

**KANE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
KANAB CENTER – KANE DISTRICT BOARD ROOM
20 NORTH 100 EAST
KANAB, UTAH
APRIL 16, 2024**

I. Board Work Meeting – 6:00 PM

Board President Danny Little called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Other board members present were Marc Grow, Karen Kelly, Lisa Livingston, and Jarad Brinkerhoff. Others present were Superintendent Dalton and Business Manager Cary Reese.

- A. Reverence
Mace Glazier, President of the Kanab Utah Stake offered a reverence.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
The Board joined in a pledge to the Flag.
- C. School Land Trust Training –
Supt. Dalton played a video dealing with School Trust Lands, for the purpose of training the school board.
- D. Review of Agenda Items for Tonight’s Regular Board Meeting
Supt. reported that our concurrent enrollment program has been doing very well with a lot of students completing college credits.

II. Regular Meeting – 7:00 PM

- A. Welcome –
Danny called this meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Other board members present were Marc Grow, Karen Kelly, Lisa Livingston, and Jarad Brinkerhoff. Others present were Supt. Dalton and Business Manager Cary Reese.
- B. Education Articles
The board packet contains various articles dealing with education issues.
- C. Sterling Scholar Recognition
The board recognized all of the following Sterling Scholar students and congratulated them on their hard work. All Sterling Scholars will receive a \$100 check from Kane School District, Runners Up will receive a \$500 scholarship to the college of their choice, Sterling Scholar winners will receive a \$1,000 scholarship to a school of their choice.

KHS Sterling Scholars:

Kayley Brinkerhoff - Music (Runner-Up)

Nathan Unsworth - Speech & Drama (Runner-Up)

Makayla Bartlett - Visual Arts

Reece Tappan – Mathematics

Elise Donoho – Dance

Aparri Avant - Business & Marketing

Corban Kerr - Computer Science

Dallin Corry – English

VHS Sterling Scholar:
Jay Larmore – Speech & Drama

III. Consent Agenda

- A. Approve Minutes from March 2024 Meeting
- B. Approve Check Registers for March 2024
Accounts Payable check register check numbers 305801-305980 totaling \$1,210,535.16. Payroll check registers total \$772,051.99.
- C. Letters of Recognition
- D. Approve Hiring Recommendations Pending Successful Background Check
Jessica Brown- KHS Head Cheer Coach
- E. Letters of Resignation
Sierra Arrant- VES para educator
Kylie Shepherd - KHS teacher
Becky Helms- VES food service
- F. Home School Affidavit
Lisa moved and Mark seconded a motion to approve all items on the consent agenda.
This motion passed.

IV. Public Comment

- A. Emily Koelliker addressed the board regarding the proposed cell phone policy. She believes that students need to learn proper boundaries in cell phone usage, and she is glad that the board is working on a policy.
Jennifer Yates commented on the proposed cell phone policy. She appreciates the depth and thought that has been put into the policy. She is concerned that teacher discretion has been removed from the policy. She would like to allow her students to have access to their cell phones at teacher discretion.
Anson Clarkson addressed the board on the cell phone policy. He doesn't believe that students should be allowed to use their smart phones during class time. He believes that social media has led to high levels of teen suicide. He contends that cell phones/social media is destroying our youth.
Tiffany Unsworth addressed the board. Her family has lived in Kanab for the past ten years. She commented that her children have had access to world class education in Kane School District. She would like to give teachers the latitude to make decisions in their classrooms.

V. Reports

- A. Comprehensive Guidance Presentation VHS, KHS, KMS
VHS Counselor Ashley Chamberlain addressed the board and presented the Valley High Comprehensive Guidance Presentation. VHS has a 100% graduation rate since 2013. Everything done in the VHS guidance is data driven. Needs have been identified and the counseling program is based on these needs. VHS holds parenting seminars. VHS maintains a student care list. Every student has a caring adult assigned to them to make sure their needs are met. Mrs. Chamberlain is very involved in the classroom and in providing tier 1

intervention when needed. She also teaches students methods to deal with anxiety and social-emotional needs. Mrs. Chamberlin is going to conduct a Summer Mindfulness program for VHS students during the summer. The board thanked Mrs. Chamberlain for all her hard work with the VHS students.

KHS Counselor Chad Castagno thanked the board for all their support in providing funding to meet student needs. He reported on Hope Week. This included instruction on positive mental health and positive attitudes. They also had college education week. 65 of 76 students participated in these activities. This includes information on different college career opportunities. He has 14 students in the cosmetology program. KHS has seven students that will receive associate degrees this year through the concurrent enrollment program. KHS also runs a Keys to Success program. Over \$62,000 has been donated by Kanab businesses to fund scholarships for graduating seniors this year. SouthWest Tech College will offer a welding class next year. This year students have been riding a bus to Cedar City to attend classes at the SouthWest Tech College in Cedar City. Marc asked Chad if he has sufficient help. He stated that having Amber Hooper on staff has been a huge help.

Amber Hooper is the counselor for Kanab Middle and Kanab High. She presented a comprehensive counseling program for Kanab Middle School. She surveyed students as to top needs and some of the top needs were sadness issues and insecurity issues in their homes. She has an objective to increase parent support of PCCR meetings. She has met with most middle school students and parents. She has been working with Principal Bateman to make sure that student needs are being met. They have looked at what is going on in the elementary school and then deciding what needs to be continued at the middle school level. They took the eighth-grade students to SUU for college awareness week. They picked the March Madness and learned facts about College Awareness. KHS students commented in feedback that suicide prevention was the highest need for student awareness. She thanked Chad and Ashley for all the help they have given her.

