

Board of Education

Beaver County School District

Meeting Date: October 2, 2014

Approved: November 11, 2014

The following are minutes taken from the Regular Board Meeting, of the Beaver County School District Board of Education, held on October 2, 2014. This meeting was conducted at the Minersville School located at 450 S 200 W, Minersville, Utah, 84752.

Board Member Attendance:

- Board President—Nicholas Dotson (Precinct 2): Absent
- Board Vice President—Carolyn White (Precinct 1): Present
- Board Member—Richard Limb (Precinct 4): Present
- Board Member—Lisa Carter (Precinct 5): Present
- Board Member—Kristina Brown (Precinct 3): Present

School District Personnel in Attendance:

- Dr. Ray Terry, Superintendent
- Todd Burke, Business Administrator
- Tracy Davis, Programs Director
- Jody Heaps, Minersville School Principal
- Richard Rose, Comprehensive Guidance
- Larry White, Comprehensive Guidance

Other Patrons Who Attended:

- Bryan Harris, First Wind

WORK SESSION MEETING – (1:00 pm)

Opening & Welcome: Vice President Carolyn White

Minersville Principal Report – Jody Heaps

Mrs. Heaps introduced three students who represent the values and goals of the school:

Dillon Reynolds (3rd Grade)

Laija Reich (4th Grade)

MaCoy Lazano (8th Grade)

Mrs. Heaps explained the school is working with students and SUU to integrate gaming in the curriculum.

The Chromebook roll out has been pretty good. Most problems are user related.

The school continues to work on interventions and reading.

Board Member White asked that a prayer be offered.

Board Discussion: The Board discussed the options available for the vote scheduled later in the meeting regarding the First Wind tax incentive given Board Member Dotson's absence. Board Member Brown wondered whether the vote should be delayed or if the vote should be pursued in Mr. Dotson's absence. Mrs. Brown indicated her support for the proposal. Board Member Carter expressed concern about the 70 percent tax incentive level but is generally in favor of the proposal. Dr. Terry indicated the vote could be delayed until next week, and that an electronic vote today without proper advertisement may not be consistent with legal counsel. Board Member Limb indicated concern about the 70 percent tax incentive level but is generally in favor of economic development in the county, Board Member White indicated her support for the proposal. Board Member White indicated her support to move forward with the vote later in the meeting. The Board acknowledged Mr. Dotson's concerns and possible opposition to the proposal. The Board indicated a desire to move forward with the vote later in the meeting. However, the administration will convey concerns Board Member Dotson has had about the proposal.

Board Training: SWITCH: Chapters 8 & 9

The group discussed key principles of chapters 8 & 9. The discussion included applications of principles to current situations of "change" happening in the district.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING - PRELIMINARY (2:00 pm)

A. Welcome: Vice President Carolyn White (President Dotson was excused from the Meeting)

B. Pledge of Allegiance: Lead by Minersville Students

C. Student Recognitions

Milford ES Recognition-August 2014

ALLSTAR Status:

Makaysha Davis 6th Grade

Jhonny Sebastian 6th Grade

Madysen Griffiths 6th Grade

Recognition for the highest math pretest score:

Paige James

MES Recognition- September 2014- Goal 80% of students at MES reach all star status

AllStar Status: Mastered all four operations (Math Facts)

Bret Beebe

James Wintch Tyler Thomas

Kevin Hernandez

Kyden Davis

LeQuison Tsosie

Alexa Walker

Jase Wilson

Paige James

Sage Rollins

Mya bonner

Kydon Petters

Judd Netto (second grader, only required to master + and -)

Caleb Bostic

D. Public Input (none)

BOARD OF EDUCATION ITEMS (2:07 pm)

A. Action Item – FY15 School Exemptions (none)

B. Action Item—School Travel

- Additional personnel for FETC Conference – School Technology Specialists

Motion to Approve Made By: Kristina Brown

Motion Seconded By: Richard Limb

Board Vote: Unanimous

C. Action Item—Board of Education Travel

- Nov. 6th USBA meeting in Cedar City

Motion to Approve Made By: Lisa Carter

Motion Seconded By: Kristina Brown

Board Vote: Unanimous

D. Action Item—Board of Education Resolution to Support Local Control of Curriculum

Board Member White and Dr. Terry indicated the resolution should include reference to USOE R277-468 which requires parent committees to review and provide input about curriculum decisions. The resolution was edited during the meeting to reflect this change.

