Thursday, February 20, 2025

Garfield County School District Board Meeting

GARFIELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
February 20, 2025
Escalante High School
Escalante, UT 84726
Regular Meeting, 5:00 PM

1. Regular Board Meeting

A. Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM. Board members

2. Consent Agenda Items

A. Approve School Board Meeting Minutes

B. Approve Financial Reports

C. Approve Hiring Recommendations

D. Letters of Resignation

E. Enrollment Report

F. Home School Affidavits

G. Sports & Transportation Approvals

H. Other Travel Approval

I. Trust Lands/TSSA

Myron made a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Curtis. Ralph thanked the employees whose resignation letters were on the consent agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Comment

A. Public Comment

Ryan Bytheway – made public comment related to classified employees coaching. He expressed that he is concerned about not allowing classified employees to coach.

Kelly Holman – made comments about softball access at the elementary school. He had a question about the use of the facility. Ralph opened it up for discussion and responded by saying that it may not have been the original intention for that use of the field. Kelly commented that members of the public believe the field was meant for softball.

4. Reports

A. School Board Report

The Board gave reports on their various activities since the previous meeting.

B. Superintendent Report

Superintendent reported on legislation and the good work our representatives are doing this session.

C. Business Administrator Report

Lane reported on the progress of the construction at BVHS.

5. Board Discussion

A. Policies

Superintendent and the Board had some discussion regarding procedures for advertising non-school events, trip approvals, and reimbursement policies.

B. 2025 - 2026 District Calendar

Superintendent reported on the work of the calendar committee.

C. Capital Projects

Lane presented the list of capital projects and introduced a CTE facility to be located in Tropic.

6. Board Business

A. Future Board Items

The Board reviewed the upcoming items for future meetings and had some discussion about the items.

B. Set Upcoming Board Meetings

The Board confirmed March 20th as the next meeting date at the Grand in Bryce City.

7. Public Comment

Amy Fullmer made a public comment that the kindergarten class was large and had additional instructional challenges with IEP's and other demographics, suggesting that another teacher was needed at Panguitch Elementary.

8. Board Action Items

A. B.A. Contract

Myron made a motion to table the item for later in the meeting at executive session. April seconded the motion. Some discussion was had. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Final Reading - LOC DBAB

A motion was made by April to approve the final reading. The motion was seconded by Myron. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Trust Lands/TSSA

April made a motion to approve all schools for overages in their TSSA and Trust Lands spending in FY24. The motion was seconded by Myron. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Hiring Process 2nd Reading

A motion was made by Myron to approve it as a second reading. The motion was seconded by Curtis. The motion passed unanimously.

E. 1st Reading of 2025-2026 School Calendar

A motion was made by Myron to approve it as a final reading. The motion was seconded by April. The motion passed unanimously.

F. 1st Reading of Fee Schedule

A motion was made by April to approve it as a first reading. Myron seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

G. PES Sixth Grade Class Pet

A motion was made by Curtis to approve the pet in PES. The motion was seconded by Ralph. The motion passed unanimously.

H. Approve EHS Shed Construction

A motion was made by Myron to approve the maintenance shed up to $200,000. The motion was seconded by Ralph. The motion passed 3-1 with April voting Nay.

I. Staffing Changes

A motion was made by Myron to table the item until the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Ralph. The motion passed unanimously.

J. 1st Reading of Classified Employee Extracurricular Policy

Myron commented that it should be tabled for now. Ralph made a motion to approve it as a first reading and for superintendent to review this policy and come back with a recommendation at next meeting. Myron seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

K. 1st Reading of Professional Leave for Salaried Employees and Coaches

A motion was made by April to approve it as a first reading. Curtis seconded the motion. April clarified a question about the supervisor language in the policy. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Executive Session

A. GCSD Rules for CLOSED MEETINGS

B. Discussion of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual.

C. Discussion regarding deployment of security personnel, devices or systems

D. Strategy to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation

E. Strategy sessions to discuss collective bargaining

F. Strategy sessions to discuss the purchase, exchange or lease of real property

G. Strategy sessions to discuss the sale of real estate

H. Investigative proceedings regarding allegations of criminal conduct

A motion was made by Curtis to go into executive session for B and E, Ralph seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Ralph to leave the executive session. The motion was seconded by Curtis. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Myron to approve the Business Administrators contract, amended to include 1.6% to account for COLA. The motion was seconded by April. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Adjournment – 6:59 PM