KANE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
KANAB CENTER – KANE DISTRICT BOARD ROOM
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KANAB, UTAH
SEPTEMBER 10, 2024

I. Board Work Meeting – 6:00 PM

Board President Danny Little called this meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Other board members present were Karen Kelly, Lisa Livingston, and Jarad Brinkerhoff. Marc Grow is excused. Others present were Superintendent Dalton, Business Manager Cary Reese, Valley High Principal Don Heath, and Kane District Reading Director, Robin Coleman.

A. Reverence - Lisa offered a reverence.

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

C. Robin Coleman Review of KSD Literacy Plan and Reading Data

Robin thanked the Board for their support of the Kane School District reading program. She presented a power point containing test data for our elementary students. Several elementary schools were substantially above the State average. She reported that our all-day kindergarten program has been very successful. Robin also presented data for high school students. She provided data on the different grades at Kanab and Valley High Schools. Read 180 has been successful in helping students improve reading scores in our middle and high schools. She next reported on results of the Accidence reading test. These test results show student improvement.

The Utah State goal is to have 70% of all 3rd grade students reading on grade level by 2027. Robin has been preparing a Professional Development, District Plan. In the process of development of this plan she has been visiting every classroom at Kanab Elementary and observing what is being done to improve reading. She has identified ways that more support can be provided to teachers. Robin commented that our District is using the Wonders Reading program and a program called 95% Phonics. The board packet contains detailed information on various assessments being used in our district. Some new literacy programs being implemented are Read 180 at KHS, Zaner Bloser Handwriting at all elementary schools and digital data walls for professional learning communities for collaboration. Robin then reported on the status of the ELL Program in our district. Currently she has 21 students that speak four different languages. She also commented on a reading program being tested at Kanab Elementary. This new program is funded with a state grant. This new program is called Being Stuck.

D. KSD Board Goals Discussion/Review

Supt. Dalton commented that the board packet contains information on the status of our school boards work on board goals. Valley High Principal Don Heath and the Board discussed the board goals and some needed additions to the body of our goals. The board reviewed a list of ideas that can be listed as bullet points. Per Mr. Heath, he recommends no more than five to seven values. Lisa suggested that we start with student centered learning and add details. Lisa feels that her job on the board is to focus on student centered learning. Jarad commented on the importance of being transparent and accountable to community members.

E. Education Articles

The board packet contains various education articles. One article deals with cell phone usage in the classroom and the other article deals with a proposal by Governor Cox to provide funds to pay off school lunch debts.

F. Review Board Agenda -

II. Regular Meeting - 7:00 PM

A. Welcome

Danny Little called this meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Other board members present were Karen Kelly, Lisa Livingston, and Jarad Brinkerhoff. Marc Grow is excused from tonight's meeting. Others present were Superintendent Dalton, Business Manager Cary Reese, Valley High Principal Don Heath, Josh Dambara and Deborah Dencer. Josh and Deborah are contracted by Kane School District to provide student behavioral counseling services.

III. Consent Agenda

A. Approve Minutes from August 2024 Meeting

B. Approve Check Registers for August 2024

Accounts Payable check register check numbers 306660-306780 totaling $406,432.22. Payroll check registers total $662,627.76.

C. Approve Hiring Recommendations Pending Successful Background Check

Tania Martin- para-educator
Connie Tait- Food service
Rebecca Hunt- para-educator
Sammi Leinbach- substitute
Marilyn Schiel- substitute teacher
Dave Borup- substitute teacher
Hailie McQuivey- para-educator
Makenzi Tanner- para-educator
Kaycee Reed- para-educator
Daniel Larmore- para-educator
Whitney Gates- substitute

D. Letters of Resignation

Kosha Swapp - KHS Softball Coach
Amber Banfill- para-educator

E. Home School Affidavit

Lisa moved and Jarad 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. There was none.

V. Reports

A. Josh Dambara and Deborah Aravis Dencer Review of 2023-24 Student Mental Health Data. Deborah reported on her work with elementary students. Deborah commented on how she assesses student needs. During the student assessments she tries to determine how serious the student needs are. She also gives parents an option to attend the student assessments and also lets the student be seen offsite, outside of the normal school day if desired. If a student needs to be seen during school hours, Deborah works with teachers to try to make sure that the students don't miss any more classroom learning time than necessary. She also mentioned that many of the long term goals have been met.

