

NORTH SANPETE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
March 19, 2024

Minutes for the Board of Education meeting held on March 19, 2024, began at 7:00 p.m. at the North Sanpete School District Office. President Richard Brotherson conducted the meeting and led the pledge. Stacy Goble offered the prayer. Board Members in attendance were President Richard Brotherson, Vice President Greg Bailey, Stacey Goble, Shalmarie Morley, and Jeremy Madsen. Others in attendance were Superintendent O'Dee Hansen, Assistant Superintendent Rena Orton, Business Administrator Tammy Jorgensen, Accountant Bryce Warby, Secretary Mindy Ames, NSEA Representative Katie Hopkins, Principals Christy Straatman, Jeff Ericksen, and Allynne Mower. Others in attendance were Jason Strate, Jeremy Nielson, Bryan Holder, Paula Tippets, Marcie Stevenson, Christena Gray, Angela Thompson, Kyson Koop, Tarra Blackhurst, Jeremy Blackhurst, Ashton Blackhurst, Koda Shove, Spencer Bradley, Abel Smith and Amelia Hinckley.

**BOARD RECOGNITIONS**

Mr. Madsen recognized the PTA organizations, they do a lot for the schools, with parent volunteers and adding a little extra to the schools. He also gave a shout out to the river dancing 6<sup>th</sup> graders at Fairview Elementary.

Mr. Bailey recognized all the good our staff, teachers, the bus driver and admin did during the wreck and how they handled it so well.

Mrs. Goble recognized the prom. The community enjoys it. The work that goes into it and the behind-the-scenes people and everyone that helps with it. She mentioned how it was a blizzard when she attended Friday night and when she came out the sidewalks were cleared, and everyone was working to make it safe for the community.

Mrs. Morley also recognized the prom as well as the help with the crash and everyone that does stuff behind the scenes. She recognized those that do things for our students outside of school time and the many programs that our staff members help students be involved in.

Mr. Brotherson wanted to recognize meeting with the county commissioner, and the great representation we had to discuss the SRO's in our schools. They are valuable in our schools and we need them. He was grateful for how positive the meeting was.

Principal Ericksen celebrated the transition efforts for the high school and the counselors who initiated it for the middle school students. It was a great experience and made students excited for next year.

Principal Straatman recognized the busy time of year at the high school; ACT was today and the tech team was awesome. The Sterling Scholar Awards Ceremony is such a great opportunity for our students; the following individuals were recognized: Abigail Tenorio – Winner in World Languages, Adelay Stavros – Winner in Speech and Drama, Gracie Kjar – Winner in Visual Arts, Tanner Sorenson – Runner up in Mathematics, Brooke Syme – Runner up in English.

Mrs. Hopkins recognized the amazing things that happen in our district, everyone is stepping up even with the limited resources we have. The community steps up by volunteering to help make things happen for our students also.

Mrs. Jorgensen recognized the staff and community and how we dealt with the accident and how well they responded and their priorities to that response. She was very impressed with the process and communication that took place. We responded the best we knew how; we learned and know what we will do differently if something like this ever happens again.

Superintendent Hansen recognized the tight-knit community we have and that we had 3 EMTs on site after the accident. You wonder when something like this happens if you have the right people, and when things flow and work the way they are supposed to you know you got it right. Principal Mower and her staff were amazing with the support of the students and advocating for them. Principal Mower and Mrs. Tippetts rode the bus the two days following the accident to help with the trauma/anxiety that students were dealing with. It was something they thought of, and it was necessary. More than anything, Connie Seely is an angel. She did everything perfectly. A lot of good came out of a bad situation. Superintendent Hansen is super proud to be part of North Sanpete.

Assistant Superintendent Orton recognized our counselors and Principal Mower and how amazing they were in dealing with the accident and helping with everything. She also recognized the high school counselors, Enoch Brown and the tech team for helping with the ACT.

