to move forward with the grant funding at the next school board meeting in February.
- **Teen Center Construction RFP**
 - Superintendent Willis gave the board an update on the teen center construction.
 - He mentioned that the district is finishing up the plans with the engineers for the teen center.
 - The timeline for the construction process for the teen center will be:
 - January 25th, 2024 final plans completed
 - January 26th, 2024 publish the RFP for bidding
 - February 5th, 2024 walkthrough with interested contractors
 - February 9th, 2024 bids due from contractors
 - March 4th, 2024 open to start construction
 - August 1st, 2024 project substantially completed.

- **Elementary Schools Architectural Services RFSQ**
 - Superintendent Willis and Dallas Sylvester presented the board with the draft of the Elementary Schools Architectural Services RFSQ.
 - The RFSQ is to seek statements of qualifications from architects to design the two new elementary schools in Circleville and Marysville.
 - The RFSQ will be submitted to the state purchasing department for additional feedback and then will be put out to architects.

- **Bus Garage Update**
 - Superintendent Willis mentioned that the district is working with Ensign engineering to draft plans for the bus garage foundation.
 - Once the plans have been drafted, an RFP will be put out and bids will be accepted.

- **Approval of Minutes and Vouchers**
 - Rick Dalton made a motion to approve the December 2023 board meeting minutes, the December payroll, and district vouchers 24000429-24000510. Erin Jensen seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

- **New Hires, Assignments, and Reassignments**
 - Superintendent Willis presented the new hires in the district. They are as follows:

New Hires:

- Hire Troy Allan as a mental health coordinator.
 - Erin Jensen made a motion to approve the new hires. Rick Dalton seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Information Items:

- A. **USBA Day On The Hill** - Superintendent Willis mentioned that the USBA day on the hill will be February 8th, 2024.

Executive Session : None

Adjournment

- At **4:50 P.M.** Rick Dalton made a motion to adjourn the **January 9, 2024** meeting of the school board. Neccia Dalton seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.