Josh reported on counseling issues with middle school and high school students. He commented on student progress on accomplishing goals. He commented on two of his employees who also work with our students. He is very happy with the working relationship in our district to deal with mental health issues. Josh commented that students are still having some serious behavioral issues. He commented that with respect to serious issues, the response time to provide services to students with serious needs in Kane School District is immediate. Josh inquired of the Board if there is something they would like he and Deborah to focus more attention on. Deborah thanked the School Board for their excellent support of student behavioral counseling.

B. Superintendent Report
Supt. Dalton thanked the board for their excellent support of education, and he also expressed appreciation for all the hard work our teachers and other employees do.

C. School Board Reports – none tonight

D. Kane District Enrollment
Student enrollment in August was 1,489 which is an increase of 19 students from the May count of 1,470. This includes the 25 BWS students that are bused to Page and 68 preschool students.

E. Amendment A Information
This deals with a constitutional amendment to remove the earmark for income tax fund public education. Supt. Dalton briefly updated the board on this constitutional amendment being proposed to the Utah State Constitution.

F. USBE Update
The USBE is looking at issues dealing with parents having access to curriculum.

G. HB 84 Wearable Panic Notification Devices Update
These devices are available in all Kane School District classrooms.

H. Utah Direct Student Program Update
Supt Dalton reported on trends of student enrollment in regular colleges. Student enrollment is decreasing in regular colleges and is increasing in technical/trade schools. More students are going into the trades.

I. Rural Schools Presentation

Supt. Dalton reported on a conference that will be held in Flagstaff. He is planning to attend.

J. KSD Grant Summary
The board packet contains a list of grants that Kane School District has obtained.

K. Business Administrator Report
Cary reported by fund, on the status of the budget so far this fiscal year.

L. Monthly Budget Report
Cary reviewed the monthly budget report

VI. Board Action Items

A. EHA-1 Graduation Requirement Policy Review
Jarad moved and Karen seconded a motion to approve this. This motion passed.

B. Fraud Risk Assessment Approval
Cary reviewed the Fraud Risk assessment for the FY24 year with the board. Lisa moved and Jarad seconded a motion to approve the Fraud Risk assessment for fiscal year 2023-2024. This motion passed.

C. LEA Specific Approvals
Supt. Dalton commented on certain teachers who are working under LES specific approvals. Lisa moved and Jarad seconded a motion to approve this. This motion passed.

D. Consideration for adoption of a resolution providing for the creation of a Local Building Authority by the Board of Education of Kane County School District, Utah; and related matters.
Jarad moved and Lisa seconded a motion to approve the following Resolution, which was introduced in writing. This motion passed with the four board members in attendance voting in favor.

Resolution

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF A LOCAL BUILDING AUTHORITY BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF KANE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, UTAH; AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL ACTION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AUTHORIZING INCIDENTAL ACTION; AND RELATED MATTERS.

WHEREAS, the Board of Education (“Board”) of Kane County School District (the “District”), is a body corporate and legal subdivision existing as such by virtue of the Constitution and laws of the State of Utah; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to create a building authority in the form of a nonprofit corporation (the “Authority”), and pursuant to the Local Building Authority Act, Title 17D, Chapter 2, Utah Code Annotated 1953, as amended (the “Building Authority Act”) for the purpose of acquiring, improving, or extending one or more projects, as defined in the Building Authority Act, and to finance such project costs on behalf of the Board in accordance with the procedures and subject to limitations of the Building Authority Act in order to accomplish the public purposes for which the Board exists; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the citizens of the District that the creation of the Authority be authorized in the manner and for the purposes hereinafter set forth; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize the establishment of the Authority under and in compliance with the laws of the State of Utah and to authorize other actions in connection therewith;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD, AS FOLLOWS:

1. Terms defined in the foregoing recitals shall have the same meaning when used herein. All action heretofore taken (not inconsistent with the provisions of this Resolution) by the Board and by officers of the Board directed toward the creation and establishment of the Authority, are hereby ratified, approved and confirmed.

