Minutes of the South Summit School District Board of Education Work Session Meeting held on September 10, 2015, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the District Office Board Room at 285 East 400 South, Kamas, UT.

Present: Craig Hicken, President; Suni Woolstenhulme, Vice President; Steve Hardman, Debra Blazzard, Jim Snyder, Superintendent Shad Sorenson, Business Administrator Kip Bigelow
Guests: Mayor Lewis Marchant - Kamas, Mayor Wade Woolstenhulme - Oakley, and Mayor Lee Snelgrove – Francis.

1. President Hicken called the work session to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Mr. Hicken welcomed everyone to the Work Session.

3. Superintendent Sorenson introduced the purpose of tonights conversation with municipal leaders in the community is regarding the idea of interest in partnering in hosting athletic facilities with the school district that could be used by both District and municipalities. The conversation is only in the early exploration phase of soliciting interest in the idea. Superintendent Sorenson shared that other districts in Summit County had inter-local agreements for shared usage of recreation facilities.

4. Mayor Marchant mentioned the small softball facility at Rodeo Grounds that hosts Little League. He doubts if Kamas City Council would be interested in partnering in an additional athletic facility because they do not have the property to offer.

5. Mayor Snelgrove asked if there was enough interest in the surrounding communities in a baseball facility. He expressed that they would be open to a discussion on the benefits of a partnership. Francis City has property available and asked how much land we would need. Francis City Council is currently having discussions on their master plan.

6. Mayor Woolstenhulme indicated that Oakley City is open to a discussion on a partnership. Oakley currently has two softball fields in the facility that could be adapted to meet the space requirements for a baseball field. SSSD is currently using the Oakley facility for softball practices and for games/tournaments. The city has hosted the Triple Crown tournament, softball tournaments during the summer months.

7. Superintendent suggested that building an improved facility might attract additional opportunities for hosting events, which has the potential of increasing revenue and supporting economic development of the surrounding communities.

8. Mayor Marchant suggested consulting with the County Recreation Committee/Board to see if the county would be interested in a partnership.

9. Mr. Hicken emphasized the intent that the school district wants to have quality facilities, equitable for both baseball and softball teams, and is hopeful that the municipalities would benefit as well.

10. Mayor Marchant asked about the liability to the school district with students driving to and from the Oakley facility for games and practices. He suggested that there might be property in the city of Kamas available that would keep the facility closer to the schools.

11. Mr. Bigelow indicated that we have received estimates on the costs natural and artificial turf fields and the maintenance cost comparisons associated with each.

12. Superintendent Sorenson asked what type of support the cities may have to offer

in assisting with snow removal on the fields in the winter. Maintenance for a turf field does not require watering and mowing, as a grass field requires.

13. The current football stadium turn requires snow removal in the spring, but the foul lines, etc., are built right into the artificial turf field. Normal snow removal on the artificial turf football field occurs only a few times because the sun warms it and it melts quickly. The biggest cost is in the initial investment. A good drainage system in the base makes it less costly to maintain.

14. Mr. Hicken encouraged the Mayors to have discussion with their city council to see if there is interest in pursing the conversation for a partnership.

15. Meeting was adjourned at 5: 55 p.m.

Board President

Business Administrator