

**KANE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION  
KANAB CENTER – KANE DISTRICT BOARD ROOM  
20 NORTH 100 EAST  
KANAB, UTAH  
JANUARY 9, 2024**

**I. Board Work Meeting – 6:30 PM**

- A. Board Vice-President Lisa Livingston called this meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Other board members present were Marc Grow and Karen Kelly. Others present were Supt. Dalton and Business Manager Cary Reese. Jarad Brinkerhoff and Danny Little are excused.
- B. Reverence – Marc offered a reverence.
- C. Pledge of Allegiance – The board joined in a pledge to the Flag.
- D. Review of Regular Agenda  
The board reviewed the agenda for tonight’s regular board meeting.

**II. Regular Meeting - 7:00 PM**

- A. Welcome  
Lisa Livingston called this meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Other board members present were Marc Grow, Karen Kelly and Jarad Brinkerhoff. Others present were Supt. Dalton and Business Manager Cary Reese. Danny is excused.
- B. Education Articles  
The board packet contains various education related articles.

**III. Consent Agenda**

- A. Approve Minutes from December 2023 Meeting
- B. Approve Check Registers for December 2023  
Accounts Payable check register check numbers 305197-305444 totaling \$700,472.69. Payroll check registers total \$839,481.66.
- C. Letters of Recognition
- D. Approve Hiring Recommendations Pending Successful Background Check  
Amber Anderson- SPED teacher  
Becky Helms VES Kitchen  
Ava Hafen- KES para-educator  
Bailie Robinson- substitute teacher  
Jacob Lawson- substitute teacher
- E. Letters of Resignation
- F. Home School Affidavit

Jarad moved and Marc seconded a motion to approve all items on the consent agenda. This motion passed.

#### **IV. Public Comment**

##### **A. Public Comment**

Kyson Kenworthy represents the KCYC. (Youth Coalition). This committee is made up of students in Kanab. They work on policies that will help reduce student suicide and help students avoid substance abuse.

Kane County Commissioner Celeste Meyeres addressed the board and told them that Commissioner Patty Kubeja will replace her as the commission representative to the school district.

Morgan Wood - He represents the DSK and this group has been working on the impact on students of electronic devices. This group is in favor of removing cell phones from the classrooms. Mr. Wood teaches seminary for Kanab High students. He has personally seen the impact on students of cell phones in the classroom. He recommends the cell phones not be allowed in our schools.

Mikelle Stott – Addressed the board in support of banning cell phones from the classroom. She recommends that the board consider banning cell phones for a one-year trial period.

Anson Clarkson – Addressed the board. He commented on the role of government affecting individual rights. He commented on the history of government involvement in tobacco. He feels that smart phones do a lot of harm to children. He believes that smart phone use causes youth depression and suicide. He hopes the board feels that the community would be benefited by banning smart phone use in the schools.

#### **V. Reports**

##### **A. School Board Reports**

Jarad commented that Supt Dalton and Danny Little led a session at the recent Utah State School Board Convention on the concurrent enrollment program in Kane School District and on the Kane School District Cosmetology program.

##### **B. Superintendent Report**

Supt. Dalton commented on topics in item C through K below.

##### **C. Kane District Enrollment**

Student enrollment in December was 1497, which was an increase of three students from the November count of 1494. This includes the 28 BWS students that are bused to Page and 79 preschool students.

##### **D. KSD Grant Summary**

Supt. reported on a grant our district received that will be used for teen centers. Also, through another process students taking concurrent enrollment can be reimbursed for basic enrollment costs. Kane School District also received a substantial amount of funds from a school safety grant, for relocation of the offices at Valley High School.

