

DUCHESNE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR SESSION

Thursday, December 11, 2014, 6 pm

Roosevelt Jr. High School, 350 West 200 South, Roosevelt, Utah

OFFICERS: President Gordon L. Moon presided with Board Members Gregory D. Wheeler, Kim Harding, and Mark Thacker present, as well as Superintendent David Brotherson, and Business Administrator Dee E. Miles. Board Member Bruce Timothy was excused.

VISITORS:

Mary Ellen Kettle	Monte Hawkins	Jessica Evans	Misty McBride	Jared Whitmer
Bruce Guymon	Philip Bertoch	Stephanie Hyder	Karen Ady	Sadie Whitmer
Dean Wilson	Andy Jensen	Richard Guffey	Cory Russell	Jeff Berlin
Jane Thompsen	Darin Jenkins	Cody Guffey	Jacqueline Anderson	Rebecca Freestone
Newell Richens	Joni Fitzgerald	Jim Freston	Shane Anderson	Hailee Guffey
Bart Morrill	Don Fitzgerald	Glen Simkins	Jessica Evans	Nick Woodland
Lee Nichole Marett	Dustin Fitzgerald	Trent Birchell	Greg Hyder	Jodi Guffey
Russ Nielsen	Randall Evens	Karrie Ellen Jardine	Lisa Wood	

WORK SESSION: The Board reviewed District debt and possibilities for financing future building projects.

REGULAR SESSION: President Moon called the regular session to order at 7:03 p.m. and Mr. Thacker offered prayer. Mr. Harding led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

AGENDA, MINUTES, CONSENT AGENDA: Mr. Harding moved and Mr. Thacker seconded to approve the agenda, the minutes of the regular meeting held Thursday, November 13, 2014, and the list of bills paid for the month of November 2014; voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

RECOGNITION: Stephanie Hyder and Tonia Palmer were recognized with E3 awards. Mr. Harding and Mr. Wheeler were recognized for outstanding service on the Board of Education.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: The Board reviewed reports from the administration. Russ Nielsen and Monte Hawkins reported on new initiatives at their schools making a difference for students.

OPEN TIME: At 7:22 p.m., President Moon allowed anyone, not on the agenda, to address the Board. Jane Thompsen noted her trust for the care of her students with the District. The committee now has a non-profit organization as a sponsor and manager, and funding commitment from another foundation. A business plan is in place and things should come together in a few months. Jeff Mathews thanked the Board for the bonus on behalf of the employees. Darin Jenkins noted the FFA had a successful trip. There being no one else desiring to comment, President Moon closed open time at 7:34 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Roosevelt Elementary School Boundary Hearing – Proposed boundaries were determined for the Roosevelt Elementary Schools. Bruce Guymon reviewed the process of balancing numbers of students, considering student safety, demographics, and proximity. Parents inquired about options to go to other schools outside the boundaries, and bussing. Some bussing would be available and applications to attend outside the boundaries are due in February. Mr. Harding moved to approve as proposed and continue to look for ways to accommodate students where feasible, Mr. Thacker seconded; motion passed unanimously.
2. Financial Audit Report for 2014 – Mike Miles, CPA, highlighted the financial position of the District. Conditions had improved slightly over the previous year. Mr. Harding moved to approve, Mr. Thacker seconded; motion passed unanimously.
3. Trip Requests – Jim Freston and students reported the FFA wanted to go to the Black Hills instead of Denver and that their last trip had been a success. Mr. Wheeler Moved to approve, Mr. Thacker seconded; motion passed unanimously.
4. Electronic Meeting Policy 2nd Reading – Mr. Wheeler moved to approve, Mr. Harding seconded; passed unanimously.
5. Community Involvement in Education Policy 2nd Reading – Mr. Wheeler moved to approve, Mr. Harding seconded; passed unanimously.

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6. Travel Policy 2nd Reading – Mr. Wheeler moved to approve, and Mr. Harding seconded; motion passed unanimously.
7. Student Absences Policy 1st Reading – Dean Wilson reviewed changes to comply with State guidelines. Mr. Harding moved to approve, Mr. Thacker seconded; motion passed unanimously.
8. Building Projects – Mr. Harding noted the Board should consider bonding in the fall of 2015, and moved to designate a board member to be assigned to attend construction meetings. Mr. Thacker seconded; motion passed unanimously
9. Personnel – Superintendent Brotherson noted Jerry Cowan will be honored as a teacher/coach of the year by the High School Activities Association, now two teachers in a row.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Bonus Comments – An outpouring of appreciation was received for the bonus.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mr. Wheeler moved and Mr. Thacker seconded that the Board go into executive session to discuss personnel; aye votes: Mr. Thacker, Mr. Moon, Mr. Wheeler, Mr. Harding, nay votes: none. Motion passed. President Moon closed the regular session at 8:55 p.m. Mr. Harding moved and Mr. Timothy seconded that the Board go out of executive session at 10:20 p.m.; passed unanimously. President Moon reopened the regular session at this time.

ADJOURNMENT / FUTURE PLANNING: President Moon adjourned the meeting at 11:07 p.m. The next meeting will be at the District Office, 50 East 100 South, Duchesne, Utah, on Tuesday, January 6, 2015, at 5 p.m.