### **ROBOTICS TEAM REPORT**

The High School Robotics Team presented their robot to the board, explained how it works and expressed their appreciation for being able to attend competitions. They realize the cost to make the machine and to be able to compete. They have received many sponsors to help with the cost. They had some troubles at state and did not qualify for nationals but are excited to go to Idaho to compete for another chance to go to nationals. Supervisors are Jeremy Nielson and Bryan Holder.

Bryan Holder praised the students and how much personal time and effort they put forth to make the robot work. Hundreds of hours have been put into this, giving up Saturdays, evenings and even working on things at home. They are amazing kids and I want to celebrate them.

### **SPEECH THERAPISTS**

Christena Gray and Marcie Stevenson expressed their appreciation to the board for letting them go to the convention in Boston. It was a great opportunity and they learned so many things that they are already implementing in our schools.

### **SCHOOL REPORT**

Principal Mower and School Counselor Paula Tippetts presented the school report for Fairview Elementary.

230 Students in:

- Two Full Day Kindergarten Classes
- 13 Teachers, 1 Intern Teacher
- 1 SPED Teacher
- Two Classes Per Grade Level

2023-24 School Goal:

By comparing the Acadience composite scores, Fairview Elementary will show an increase in the percentage of students in grades K-6 that are performing in reading and math on grade level by 10% from the beginning of the year to the end of the year 2023-24.

We have seen growth in almost every grade. We expect to see more by the end of the year in all grades.

Reading Interventions:

- Small Groups Led by Paraprofessionals
  - Heggerty Phonemic Awareness
  - 95% Group Phonics
  - Read Live
  - AmeriCorps-DYAD Reading with volunteers
  - Lexia Learning App in grades K-1
  - iReady Learning App in grades 2-4
  - iXL Learning App in grades 5-6

Math Interventions:

- Small Groups Led by Paraprofessionals
  - Facts & Fracs
  - Fraction Portal
  - ALEKS in grades 5-6
  - iReady individualized learning path K-4

Trustland & TSSA Money:

- Paraprofessionals
- iPads for Teachers in Classrooms
- Headphones
- Learning Programs – Facts and Fracs
- IXL – 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade
- Mystery Science
- Generation Genius

Principal Mower is grateful for our everyday heroes. It takes so many people to run a school and help meet the needs of our kids. She is grateful for the trainings we have had. We practiced our reunification prior to the accident and were able to implement it without many problems. She also recognized the people that go above and beyond their jobs to help our students. Again, Connie “she was a rock star” during the accident. She gathered the students up so quickly to the front of the bus and talked to them. She talked about how it was scary and hard and that bad things happen, but we aren’t going to let this beat us. Kerry Coates immediately came down to the school and helped man the front door, greeting

parents as they came to pick up their students. The teachers who were heading out the door immediately dropped their things and started helping in any way they could. It was just amazing. Magic happens every day at schools and it's great to be a part of that.

Paula Tippets discussed the Family Wellness Night. They were hoping 150 people would attend but they were slammed. They estimated that they had around 260 people come. It was so great to have so many come. We teach students and children skills – We had four different stations: Coping Skills Bingo, Calming Glitter Jars, Problem Solving Activities and Mindfulness. Thankful for our partners that helped sponsor: Healthy Relationships Utah, Sanpete Cares Coalition and Project Aware Grant helped with the supplies for the activities.

## **CUES REPORT**

Jason Strate, the Director of CUES reported on the annual performance report for CUES. He discussed the services they are continually trying to improve or bring into our districts; not only servicing our districts but some of the larger districts in our state also.

Mr. Strate highlighted one of the higher education services that they provide is the APPEL Program, which is the alternative pathways program to education licensure. North Sanpete has a good group of teachers who are participating in that program, but you also have a very robust crop of teachers using the program to get endorsements. The support we can give the teachers in this program is great.

Another service we provide is Sheryl who does the special ed testing. She is a school psychologist who serves our district, South Sanpete, and Sevier districts. We pool our services and are looking at other funds to help with hiring another school psychologist to help with the needs of our area.

