

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING held Tuesday, November 24, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. at Escalante Valley Elementary School, 202 North Beryl Hwy, Beryl, Utah.

The following Board Members were present to begin the meeting: President Michelle Jorgenson, Harold Haynie, Stephen Allen, Shane Adams and Becki Bronson. Shannon Dulaney, Superintendent; Kent Peterson, Business Administrator; Steve Burton, Jennifer Wood, Kevin Garrett, Hunter Shaheen, and Christy Douglas were also present.

President Jorgenson called the meeting to order at 1:42 p.m.

The following items were discussed:

- Committee Assignment Reports
 - President Jorgenson reported from the SWATC - Career Day is scheduled for December 15th. SWATC would like to get the word out regarding the availability of scholarships. Aaron Osmond has been hired as the President of UCAT, but has today withdrawn his name. President Jorgenson also reported that fund raising efforts have raised over \$600,000 and the new building is on schedule.
- Principal Trevor Heaton shared the employee and volunteer recognitions for Escalante Valley Elementary. These awards were given out at the school Arts Night held the end of last year. Christy Tullis was recognized as the volunteer of the year, Diana Kehl was recognized as an outstanding teaching assistant, and Crystal Munns received the employee of the year award. Principal Heaton expressed his thanks for their service and dedication to Escalante Valley Elementary.
- Review of school district goals - Superintendent Dulaney reported that things are going well. Interim assessments have been completed in math, and the district will be able to review the results soon. The new Language Arts program is progressing well. Several district administrators and teachers recently attended a PLC training in Salt Lake City. Many are starting to see the vision of PLC's. District administrators have all been trained and will be certified to conduct educator evaluations. The Board will review the goal, increase the level of expertise and preparation for all those who perform educator evaluations in the district, during the December meeting.
- Mr. Haynie reviewed chapter 3 from the book *District Leadership the Works*.
- Master Boards Award - The Board is currently working on Level 4. The deadline to report strategy and complete the requirements for the current year is December 1st. The Board has been and is currently working on the following items:

- Continuous Improvement - Read and discuss the book *District Leadership that Works* during each board meeting.
 - Advocacy - Meet with state legislatures three times each year.
 - Community Engagement - Collaboration with the community and district employees. The Board facilitated a survey for input on the 2016-2017 school year calendar.
 - Foundation of Effective Governance - Systematic way to review school district policies. The Board will continue to review policies each month.
 - Accountability - Improvement of transparency on official school board documents.
- The Board has received inquiries from the community regarding kindergarten dual immersion. Mr. Burton and Principal Moyle have researched this concept. Mr. Burton has made contact with a principal in St. George who is currently running a kindergarten dual immersion program. The inquiries stem from a push to get students in the target language earlier. There are concerns, however, for the short period of time that kindergarten students attend school. Kindergarten students also come into kindergarten with various abilities and much of the school time is spent helping the students with the basic abilities they need to understand. The state does not support kindergarten dual immersion and does not offer training or financial support. Schools who have had this program have not continued with the program. They are not seeing a benefit from beginning at the kindergarten level. The Board will refer parents to Principal Moyle for questions or concerns regarding the kindergarten dual immersion program. Mr. Moyle will share the research and information the Board has discussed today.
 - Secondary dual immersion program is ready to go. Cedar High school boundary students will continue in the dual immersion program through middle school and high school.

At 3:10 p.m. Mrs. Wood left the meeting.

- Hunter Shaheen presented a rendering of the new North Elementary School. The Board requested that the district place these photos on the district's website for the public to view. Mr. Shaheen stated that they have tried to incorporate some scientific ideas into the rendering. It was also reported the current costs for construction to be around \$198.00 per square foot. They will prepare a new report during mid January. It is estimated at \$12,000,000 construction price for the building. There will be additional expenses for architects and engineering, general fees and some additional soft costs which would bring the cost in around \$14,900,000. The asbestos abatement will be an additional cost which in not

included in the these amounts. The district is looking to get an estimate on this cost.

- Mr. Adams led a review discussion of the following district policies: DL (Payroll Procedures), DL-R (Payroll), DLA (Salary Schedule), DLB (Salary Deductions), DLC (Expense Reimbursements), DLC-E (Expense Reimbursements Voucher Form), DLC-R (Regulations for Expense Reimbursements to Employees), DLD (Personal Use of School Vehicles).

At 4:01 p.m. the Board adjourned the work meeting

At 4:06 p.m. the Board began the regular portion of the board meeting.

President Jorgenson conducted the meeting.

Scout Troop 339 led the Pledge of Allegiance. This Troop consisted of Case Christensen, Hesston Jones, Ramzi Hughes, Chad Reber, and Billy Silvers.

Hesston Jones offered a thought and Case Christensen offered prayer.

Minutes of the Regular Board of Education meeting held on Tuesday, October 27, 2015 were approved on a motion made by Mr. Haynie, seconded by Mr. Adams, and passed unanimously by the board members.

Mr. Adams moved to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Haynie seconded the motion and the board members passed it unanimously.

Principal Trevor Heaton presented the school for this month. He thanked the Board for visiting Escalante Valley Elementary. He shared his excitement for the Assessment to Achievement training and the PLC process. They have found this to be very beneficial to their school. More kids to learning at a higher level. Collaborate teams are working together to get things done. Principal Heaton reported that PLC's are functioning well at Escalante Valley Elementary. He also shared a video to highlight the great things going on at the school.

The board meeting time was next made available for public input to address items not already listed on the published agenda. No additional public input was received.

On a motion by Mr. Haynie, the Board approved the Annual Board Meeting Schedule for 2016. Mr. Adams seconded the motion and the board members passed it unanimously.

Mr. Burton reviewed with the Board the school reading goals. He mentioned that all schools are very similar and include the district goals that were approved last month. The school goals include their evidence based strategies and the reading intervention plans that are in place. On a motion made by Mr. Haynie, the Board approved the School Reading Goals Report. Mr. Adams seconded the motion and the board members passed it unanimously.

On a motion made by Mr. Allen and seconded by Mr. Haynie, the board meeting adjourned at 4:53 p.m.



President



Business Administrator