- B. School Board Report
Supt. Dalton thanked the counselors for excellent reports and for all the help they provide to students.
- C. Superintendent Report
- D. Kane District Enrollment
Student enrollment in March was 1485, which was a decrease of two students from the February count of 1487. This includes the 25 BWS students that are bused to Page and 81 preschool students.
- E. USBE Update
The State Board of Education has approved the LETRS reading program. The State board is now requiring that students be bathroom trained before going to full day kindergarten.
- F. KSD School Binder Update
Supt. Dalton updated the board on this program. Parents and/or Grandparents can opt to receive school information through this system. Coaches and parents

can post information on this site. It is a one-way messaging board out-going. Students or people can respond in the chat feature. This platform provides a safe platform for teachers to communicate with students and parents and the public. Building principals would need to approve content before it goes out. The approval process is a two-step approval process. The cost is \$1 per student, per year.

- G. 2024 Legislative Summary
Many new bills passed during the recent legislative session. School Safety is a top priority. An SRO or an armed guard must be located in each school.
- H. Safe Routes to School Letter Kanab City
Supt. reported that Kane District Officials recently met with Kanab City officials and discussed needed improvements to increase student safety.
- I. U.S. Department of Energy Federal Grant Update Timeline KHS
Supt. Dalton updated the board on a timeline for completing HVAC upgrades to Kanab High School.
- J. Old KES Update
Supt. reported that all asbestos has been abated and a contract has been awarded for the demolition which will start April 29th.
- K. KES Receives Excellence in Concrete Award by ACI For Utah for the new Kanab Elementary School
Supt. Dalton recently attended the award ceremony in Salt Lake City.
- L. KSD Grant Summary
- M. Business Administrator Report
Cary Reese reported on a number of issues. The board approved the district rezoning a small section of the old Kanab Elementary property to benefit State Bank of Southern Utah.
- N. Monthly Budget Report
Cary reviewed a monthly budget report with the board.

VI. Board Action Items

- A. KSD Cellphone Draft Policy Review FHAH-1 and School Handbooks Approval –
The board reviewed the proposed policy and had a discussion of some possible concerns. Lisa moved that the cell phone policy be tabled for another month and review the verbiage further. Karen seconded this motion. This motion passed. Supt Dalton ask for clarification as to what language would need to be revised. Board members will send suggested verbiage to Supt. Dalton. Karen commented that she wished parents should exercise more control over what type of cell phone use they allow their children. Jarad commented that while on school property, the school internet does not allow students to access social media sites.
- B. Comprehensive Guidance Approval VHS, KHS, KMS
Marc moved and Karen seconded a motion to approve the plans as presented.

- C. VHS 150-mile Track Request
This is a request to go to Price, Utah, because they can't go to BYU. Jarad moved and Lisa seconded a motion to approve this request. This motion passed.
- D. FHAG Safe Schools Tobacco and Electric Cigarettes Policy Approval
Lisa moved and Jarad seconded a motion to approve this. This motion passed.
- E. FDE-1 Wellness Policy Approval
Marc moved and Karen seconded a motion to approve this policy. This motion passed.
- F. LEA Specific Licensure/Endorsement Approval
Lisa moved to approve the applications. Jarad seconded this motion and the motion passed.
- G. KSD Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with Kanab City Review
This issue needs to be tabled for a later board meeting. Lisa moved and Marc seconded a motion to table this issue until next month. This motion passed.
- H. KSD Maturation Curriculum Approval
Lisa moved that this curriculum be approved. Jarad seconded and it passed.
- I. Provisional to Career Teacher Status
Marc moved and Jarad seconded a motion to approve this issue. This motion passed.
- J. School Trust Land Plans Approval
Jarad moved and Karen seconded a motion to approve the plans as submitted. This motion passed.

VII. Board Business

- A. KSD Committee Assignment Review/Discussion
- B. KSD Board Goal Review
Supt. Dalton reported on a session from the recent NSBA convention. He presented a power point dealing with a Strategic Plan of a school district that was presented at the NSBA convention. This contains a vision, core values, strategic objectives, and other good information. Our board would like to do something like this. The board would like to meet on May 14th one hour early to hold a board goal review meeting. This would be a board work meeting from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM.
- C. VHS Capital Project Update
- D. FHAA Safe Schools Alcohol and Drugs Policy Review
- E. 2024-2025 School Calendar Discussion
The board is fine with whatever school administrators desire to do.
- F. USBE Family Engagement Presentation Discussion
Supt. recently attended a presentation by the State Board of Education. It is a good presentation dealing with family engagement.

- G. Curriculum Review Mindcraft in Education
One of our teachers requested the school board to consider allowing use of a program similar to Mindcraft to help with student engagement.
- H. KHS Multipurpose Room Discussion
- I. School Board Meeting Dates Review
- J. Future Board Items

Lisa moved and Karen seconded a motion to move into executive session. This motion passed.

VIII. Executive Session

- A. Discussion of the Character, Professional Competence, or Mental Health of an Individual
- B.

Lisa moved and Jarad seconded a motion to move out of executive session and back into regular session. This motion passed.

IX. Return to Open Meeting

- A. Motion to Move Out of Executive Session

X. Adjourn

Agenda details and attachments can be viewed at:

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