##### **E. USBE Update**

- F. School Land Trust Distribution Information  
The board packet contains a schedule showing the dollar value of Trust Land funds to be received by the schools in our district.
- G. KES Care Closet  
Kanab Elementary School has a supply of clothing that students can access if needed.
- H. DIR-S School Safety App Update  
Kane School District received a grant to purchase an app that will be installed on teacher cell phones and computers. This app allows teachers, administrators, and police to communicate in real time to share information.
- I. KSD Parent Resources Update  
Our district website now contains information on how student behavioral counseling is handled and that the cost is fully covered by the school district.
- J. Legislative Update  
Supt reported that Utah State officials have reported that State funding for schools will be less for next fiscal year.
- K. Old KES Update  
Supt. Dalton reported that State Bank of Southern Utah desires to place a modular building on the southwest corner of the old KES property to allow them to operate their banking services while constructing a new bank building on the site of the current building. Cary also reported that we have entered into a contract with a company to abate all asbestos in this building, in preparation for tear down and removal of the old KES building.
- L. Business Administrator Report  
Cary updated the board on total expenditures on the new Kanab Elementary School project so far and that the district is under budget on this project. A detailed spreadsheet containing all expense items is contained in the board packet.
- M. Monthly Budget Report  
Cary updated the board on the status of budget to actual revenue and expenditures as of the date of this board meeting.

**VI. Board Action Items**

- A. Curriculum Approval Happy Numbers, IXL, Kickstart Number Sense, Catch My Breath/Healthy Futures/My Live, My Quest Review  
Jarad moved to approve all of the above items. Karen seconded this motion and it passed.
- B. CAH-1 Policy Review  
Karen moved and Marc seconded a motion to approve this policy. This motion passed.
- C. Remove DKDD Leave Without Pay Request Form  
Karen moved to remove this form. Marc seconded this motion and it passed.

## VII. Board Business

- A. KSD Committee Assignment Review/Discussion  
Supt commented that Jarad has been attending SWTechmeetings. Also SWTech has committed to provide funding to start a welding class. This would allow students to obtain a welding certification.
- B. KSD Board Goal Review  
The board will put this topic on hold and will review it at our next meeting.
- C. KSD Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with Kanab City Review  
Cary commented that this policy is with the City of Kanab for review and approval.
- D. Policy FHAA Review  
Lisa commented that Governor Cox is recommending removal of smart phones from the classroom. Supt Dalton commented that Delta High School requires all students to place smart phones in a secure location as they enter the classroom.

Jarad commented that he personally would like to allow individual teachers to ban cell phones if they desire. Marc commented that he has several different thought processes. In classes that he teaches he tells students that if they don't listen to the lecture, they won't pass the test. In his personal family he does not allow his kids to have cell phones. Marc has also discussed this issue with several of our school principals. He has received different feedback. He thinks that teachers should be allowed to make the decision whether to allow cell phones. Karen commented that when she taught at Kanab High School, she required students to deposit their cell phones on her desk. In case of an emergence the cell phone was in the classroom. She also thinks parents should be more involved in deciding whether to allow their kids to have cell phones. Lisa commented that in Utah, parents have a high level of parental rights. She also stated that the school board will carefully consider this issue. Supt. Dalton commented that as the board considers this issue, they will consider harm caused by use of social media. He also commented that when students enter our schools the district network won't allow access to any social media sites or other harmful sites. Marc commented that maybe we could send out a survey to our classroom teachers and get feedback on what their opinion of cell phones being allowed in or banned from the classroom. Karen commented that students have a computer for use in the classroom so why do they need a cell phone in the classroom. Marc commended that for a project in our Kanab Middle School, students wrote papers based on research students did. The student arrived at the opinion that cell phones should be banned form classrooms. Marc would like the district to conduct a survey of teachers and parents to get their opinion on whether cell phones should be allowed in the classroom. Lisa would like to wait on sending out surveys until the board can do more research and consideration of this issue. Morgan Wood commented that he recommends not allowing cell phones to be out in schools, from bell to bell.

- E. USBA Annual Conference Information -
- F. Possible School Board Professional Development Opportunities -
- G. KHS Multipurpose Room Discussion

This used to be a wrestling room.

- H. Spring Sports Schedule Review  
The schedules will be brought to the board in February for approval. The board packet contains proposed schedules.
  - I. Future Board Items  
School Fees will be available for public comment in our February meeting. Also, project update on Valley High construction issues.
- VIII. Executive Session**
- A. Discussion of the character, professional competence, or mental health of an individual
- IX. Return to Open Meeting**
- A. Motion to Move Out of Executive Session
- X. Adjourn**
- Jarad moved to adjourn and Karen seconded this motion and board meeting adjourned at 8 pm.

Agenda details and attachments can be viewed at:

<http://www.boarddocs.com/ut/kane/Board.nsf/>