

**KANE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
KANAB CENTER – KANE DISTRICT BOARD ROOM
20 NORTH 100 EAST
KANAB, UTAH
MAY 14, 2024**

I. Board Work Meeting – 5:00 PM

Board President Danny Little called this meeting to order at 5:00 PM. Other board members present were Marc Grow, Karen Kelly, Lisa Livingston, and Jared Brinkerhoff. Others present were Superintendent Dalton and Business Manager Cary Reese. Valley High School Principal Don Heath was also in attendance to help with the goal review.

A. Reverence – Karen offered a reverence.

B. Pledge of Allegiance – The board joined in a pledge to the Flag.

C. KSD Board Goals Discussion/Review

The board is working on a review of goals. VHS Principal Don Heath will lead the discussion. It has been approximately seven years ago since the board reviewed goals. Don commented that the mission, vision, and goals should guide our district. Don elaborated on the basic purpose of mission, vision, and goals. He shared printed information from Southern Utah University containing SUU's mission and vision statement. Mr. Heath next handed out printed material from an elementary school in Uintah District where he served as principal. He also handed out printed material from this same district containing a mission, vision, values, and goals statements.

Don next handed out printed material containing mission, vision, and values statements for Jordan School District. Don recommends a book titled, four disciplines of execution. Don recommends keeping goals to a minimum. He explained lead measures and lag measures. According to Don, our district needs to come up with several widely important goals. Should have no more than six to eight values. Don encouraged the board to create a simple mission statement. The vision will then tie to the mission statement. Don offered to start putting something together if the board will give him their ideas. Board members really like the example from Jordan School District.

Danny would like to have board members work on this issue. Supt. Dalton will prepare a google doc that all board members can have input on. The goal is to have something completed by August.

D. Review Board Agenda

The board reviewed the agenda for tonight's regular board meeting. Supt. Dalton commented on the issue of verifying legal residence in Utah for students. Often students from Fredonia attempt to attend school in Kanab and avoid paying out of state tuition, even though they don't live in Utah. Supt. Dalton is putting together a committee that will verify student residency.

II. Regular Meeting - 7:00 PM

A. Welcome

- B. 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 Superintendent Dalton and Business Manager Cary Reese. Others present were various members of the public.
- C. Education Articles
The board packet contains various articles dealing with education.

III. Consent Agenda

- A. Approve Minutes from April 2024 Meeting
- B. Approve Check Registers for April 2024
Accounts Payable check register check numbers 305981-306128 totaling \$677,105.65. Payroll check registers total \$768,467.46.
- C. Letters of Recognition
- D. Approve Hiring Recommendations Pending Successful Background Check
James Quinn- Summer Yard Crew
Brayden Johnson- Summer Yard Crew
McKinlee Syrett- Assistant Cheer Coach VHS
Widson Fifi- Summer Yard Crew
Michael Matheson- District Maintenance
Elizabeth Fadely- food service
- E. Letters of Resignation
Thomas Chamberlain- Speech Language Technician
Rochelle Eberly- para educator
- 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. Public Comment
Danny opened the meeting for public comment.
Robert Lacey addressed the board. He teaches music at Valley High School. He was moved out of the old music room due to safety concerns. He is operating the Valley High music room out of a classroom at Valley High School. He encouraged the board to move forward asap with the VHS project to add a new music room.
Kaylen Troutman next addressed the board. She deals with preventing underage drinking and represents the organization of AskListenLearn.
Morgan Wood addressed the board. He presented an award to the Kane County School Board and to Superintendent Dalton, for organization of the year. Mr. Wood commented that he will be moving to Cedar City to teach next school year. He addressed the board with respect to the mental health of students. He remarked on negative issues dealing with social media. He argues for limiting use of cell phones in school.

Mikelle Stott next addressed the board. She has six children that will be going through the school system. She believes that the school board can legally ban cell phones from schools. She contends that this is a district issue and not just a parent issue. She expressed concerns about cyber bullying.

Lori Allen next addressed the board. She commented on some legal research she has done with respect to improper use of cell phones in school. She believes that students have too much access to electronic devices, which they use to cheat on tests, homework assignments and other misuses. She believes that teens are enslaved by their phones. She believes that there is far too much technology in schools nationwide.

V. Reports

- A. School Board Reports –
- B. Superintendent Report
Supt. Dalton reported on the following items in items C through N.
- C. Kane District Enrollment
Student enrollment in April was 1,470, which was a decrease of 15 students from the March count of 1,485. This includes the 25 BWS students that are bused to Page and 81 preschool students.
- D. UHSAA Update
Changes have been made dealing with transfer students.
- E. USBE Update
The teacher evaluation process will be changing. Also, the Utah Fits All Scholarship can be used by parents to obtain \$8,000 per student who is home schooled. If these students want to attend some classes in public schools the cost by be around \$1,000 per credit and the school district must be complete a process to become an approved vendor. Currently Kane is deciding whether to become an approved vendor. Superintendent commented that there are approximately ten school districts on the approved vendor list.
- F. USBA Joint Legislative Committee Work Session Notes Review
- G. Legislative Update
- H. KSD Honors Banquet
Danny commented that last evening the middle and high school students who earned a GPA of 3.75 or higher attended a banquet to honor them. Over 260 students were invited to the Honors Banquet, which was sponsored by Kane School District.
- I. Old KES Update
The old Kanab Elementary school was recently torn down.
- J. Mental Health Parent Seminars Update
The district is working on preparing to provide training to parents on how to deal with mental health issues of their children.
- K. KSD Elementary Math RFP

Kane District recently issued an RFP for a new math program for our elementary schools. The current program being used is being discontinued.