Motion to Approve Made By: Lisa Carter

Motion Seconded By: Richard Limb

Board Vote: Unanimous

FINANCIAL ITEMS (2:35 pm)

A. Action Item - Approval of Open Meeting Minutes for Meeting(s) Held on September 11, 2014

Motion to Approve Made By: Kristina Brown

Motion Seconded By: Richard Limb

Board Vote: Unanimous

B. Action Item - Approval of Warrants, Budgets, and Financial Reports

Motion to Approve Made By: Richard Limb

Motion Seconded By: Lisa Carter

Board Vote: Unanimous

C. Information Item – Bids & RFPs Report – Update

D. Action Item – Substitute Graduated Pay Scale

High school graduate or equivalent: \$10

Associates or highly qualified: \$11

Bachelors: \$12

Teaching Degree: \$14

Effective October 16, 2014

Motion to Approve Made By: Richard Limb

Motion Seconded By: Lisa Carter

Board Vote: Unanimous

E. Discussion Item – Tablets, Ipads, and Cell Phones as Employee Compensations

Teachers and Staff: Based upon legal advice, the board indicated a desire to provide mobile devices as compensation to employees. This means employees assume ownership of mobile devices provided to perform their jobs.

Students: Based upon legal advice, the board indicated a desire to research further the option for students to become owners of their tablet devices after the useful life of the machine has expired.

F. Discussion Item—FY14 Governmental Fund Financial Reports

INSTRUCTION & EDUCATION ITEMS (3:17 pm)

A. Information Item – Memo from USOE—Opting Out of State Testing

Dr. Terry read the memo to the group.

B. Comprehensive Guidance Plan

Mr. Rose (MHS & BHS) and Mr. White (BHS) reviewed the high school comprehensive guidance program. They discussed the current interim compliance review of the program. The SEOP (Student Education Occupation Plan) is changing to the CCR (College and Career Readiness) plan. Both counselors felt the direction each high school is moving in is much better the past few years. They indicated 9th graders generally do not have the scheduling options that higher

grades might have given the prioritization of courses—seniors first, juniors second, etc. The question as to how World Civilizations will be added back into the schedule next year remains to be determined. The group discussed possible changes to the concurrent enrollment and ednet programs in the high schools. Topics of the discussion included the ten period block schedule, course offerings, and dropout rates.

Dr. Terry indicated that before a school exemption application is approved, there will be a requirement to document the interventions taken by the high school on behalf of the student.

PERSONNEL ITEMS (4:17 pm)

A. Action Item – Personnel Changes

Minersville Milford Food Service Substitute
Robert Baker – Notice of Intent to Retire
MES Paraprofessional—Holly Williams

Motion to Approve Made By: Lisa Carter
Motion Seconded By: Kristina Brown
Board Vote: Unanimous

POLICIES (4:18 pm)

A. Action Item – Board of Education Guiding Policies

Policy TECH2015-1 Chromebook Classroom Initiative (3rd Reading and adoption)

Motion to Approve Made By: Richard Limb
Motion Seconded By: Lisa Carter
Board Vote: Unanimous

Note: USBA Policy Book will be considered procedures in the future and be linked on the website to the guiding policies. State code will also be linked to the guiding policies.

