

DUCHESNE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR SESSION

Thursday, May 14, 2015, 6 pm
Duchesne School District Office, 50 East 100 North, Duchesne, Utah

OFFICERS: President Mark Thacker presided with Board Members Bruce Timothy, Newell Richens, Bart Morrill, and Gordon Moon present, as well as Superintendent David Brotherson, and Business Administrator Dee E. Miles.

VISITORS:

Mary Ellen Kettle	Lee Nichole Marrett	Julie Jones	Anita Marx	Aubrey Whiting
Bruce Guymon	Jeff Mathews	Yanna Jones	Vernon Peterson	Andrea Hicken
Dean Wilson	Tony Grant	Meleena Vaughn	Rod Harrison	Lola Stansfield
Jason Young	Mary Leach	Brecon Vaughn	Art Taylor	
Ed Goodrich	Glen Simkins	Stephanie Johnson	Terri Despain	
Eric Gubler	Scott Forsyth	Brooklyn Johnson	Amelia Garner	

WORK SESSION: The Board discussed the decline in oil prices and its impact on the tax base and other agenda items.

REGULAR SESSION: President Thacker called the regular session to order at 7:00 p.m. and Mr. Thacker offered prayer. Mr. Timothy led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

AGENDA, MINUTES: Mr. Morrill moved and Mr. Richens seconded to approve the agenda, and the minutes of the regular meeting held Thursday, April 16, 2015, the regular meeting held March 12, 2015, and the special meeting held May 4, 2015; voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

RECOGNITION: Eric Gubler, Ed Goodrich, and the Duchesne Post of the American Legion were recognized with E3 awards.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: The Board reviewed reports from the administration. Mr. Morrill reported the ATC had approved the agreement to purchase their driving range. Lola Stansfield reported on a successful accreditation effort and a team from Con Amore reported on successful student programs.

OPEN TIME: At 7:30 p.m., President Thacker allowed anyone not on the agenda to address the Board. There being no one desiring to comment, President Thacker closed open time at 7:31 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Calendar Adjustment 2015-2016 – Superintendent Brotherson noted one professional development day had been moved from the beginning of the year to the middle of the year. Mr. Richens moved to approved and Mr. Timothy Seconded; motion passed
2. Union High School Agreement – An agreement had been created by the administration for review by the respective boards.
3. Negotiations – Superintendent Brotherson reported an offer had been made of steps and lanes, cover the health insurance increase, and 3% on the base. Jeff Mathews reported 86% accepted. Mr. Morrill moved to approve the compensation package for next year’s employees, Mr. Richens seconded; motion passed unanimously.
4. UBATC Driving Range Purchase – Superintendent Brotherson reported the survey and agreement would be ready soon. Tabled until next month.
5. Dress Policy - 1st Reading – Scott Forsyth reported the teachers liked the proposed policy. Mr. Morrill moved to approve, Mr. Richens seconded; motion passed unanimously.
6. Kings Peak/Hospital Road – Superintendent Brotherson reported the Hospital requested and change and would pay the incremental cost. UDOT was agreeable to the change.
7. Trust Lands Plans – Mary Ellen Kettle reported 11 of 12 schools were submitted. The trust lands has a new web site and increased procedures. Mr. Timothy moved to approve and Mr. Morrill seconded; motion passed unanimously.
8. Building Projects – Mr. Moon noted 50% of the tax base was oil and gas related, but that is less than other times in the past. Business leaders anticipate a recovery in oil prices in the next year or two. Mr. Richens noted interest rates were at an all-time low. President Thacker noted construction costs were down as well. Mr. Timothy noted all factors considered this seems to be the best time to proceed and that the building was needed. Mr. Morrill noted the bond would authorize the continuation of funds from previous bonds to pay for the new

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bonds. Mr. Morrill moved to proceed with a bond this fall and Mr. Richens seconded; motion passed unanimously.

9. Personnel – No actions this month.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Employees Retiring – Mary Ellen Kettle noted the banquet came off well and the District has great employees and wish them well in retirement. She also noted Jackie Loertscher was selected as teacher of the year to proceed to state competition.
2. Altamont High Irrigation – Dean Wilson reported on the flow available and the needed flow for the sprinkler heads installed. He noted they would like to create a softball/baseball field on the vacant area behind the school. Plans were under way and work would follow.
3. Ballard Sidewalk – Superintendent Brotherson reported on the proposal around Union High that will be nice improvements.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mr. Richens moved and Mr. Morrill seconded that the Board go into executive session to discuss personnel and property/litigation; aye votes: Mr. Thacker, Mr. Moon, Mr. Timothy, Mr. Richens, Mr. Morrill, nay votes: none. Motion passed. President Thacker closed the regular session at 8:25 p.m. Mr. Morrill moved and Mr. Timothy seconded that the Board go out of executive session at 9:39 p.m.; passed unanimously. President Thacker reopened the regular session at this time.

ADJOURNMENT / FUTURE PLANNING: President Thacker adjourned the meeting at 9:40 p.m. The next meeting will be at Roosevelt Junior High Roosevelt, Utah, on Thursday, June 11, 2015 at 6 p.m.