- L. Concurrent Enrollment Update Welding, Cosmetology, CNA Certificates Review
Supt. Dalton reported that five students recently graduated from our cosmetology program. He also commented on success with the CNA and welding programs.
- M. Utah Residency Verification Process Review
Supt. commented that a committee is being organized to verify student residency in Utah.
- N. KSD Grant Summary
Kane School District continues to write and receive more grant funds.
- O. Business Administrator Report
Cary reported on items P and Q below.
- P. Monthly Budget Report
Cary reviewed the monthly budget report with the board. Things are on track for this time of the year.
- Q. FY24 and FY25 Budget Update
Cary commented that he is currently preparing the FY24 revised budget and the FY25 proposed budget. He also commented on the Valley High School building project. He noted that the district will need to issue lease revenue bonds to raise approximately \$20 million and that our property tax levy for capital will need to be increased to provide funds to make the yearly debt payments. The board is planning to propose a property tax increase and to hold a truth in taxation hearing in August.

VI. Board Action Items

- A. Mindcraft In Education Curriculum Approval
Jarad moved and Karen seconded a motion to approve this. This motion passed.
- B. KHS Camps/Clinic Approval
Marc moved and Lisa seconded a motion to approve this issue. This motion passed.
- C. KHS Senior Trip Approval
Lisa moved and Jarad seconded a motion to approve this request. The motion passed.
- D. Ask. Listen. Learn Curriculum Approval
Lisa moved and Marc seconded a motion to approve this curriculum. This motion passed.
- E. School Trust Land Plan Approval Lake Powell School
Lisa moved and Jarad seconded a motion to approve this plan. The motion passed. Plans for all other schools have previously been approved.

VII. Board Business

- A. KSD Committee Assignment Review/Discussion
- B. KSD Board Goal Review
- C. KSD Cellphone Draft Policy FHAH-1 and School Handbooks Discussion
Marc asked a question of parent Lori Allen with respect to the effects of restricting cell phone use in schools. Marc asked if technology use is limited in schools, then what happens to students once they go to university. Mrs. Allen commented that research shows that students still get plenty of access to technology even if in-school use is limited. Lisa requested that some wording be changed in the proposed policy. Supt. Dalton will work on this. Jarad commented that Valley High School has a strict cell phone policy.
- D. VHS Capital Project Update
Earlier in tonight's board meeting, Cary updated the board on the estimated cost of the Valley High projects to be around \$20,000,000. These funds would need to be borrowed through issuance of lease revenue bonds and taxes would have to be raised to make the annual payments.
- E. KHS Multipurpose Room Discussion
No discussion this issue tonight
- F. KHS HVAC Timeline and Estimate Update
Kane School District was awarded this grant over a year ago, but the Federal Government still has not released the funds.
- G. USBA Statement on SJR20 Discussion
The board packet contains information on the views from Utah School Board Association and Association of Utah Superintendents Association providing conditional support for the proposed SJR20 which will be on the ballot for voters.
- H. EHA-1 Graduation Requirement Policy Review
This deals with students who have been home schooled, desiring to graduate from our high schools.
- I. FHAA Safe Schools Alcohol and Drugs Policy Review
Superintendent will work some more on this issue.
- J. Construction Curriculum Review
This is a request from the Associated General Contractors of Utah to teach information dealing with concrete construction.
- K. SEDC Legislative Meeting
This will be held on Cedar Mountain and will give board members an opportunity to meet with various State Legislators.
- L. School Graduation Discussions
VHS May 21st Honors Banquet 7:00 pm
KHS May 21 Scholarship Awards 7:00 pm
KMS 8th grade graduation May 23rd 3:00 pm KHS auditorium

VHS graduation May 23rd 7:00 pm, VHS gym – Jarad will accept the graduates
KHS graduation May 24th 7:00 pm, KHS gym – Danny Little will accept graduates
Adult Education June 8th 2:00 pm Kanab Center
BWS Graduation is on May 21st.

- M. KSD Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with Kanab City Review
Still under consideration by Kanab City. This issue is still in process.
- N. School Board Meeting Dates Review
- O. Future Board Items
The board will meet at 5:00 PM for a work meeting on June 25 and the budget hearing will start at 6:00 PM.

Karen moved and Jarad seconded a motion to move into executive session for the purpose of discussion of the Character, Professional Competence, or Mental Health of an Individual.

Roll Call Vote:

Marc – yes
Karen – yes
Danny – yes
Lisa – yes
Jarad – yes

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. Lisa moved and Jarad seconded a motion to move out of executive session, where the board discussed the character, professional competence, or mental health of an individual.

Roll Call Vote:

Marc– yes
Karen – yes
Danny – yes
Lisa – yes
Jarad - yes

The board moved back into regular meeting.

X. Adjourn – Board meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Agenda details and attachments can be viewed at:

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