Mr. Strate talked about how Angela Thompson found a problem with the DPA's in the special education program and how the state is now in the process of solving that problem.

CUES is there to provide services to our district. Our superintendent sits on the board of directors and is there to vote and decide on what CUES can do to support and provide the things we need to our teachers and students.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

The minutes for the February meeting were presented to the board for approval.

Business Administrator Jorgensen presented:

1. Financial Reports.
2. February invoices that have been paid.

A motion was made by Mrs. Morley and seconded by Mr. Bailey to approve the consent calendar. Voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

## **RESIGNATIONS AND RETIREMENTS**

Letters of Resignation from Scott Shock and Gage Taylor were presented to the board. Letters of retirement from Carolyn Demill and Joan Peel were presented to the board, asking for a payout for their leave.

A motion was made by Mrs. Goble and seconded by Mr. Madsen to approve the above letters of resignation and letters of retirement. Voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Employees Hired:

Alex Delbecq	High School	Asst. Boys Soccer Coach
Arron Smith	High School	Asst. Boys Soccer Coach
Tracy James	District Office/Bus Garage	Sweeper
Alana Bradley	Moroni Elementary	After School Mentor
Adilyn Shepherd	Moroni Elementary	After School Mentor
Kortney Mitchell	Mt. Pleasant Elem	Student Helper
Mandy Varejcka	Moroni Elementary	Substitute T.A.
Kellie Thompson	All Schools	Substitute Teacher, TA, Cust. & Foods
Jennifer Harward	All Schools	Substitute Teacher/T.A.
Kadi Heath	All Schools	Substitute Teacher/T.A.
Rosalie Baker	All Schools	Substitute T.A., Cust. & Foods
Morgan Bowles	High School	Volunteer Asst. Boys Soccer Coach
Grace Weight	Moroni Elem.	TA - Volunteer

## **DISTRICT CALENDAR**

We had to make a change for next year for the PD days for teachers. We are encouraging the teachers to attend the Rural Schools Conference. We didn't make any other changes, just to the PD days prior to school starting.

A motion was made by Mr. Madsen and seconded by Mrs. Morley to approve the amended PD days to next year's calendar. Voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

## **CAPITAL PROJECTS**

Superintendent Hansen discussed the 2023-24 Capital Projects. Zac is hoping to be finished by the end of this year with most of them, but a few may have to carry over to next year.

We are about to award our project managers for next year's projects. Just finishing up a few things before we can send out those letters.

2024-25 Capital Projects – had a few new things arise since last month. The roof at the middle school needs to be replaced. When Dr. Ray was here, we put granules to prolong the life of the roof. This was supposed to last 5 years, we are way past that now. We initially thought that it was going to be around \$500,000, but we have received a quote closer to \$300,000. The other one is the windstorm that came through and destroyed the football

scoreboard at the high school. We are waiting for a quote, but it could be anywhere from \$50,000 - \$250,000 depending on what we want/need.

Attempts were made to prioritize the most important needs of our schools to try and cut costs. We were able to cut some costs in different areas.

Board members were provided with a spreadsheet that had subtotal columns that they had requested during the last board meeting.

### **SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER**

Mr. Brotherson said the county commissioners are trying to find the money to pay them. Possible funding from Mt. Pleasant City. Possibly have them teach a class at the high school. We want 2 officers. Right now, the county is funding 50% for one officer. They are currently funding 50% for an officer at Manti High and 20% at Gunnison. We brought to their attention that we have more calls and needs at our end of the county. 58.8% of our students are in the county, not in the city. It was a good meeting.

### **SECONDARY SCHOOLS FEE SCHEDULES 2024-2025**

Principal Straatman asked to change the wording on the overnight travel and increase the sewing fee to \$40.00. The middle school had no changes.

