



# APPROVED MINUTES

## April 2024 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The regular board meeting of the Piute County School District Board of Education was held on **April 9, 2024** at the Piute County Courthouse in Junction, Utah. President Jeremy Pearson called the meeting to order at **3:30 P.M.** Present was Jeremy Pearson, Teresa Morgan, Erin Jensen, Neccia Dalton and Rick Dalton. Also present was Superintendent Koby Willis and Business Administrator Dallas Sylvester. Guests at the meeting were: Shauna Bagley, Priscilla Morgan, Tyrel Ivie, Sally James, Lisa Allan, Piute FBLA students, and Russ Lee.

**Work Meeting:** The board and Superintendent Willis met to establish school board goals as part of the master board awards.

### Opening Remarks:

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

### Program Reports:

- **FBLA Program**
  - Shauna Bagley and Priscilla Morgan gave the board a report for the FBLA program.
  - Shauna gave the board an overview of what the FBLA program is and what it entails.
  - Shauna gave an overview of all the different categories that students can compete in FBLA.
  - The Piute FBLA Chapter was reactivated by Shauna in 1998.
  - Priscilla Morgan explained to the board what the Program of Work is and how Piute High FBLA students are involved in it.
  - Priscilla added that the school took 9th place in the program of work competition.
  - Priscilla mentioned that the FBLA officers go to the FBLA Fall Leadership Conference each year.
  - The Piute FBLA chapter received the Gold Seal Chapter award once again.
  - Ainsley Talbot received the Nannette S. Anderson scholarship for \$250.
  - Kinley Shakespear mentioned that there are 26 total students in FBLA this year.
  - 17 Piute students qualified for nationals in Orlando, Florida.
  - Kinley mentioned that each student will need about \$2,000 to be able to go to nationals.
  - Kinley added that the FBLA students are asking for a donation from the school board to help with the costs of the trip and also permission to travel out of state to the national competition in Orlando, Florida.

- Teresa Morgan Made a motion to approve the FBLA students for out of state travel to Orlando, Florida. Rick Dalton seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- Erin Jensen made a motion to approve a donation of \$2500 to the FBLA club as well as an additional \$1,500 if the FBLA students clean and wash the school district vehicles. Rick Dalton seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- **Preschool Program**
  - Lisa Allan gave the board a report on the preschool program in the district.
  - She mentioned that she has 26 students in preschool this year.
  - Lisa mentioned that the state recommends that preschoolers can recognize 15 letters of the alphabet.
  - She currently has 18 students that can recognize the whole alphabet.
  - She gave the board a handout which outlines what categories she focuses on with the preschool students.
  - Lisa explained to the board what the Upstart Program is.
  - She mentioned that Upstart is a great at-home resource for preschool students.
  - The Upstart program is available to all preschool students and students complete work online for 15 minutes a day.
  - The Upstart program is funded by the state and is free to each family that wants to participate.
- **Visual & Performing Arts Report**
  - Tyrel Ivie gave the board a report on Visual & Performing Arts in the district.
  - He mentioned that the Arts department has already had an art show for Circleville Elementary this year.
  - The high school art show will be April 20th, the same night as the choir rock concert.
  - Oscarson elementary will host their art show in a couple weeks.
  - Tyrel mentioned that Piute County now has a community arts council that has been meeting monthly.
  - Tyrel mentioned that Aleia Nay is running an art club and about 12-15 students attend the club each week.
  - Tyrel added that Aleia Nay has a commercial art class that has been in charge of the alumni magazine and a lot of people have really enjoyed the magazine.
  - Tyrel explained to the board that he just received his drone pilot license and he will be offering a drone flying course next year for students at the high school.
- **Assessments Report**
  - Sally James gave the board a report on assessments in the district.
  - She presented the board with an activity that students use with Acadience Learning and had them try out the activity to better understand how students use it.
  - She gave the board an overview of the different assessments that are used throughout the school district each year.
  - Sally mentioned that there are a lot of different teachers and employees that are involved in testing and she helps coordinate it all.
  - She gave the board a presentation on benchmark assessments for students in the school district.

## **Public Comments:**

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

## **Business Items:**

- **School Fees Schedule 2024 - 2025**
  - Superintendent Willis presented the school fees schedule for 2024-2025 to the school board.
  - The school fees schedule for 2024-2025 was presented as part of the public hearing in the last two school board meetings, but wasn't approved by the board.
  - Neccia Dalton made a motion to approve the school fees schedule for 2024-2025. Teresa Morgan seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- **Policy #2084 Reduction In Force Revision 1st Reading**
  - Superintendent Willis presented the revision of Policy #2084, Reduction in Force for the 1st reading.
  - The policy has been reviewed by the policy committee.
  - Most of the changes to the policy were grammatical.
  - Neccia Dalton made a motion to suspend the second and third readings of the revision of Policy #2084, Reduction in Force and approve it on the first reading. Rick Dalton seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- **Policy #2062 Special Assignments and Activities Repeal**
  - Superintendent Willis mentioned that the policy committee has recommended that policy #2062, Special Assignments and Activities is outdated and needs to be repealed.
  - Teresa Morgan made a motion to repeal policy #2062, Special Assignments and Activities. Neccia Dalton seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- **Policy #1129 Superintendent Non-Renewal Repeal**
  - Superintendent Willis mentioned that the policy committee has recommended that policy #1129, Superintendent Non-Renewal is outdated and needs to be repealed.
  - Rick Dalton made a motion to repeal policy #1129, Superintendent Non-Renewal. Erin Jensen seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- **Bus Garage Update**
  - Superintendent Willis gave the school board an update on the bus garage project.
  - He mentioned that Nowers Construction was awarded the foundation project and showed the board pictures of the progress of the project.
  - The footings were just poured yesterday and the foundation should be complete by next month.
  - The plan is to have the bus garage completed by the end of the summer.
- **High School Remodel Update**
  - Superintendent Willis gave the board an update on the progress of the high school remodel.
  - Superintendent Willis showed the board pictures of the progress of the demolition of the remodel area.

