

DUCHESNE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR SESSION

Tuesday, January 6, 2015, 5 pm

Duchesne County School District Office 50 East 100 South, Duchesne, Utah

OFFICERS: President Gordon L. Moon presided with Board Members Bruce Timothy, Newell Richens, Bart Morrell, and Mark Thacker present, as well as Superintendent David Brotherson.

VISITORS:

Mary Ellen Kettle	Bruce Guymon	Janalee Goodrich	Glen Simkins
Dean Wilson	Michael Jole	Mia Martinez	Isaac Winters
Lee Nichole Marett	Al Jole	Darin Jenkins	Al Jole
Kevin Madson	Emmy Moon	Michelle Morrill	Sophie Winters

WORK SESSION: Senator Kevin Van Tassell and Legislator Brad King visited with the Board Members. Senator Van Tassell spoke of items for discussion at the upcoming legislature session. Mr. Van Tassell also spoke of State lands, oil industry in the Basin, and bonding for schools. Brad King is a conservative Democrat and is a member of Coal Blue (Democrats for responsible coal energy use). Mr. King expressed his views on the importance of education and his desire to serve the Uintah Basin.

TALENT PRESENTATION: Al Jole from Duchesne High School attended with five Academic Decathlon students, Emmy Moon, Mia Marinez, Sophie Winters, Isaac Winters & Michael Jole. They expressed appreciation and thanks to the School District for funding the Decathlon and each student explained how the Decathlon has helped them.

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

ACTION ITEM:

1. Swearing in of New Officers Mr. Morrell and Mr. Richens were sworn in as new board members by Superintendent Brotherson, Mr. Thacker moved to approved and Mr. Timothy seconded motion passed

AGENDA, MINUTES, CONSENT AGENDA: Mr. Thacker moved and Mr. Morrell seconded to approve the agenda, the minutes of the regular meeting held Thursday, December 11, 2014, and the list of bills paid for the month of December 2014; voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

RECOGNITION: Because of winter break and the short time back in school there were no E3 awards.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: The Board reviewed reports from the administration. Director Report, Principals Report, and Mr. Timothy noted the ATC and commented that Dave Murray had passed away and Mark Dennis had retired. Janalee Goodrich reported on PLC meetings held every Monday with teachers from Duchesne, Tabiona and Altamont. In PLC meetings, they learn from each other, correlate curriculum, and address problems. They are focusing on student engagement strategies, positive behavior incentives, personal respect and citizenship. Mrs. Goodrich reported Sage interim scores are looking better. Mr. Brotherson expressed his appreciation for all those who go the extra mile for our students.

OPEN TIME: At 7:16 p.m., President Moon allowed anyone, not on the agenda, to address the Board. There being no one desiring to comment, President Moon closed open time at 7:18 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS:

2. Board Reorganization – Mr. Moon nominated Mr. Thacker for Board President, Mr. Richens seconded no other nominations were made voting was unanimous in the affirmative. Mr. Moon nominated Mr. Morrill for vice President Mr. Richens seconded the motion, all votes were aye; motion passed. For Benefits committee Mr. Timothy nominated Mr. Moon Mr. Richens seconded motion passed. For ATC Mr. Thacker nominated Mr. Morrill, Mr. Richens nominated Mr. Timothy, President Thacker voted for Mr. Morrill as ATC Board Member.

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3. Student Absence Policy 2nd Reading – Dean Wilson stated that we are bringing our student absence policy in line with the State code. Needed at home is no longer a valid excuse. We have done this to be sure our students are receiving a proper education. Mr. Richens moved to approve Mr. Morrill seconded motion passed unanimously.
4. Bond Timeline – The Board discussed the current low interest rates, current revenues available, and rising construction costs. Mr. Morrill moved to proceed with a bond this year and revisit the decision in June when more economic information is available. Mr. Moon seconded, passed unanimously.
5. Building Projects – Superintendent Brotherson reviewed the architect’s authorizations and clarified that Kevin Madsen & Associates is approved to proceed with the development of Union High building plans. All board members are aware and in agreement that we are moving forward with the project. Mr. Brotherson stated that Building Committee Meetings will be held early in the month before Board Meeting and the Board President or Vice President shall be present. Mr. Madsen from the Architect office (KMA) presented plans and options for necessary renovations to AES and KPES. They will replace three air handlers at AES tear out and replace roofing as well as ducts remodel the front entrance because as it is now anyone visiting is well into the building before registering at the Office. Renovations made to Kings Peak Elementary will for the most part be mechanical an addition of two to three classrooms using existing space and a separate fenced play area for Kindergarten students. They are working out the Union sight, access and parking. Mr. Brotherson asked that he get bids on the options and alternate plans for consideration. Mr. Moon moved to approve Mr. Morrill seconded, motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. USBA Conference – The Annual USBA Conference will be held January 8, 9 & 10th in Salt Lake City. Mr. Brotherson handed out agenda information to all Board Members.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mr. Timothy moved and Mr. Richens seconded that the Board go into executive session to discuss personnel; aye votes: Mr. Thacker, Mr. Moon, Mr. Timothy, Mr. Richens, Mr. Morrell, nay votes: none. Motion passed. President Thacker closed the regular session at 8:15 p.m. Mr. Moon moved and Mr. Timothy seconded that the Board go out of executive session at 8:43 p.m.; passed unanimously. President Thacker reopened the regular session at this time.

ADJOURNMENT / FUTURE PLANNING: President Thacker adjourned the meeting at 8:44 p.m. The next meeting will be at Roosevelt Junior High, 350 W 200 S Roosevelt, Utah, on Thursday Feb 12, 2015 at 6 p.m.