A motion was made by Mrs. Morley and seconded by Mrs. Goble to approve the secondary school fee schedules for the 2024-25 school year. Voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

### **TRUSTLANDS**

Final reports were presented. There was a question about Moroni Elementary funding being paid out of the wrong account. This will be okay but in the future, the principals are going to make sure that the funding is being spent out of the correct account prior to submitting it to the district office. As long as our carry-over is not over the approved amount, we will be okay. The goal is to spend the budget by the end of the fiscal year.

### **SCHOOL CHOICE**

Student #1 is in 3rd grade and lives in Mt. Pleasant. Parents would like the student to attend Spring City Elementary as they feel it will be a better fit for the student. Transportation will be provided by the parents. Superintendent Hansen and Principal Thomas approve this request.

A motion was made by Mr. Bailey and seconded by Mr. Madsen to approve the above school choice request. Voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

### **DUAL IMMERSION REQUESTS**

Currently, we have six (6) applicants for 1st grade Dual Immersion for SY2024-25. There are zero (0) requests for 2nd grade Dual Immersion for SY2024-25.

Principal Peterson approves all six (6) 1st grade applicants for the Dual Immersion program for SY2024-25. Any further requests will be placed on a waitlist until August.

A motion was made by Mrs. Goble and seconded by Mr. Bailey to approve the Dual Immersion requests. Voting was unanimous in the affirmative

### **TRAVEL REQUESTS**

The robotics team is requesting out-of-state travel to attend a Robotics Tournament in Nampa, Idaho, March 20-23, 2024.

Boys tennis is requesting overnight travel to attend a tennis tournament in St. George, April 11-13, 2024.

Track is requesting overnight travel to attend a track tournament in St. George, April 26-27, 2024.

A motion was made by Mr. Bailey seconded by Mrs. Morley to approve the travel requests. Voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

### **POLICIES**

The Dress and Grooming Policy was presented to the board in second read.

A motion was made by Mr. Madsen and seconded by Mrs. Goble to approve the Dress and Grooming Policy in second read. Voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

The Community Resource Persons and Volunteers Policy was presented to the board in the first read.

A motion was made by Mr. Madsen and seconded by Mrs. Morley to approve the Community Resource Persons and Volunteers Policy in first read. Voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

### **TWIN CREEK IRRIGATION**

Twin Creek Irrigation Company would like to burn near the creek on our property to clean out the deadfall. Board members suggest that they do not burn when the wind is blowing towards the new tennis courts, or when practices or games are happening.

### **NSBA CONFERENCE**

Leaving on Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. Talked about carpooling to the airport. Make sure you have all your itinerary for the trip.

### **TRUTH IN TAXATION DISCUSSION**

Recommended every 2 years by the state. Want to look at the numbers and decide if they want to do it this year or wait one more year. Tammy will get some information together and they will decide.

## **APRIL AND MAY BOARD MEETINGS**

April and May board meetings will be held at the high school, in the band room, to accommodate and recognize our certificated and classified employees of the year.

## **MATTERS FROM THE BOARD**

Stacy Goble said that parents are concerned about a neighbor near the school is pushing snow onto the curb, causing a problem for the kids walking to school. It's creating a dangerous obstacle and the kids must either climb or go around out into the street to avoid it. The city addressed it with the neighbors. They are considering adding some cement to help with the problem. Julio is trying to make sure that he clears anything that gets pushed there.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Mr. Madsen and seconded by Mr. Bailey to exit regular session and go into executive session to discuss the character or competency of an individual. Voting went as follows:

Mrs. Goble aye

Mr. Madsen aye

Mrs. Morley aye

Mr. Brotherson aye

Mr. Bailey aye

Meeting moved into executive session at 9:11 p.m. to discuss the character or competency of an individual.

A motion was made by Mr. Brotherson and seconded by Mrs. Goble to exit executive session and go back into regular session. Voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Meeting moved back into regular session at 9:53 p.m.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mr. Bailey and seconded by Mrs. Morley to adjourn. Voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Meeting adjourned at 9:54 p.m.