



Thursday, April 18, 2024
Garfield County School District Board Meeting

GARFIELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Board Meeting

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5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Best Western Plus - Bryce Canyon Grand Hotel

Ponderosa Conf. Room

30 N 100 E

Bryce Canyon City, UT 84764

1. Regular Board Meeting - 5:00 pm

- A. Welcome

All Board members were in attendance including Jared Brems, Ralph Perkins, April Lefevre, Curtis Barney, and Myron Cottam. Superintendent John Dodds and Business Administrator Lane Mecham were also present. The group was led in a prayer by Myron Cottam.

2. Consent Agenda Items

- A. Approve School Board Meeting Minutes
- B. Approve Financial Reports
- C. Approve Hiring Recommendations
- D. Letters of Resignation
- E. Home School Affidavits
- F. Sports & Transportation Approvals
- G. Other Travel Approval
- H. Trustlands/TSSA

Lane made a comment about some revisions made to the minutes. Ralph made a motion to pass the consent agenda with the “Revised” minutes being approved. Myron seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Reports

- A. School Board Report

Board members gave their various reports and happenings since the previous meeting.

- B. Enrollment Report

Curtis discussed the drop in enrollment on the online program. The Superintendent explained that the new contract allows for enrollment throughout the year and will keep that number higher.

4. Public Comment

- A. Public Comment

5. Board Discussion

- A. Monthly Board Meeting Location

Jared read a public comment sent to him about this topic. The comments expressed support for continuing the Board travelling around the County versus having a fixed location. Jared commented that he had read some other comments that expressed similar feelings. The Superintendent talked about some of the reasons why it would be beneficial to have a semi-fixed location. Board members made various comments about the topic for and against it. Some members expressed support for having equipment at each location and having school staff prepare the setup ahead of time so that travel could continue to each location.

6. Superintendent Report

The Superintendent reported on activity from the legislative session and the new requirements from the changes.

7. Board Business

- A. Future Board Items

The Board discussed the items on the monthly items list.

- B. Set Next Month's Meeting

The Board discussed the meeting on the 16th of May in Tropic. The meeting on the 16th was moved to Antimony after some discussion.

8. Business Administrator Report

- A. M&O Updates
- B. Negotiations

Lane provided an update on the budget and negotiations. He reported that due to some revenues lost from the State, it would be more difficult to provide raises at the same level as the WPU increase than in previous years. He also reported that negotiations were going well and the parties were in agreement on the issues.

9. I.T. Specialist Report

- A. Technology Recommendations

Kelson Leavitt, the District IT tech provided an update on the upcoming technology recommendations.

10. Board Action Items

- B. FCCLA Trip Expenditure

Ralph made a motion to approve \$500 to Berkley Black and any other qualifiers for her FCCLA trip. Curtis seconded the motion. Some discussion was had about the trip and other students. The motion passed unanimously.

- C. Modular Building / Housing in Tropic

A motion was made by Myron Cottam to approve moving the modular building and remodeling it into housing contingent upon the land restrictions allowing for it and if not then pursuing land that the Town of Tropic owns and to secure a water connection with the house.

More discussion was had about the project and if the District could afford it. Lane commented that the modular may need to be moved and have to sit for some time before being able to completely remodel it.

April seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

- D. Approve Contractor for BVHS Projects

April made a motion to authorize Lane to issue an award to the winning contractor of the RFP. The motion was seconded by Jared Brems. The motion passed unanimously.

- E. Professional License Recommendations

- F. Career Status Approval

Superintendent introduced and explained items E and F, also that no action was needed.

11. Executive Session

- A. Discussion of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual.
- B. Discussion regarding deployment of security personnel, devices or systems
- C. Strategy to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation
- D. Strategy sessions to discuss collective bargaining
- E. Strategy sessions to discuss the purchase, exchange or lease of real property
- F. Strategy sessions to discuss the sale of real estate
- G. Investigative proceedings regarding allegations of criminal conduct

No executive session took place.

12. Adjournment – 6:23