- Superintendent Willis mentioned that the old stage has been completely removed.
- Superintendent Willis mentioned that the special service district has donated \$100,000 to the remodel/teen center project.
- Superintendent Willis explained that there are different levels of concrete on the floor level and the contractors are working on a solution to make it all level.
- Superintendent Willis mentioned that September 1st is the expected date of completion of the remodel.

- **Elementary Schools Design Update**
  - Superintendent Willis mentioned that the district needs to decide on who will be the committee members for the elementary school designs.
  - Teresa Morgan mentioned that she likes the current format of allowing any district employee who wants to join in on the design meetings.
  - Superintendent Willis presented the financing timeline for the new schools.
  - Superintendent Willis mentioned that the design committee will be meeting again this Thursday at 3:30 p.m.
  - Superintendent Willis explained that Carson Westwood and Jenn Strong have been measuring current classrooms and other spaces at each school to determine current square footage.
  - The current square footage of the buildings will be used to determine the square footage needed for the new schools.
  - Superintendent Willis mentioned that the design committee will review the teacher's needs and requests documents that they have been compiling for the new schools.
  - Superintendent Willis mentioned that the district will need to decide on whether or not to use a CMGC for the elementary school projects. The CMGC would come in early in the design phase and help the district keep the projects within budget.
- **Revenue Bond Mailer**
  - Superintendent Willis presented the board with a draft of the mailer that will be sent out to county residents.
  - The mailer explains the new elementary schools projects, the revenue bond, and the tax increase associated with the projects.
  - The mailer will have a QR code included that can be scanned that will direct residents to more information about the projects.
  - Once it is finalized, the mailer will be sent out later this month.
- **Online School Branding**
  - Superintendent Willis mentioned that the school district will need to come up with a name for the new online school partnership with Harmony Education.
  - The school board discussed name options for the new online school.
  - Superintendent Willis suggested that the new online school be named "Utah Homeschool".
  - Superintendent Willis mentioned that Paul James has already started constructing the website for the online school.
  - Superintendent Willis explained that the school district will need to decide if it will open a part-time or full-time teaching position for the online school.
  - Superintendent Willis mentioned that the teacher of record for the online school will be an employee of the school district.

- The board decided to advertise the position for the online school as full-time as long as there is enough enrollment in the school to fund the position.
- Rick Dalton made a motion to approve the name of the new online school to be "Utah Homeschool". Erin Jensen seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- **Health Education Curriculum Annual Review**
  - Superintendent Willis mentioned that the Health Education curriculum needs to be reviewed and approved by the school board annually.
  - Superintendent Willis presented the board with the Health Education curriculum.
  - Teresa Morgan made a motion to approve the Health Education curriculum. Erin Jensen seconded the motion, Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- **Baseball Field Scoreboard Update**
  - Superintendent Willis gave a report on the progress of the new baseball field scoreboard.
  - He mentioned that the district is about to order the I-beams to mount the board on and get started on installing it.
  - The metal shop is going to make an aluminum sign to hang on the top of the scoreboard that will say Piute Thunderbirds.
  - Superintendent Willis mentioned that getting power to the new scoreboard will be a little challenging, but the district is looking into it.
- **Approval of Minutes and Vouchers**
  - Rick Dalton made a motion to approve the March 2024 board meeting minutes, the March payroll, and district vouchers 24000700-24000781. Erin Jensen seconded the motion.  
Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- **New Hires, Assignments, and Reassignments**
  - Hire Kimberly Blood as an Assistant Cheer Advisor for 2024-2025
  - Hire Ashley Mastagni as a substitute.
  - Hire Heidi Jensen as a substitute.
  - Hire Alexander Thomas as a substitute.
  - Hire Aubrie Davis as a substitute.
- Neccia Dalton made a motion to approve the new hires. Erin Jensen seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

### **Information Items:**

A. **Legislative Estimates FY25**- Superintendent Willis mentioned that the FY25 legislative estimates have still not been received from the state.

### **Executive Session : None**

### **Adjournment**

- At 5:32 P.M. Erin Jensen made a motion to adjourn the **April 9, 2024** meeting of the school board. Teresa Morgan seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.