Thursday, February 20, 2025

Garfield County School District Work Meeting

GARFIELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
February 20, 2025
Escalante High School
Escalante, UT 84726
Work Meeting, 2:00 PM

1. Work Meeting

A. Welcome

The Board was called to order at 2:01 PM. Board members present included Myron Cottam, Ralph Perkins, Curtis Barney, and April Lefevre. Also present were Superintendent John Dodds and Business Administrator Lane Mecham.

2. Discussion Items

A. Staffing Recommendations

Superintendent led a discussion about staffing across the district, the history of managing staffing across the district, and the process. The Board discussed the staffing process across the district. Some Board members expressed their preference to have the Superintendent and Business Administrator bring recommendations to the Board, it was also discussed that it would be good to put some parameters in place in policy to help guide staffing.

B. Panguitch Elementary School

3. Review Board Agenda

The Board discussed the various items from the regular Board agenda. Some questions were had about the softball schedule and the intensity of it and its impact on the seat time. Myron commented on wanting to see an automotive CTE facility at Escalante at some point in the future. April had questions about the maintenance and track shed at EHS and the difference between it and the facilities put in place at BVHS. April inquired whether the electrical for the building included wiring for kitchen appliances. Lane replied that it did not include kitchen appliance wiring. Curtis also had a question about the need for the building. Land reported that between the two schools they have several Conex boxes and "tough shed" type sheds which are unsightly and do not adequately house all the equipment, combined with the aging of the old maintenance shed. He reported that the building should be large enough to satisfy the school's needs for the long-term.

4. 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 Myron to go into executive session for items B, D, E, F, and G. The motion was seconded by April. Roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Curits to leave the executive session. The motion was seconded by Myron. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Adjourn