EXTRA CURRICULAR (4:20 pm)

- A. Action Item – BHS Winter Sports Schedules
- B. Action Item – BHS Forensics Schedules
- C. Action Item – MHS Winter Sports Schedules

Motion to Approve All Schedules Made By: Kristina Brown

Motion Seconded By: Lisa Carter

Board Vote: Unanimous

SUPPORT SERVICES (4:21 pm)

- A. Action Item – Transportation: School Travel Requests

Motion to Approve Made By: Kristina Brown

Motion Seconded By: Richard Limb

Board Vote: Unanimous

- B. Action Item – Surplus Property

Motion to Approve Made By: Richard Limb

Motion Seconded By: Lisa Carter

Board Vote: Unanimous

- C. Action Item – Renewal of Interlocal Agreement with Beaver City

Motion to Approve Made By: Kristina Brown

Motion Seconded By: Lisa Carter

Board Vote: Unanimous

- C. Discussion Item – Facilities Use Agreement

The current policy does not charge a fee for use of facilities—for both non-profit and profit groups. A concern was expressed regarding “for-profit” groups using facilities at no cost, and school buildings may be in competition with private facilities that rent space.

Dr. Terry has gathered research on policies used by other districts. Some districts charge extensive fees to minimize use of facilities.

The Board requested the district develop a plan to charge for-profit groups for use of facilities.

PUBLIC HEARING – FIRST WIND TAX INCENTIVE PROPOSAL (4:44 pm)

A. Public Hearing – First Wind Tax Incentive Proposal

Motion to Open Public Hearing Made By: Richard Limb

Motion Seconded By: Kristina Brown

Board Vote: Unanimous

There was no public input during the hearing.

Motion to Close Public Hearing Made By: Kristina Brown

Motion Seconded By: Lisa Carter

Board Vote: Unanimous

Mr. Burke summarized discussions and concerns Board President Dotson has brought forward over the last several weeks regarding the proposal:

- Complications for budget management
- Equity and fairness to all taxpayers
- Size of the tax incentive proposal—70 percent

Mr. Burke also indicated that President Dotson has conveyed on several occasions that he may not support the proposal.

Conflicts of Interest: Each board member was asked to declare any conflicts of interest they may have that might impact their vote.

Board Member Carter: None

Board Member Brown: None

Board Member Limb: None, but indicated his current land ownership interests may involve future possible considerations

Board Member White: C.D. White Accounting performs accounting work for Pearson Farms, but there is no other interest of concern

Motion to Approve Resolution Made By: Kristina Brown

Motion Seconded By: Lisa Carter

Discussion: Board Member Limb expressed the importance of not stifling growth in the county. He expressed reservations for a 70 percent tax incentive level, and he believes this would set a benchmark for future tax incentive proposals. Notwithstanding, he is supportive of the proposal to promote economic growth on behalf of future generations. Board Member Brown expressed a similar point of view and will vote in favor. Board Member Carter expressed a similar perspective and will vote in favor of the proposal. Board Member White discussed the low impact of the proposal upon

schools, and emphasized the importance of considering each proposal individually. Bryan Harris (First Wind) responded with the comments received from legislators. He pointed out that some state, legislative, and congressional leaders if said that “support is needed to kick start renewable energy but long-term support for tax incentives is likely to be limited.”

The Board indicated their support for the 70 percent tax incentive should not be construed as a precedent for a 70 percent tax incentive for future projects.

Board Vote: Unanimous

DISCUSSION ITEMS (5:03 pm)

A. Superintendent

- January USBA conference
- November 6th USBA Region Meeting
- Re-organization of district office
- November board meeting will be moved to November 11th in Beaver

B. Programs Director

- Approval committee for electronic textbooks, media, curriculum
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C. Board Member Reports

- Board Member White
 - Inquired about school parent organizations
 - Possible legislative changes for the Trustlands program
 - MBA program
- Board Member Limb
 - Inquired about policy regarding how long students can eat

D. BEA/BSEA (none)

E. Community Councils/Parent Organizations (none)

F. Public Input (none)

REGULAR BOARD MEETING - ADJOURNMENT (6:10 pm)

Vice President White adjourned and dismissed the meeting at 6:10 pm.

Nicholas Dotson, Board of Education President

Todd S. Burke, Business Administrator