2. It is hereby found and determined by the Board that the creation of the Authority as a nonprofit corporation under the provisions of the Utah Revised Nonprofit Corporation Act, Title 16, Chapter 6a, Utah Code Annotated 1953, as amended and under the Building Authority Act is appropriate to the general welfare, order and security of the District and is in the best interests of the citizens of the District, and the organization of the Authority pursuant to the Building Authority Act is hereby approved.

3. The Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws of the Authority in the form presented to this meeting and attached hereto as Exhibits B and C, respectively, are hereby authorized and approved, and the Board of the District is hereby authorized and directed to (i) execute and file the Articles of Incorporation in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit B, (ii) hold an organizational meeting for such corporation, (iii) adopt bylaws in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit C, (iv) elect officers for such corporation, and (v) take all other action necessary and appropriate to properly organize said corporation under the laws of the State of Utah.

4. The governing board of the Authority shall at all times be comprised of the members of the Board.

5. The President and Vice President, or other appropriate officers of the Board are hereby authorized and directed to take all other action necessary or appropriate to effectuate the provisions of this Resolution.

6. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Resolution shall for any reason be held to be invalid or unenforceable, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Resolution.

7. All acts, orders and resolutions, and parts thereof in conflict with this Resolution be, and the same are hereby, rescinded.

8. This Resolution shall become effective immediately after the adoption thereof.

VII. Board Business

A. KSD Committee Assignment Review/Discussion

B. KSD Board Goal Review

C. USBA Model Policies Review 2024-25

The board packet contains many updates to model policies. The school board will review these updates and will approve them in a later meeting. The board instructed Supt. Dalton to move these polices up for approval for the October board meeting.

D. USBA Model Policies Needing Additional Discussion

Supt Dalton commented that the policies as contained in the board packet under this agenda item, need input from school community councils and school principals.

E. USBE Educator Draft Model Policy

F. USBA Fall Regional Meeting Information

9/25 at 6:00pm in Cedar City.

G. KSD TSSA Framework

Supt Dalton commented that our framework has been updated. He reviewed details behind the TSSA program as implemented by the State Legislature. He also explained allowable uses of TSSA funds by school districts and by individual schools. Supt. then provided detail on the specific TSSA Framework recommended by our district.

H. FHAA Safe Schools Alcohol and Drugs Policy Review

The board would like to have this issue removed from the board agenda and desires to leave the policy as it currently exists.

I. Constitutional Amendment School Land Trust Distribution Information

Supt. Dalton explained that there will be a constitutional amendment to increase the amount of money that can be allocated to school districts through the School Trust Lands program.

J. State Security Specialist Update

The board packet contains detailed information on the Utah State Security Specialist program. Our school district will be required to submit a plan on how we plan to improve security in our schools.

K. ESport Discussion

Supt. reported on a request from KHS Principal to sanction esports in Kanab High. If approved our school board would be required to provide transportation and a stipend to the employee over this program. If the board sanctions this program, KHS would be able to charge a fee for students to participate.

L. Curriculum Review

Supt. Dalton commented that the KHS curriculum review committee has reviewed this issue. Danny would like this issue moved to board action for approval.

M. Lease Revenue Bond Information

Cary reviewed a calendar of events that must be completed before we can issue lease revenue bonds.

N. SB 173 Excellence in Educational and Leadership Supplement Discussion

O. KHS Multipurpose Room Discussion

P. KSD Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with Kanab City Review
Nothing to report.

Q. School Board Meeting Dates Review
The October meeting is set for October 15th.

R. Future Board Items

Lisa made a motion to move into executive session for the purpose of discussion of the character, professional competence, or mental health of an individual and for discussing the purchase, exchange, lease, or sale of real estate. Karen seconded this motion.

Roll Call Vote:
Karen – yes
Danny – yes
Lisa – yes
Jarad – yes

This motion passed and the board moved into executive session.

VIII. Executive Session

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

B. Discussing the Purchase, Exchange, Lease, or Sale of Real Estate:

IX. Return to Open Meeting

A. Motion to Move Out of Executive Session

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

Roll Call Vote:
Karen – yes
Danny – yes
Lisa – yes
Jarad – yes

This motion passed and the board moved back into regular session.

X. Adjourn – Board meeting adjourned

Agenda details and attachments can be viewed at:
http://www.boarddocs.com/ut/kane/Board.nsf/