

DECEMBER 9, 2015 – NOTES OF ACTION TAKEN BY THE SEVIER SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION AT A MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 9, 2015, AT 2:00 PM IN THE SEVIER SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICE.

In attendance were President Jack Hansen, Vice President Richard Orr, members Clint Johnson and Stewart Shaver, Superintendent Cade Douglas, Assistant Superintendent Gail Albrecht, Business Administrator Chad Lloyd, and Executive Secretary Krista Nielson.

Tom Hales was excused.

Also in attendance were Secretary Mavanee Loftus, Principal Selena Terry, and patrons Kristi Allred and Barbie Pearson.

President Hansen welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Jack Hansen offered the reverence and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM #2. – CONSENT AGENDA. President Hansen called for objections to the consent agenda. Since there were no objections, the consent agenda received Board approval.

ITEM #2.A. – APPROVAL OF MINUTES. Minutes from the November 11, 2015 Board Meeting were approved.

ITEM #2.B. – APPROVAL OF EMPLOYEE. The following individual was approved for employment: **Craig Cunningham** as a full-time teacher at the Youth in Custody facility for the remainder of the year.

ITEM #2.C. – APPROVAL OF FY 2015 AUDIT, USOE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT, AND USOE PROGRAM REPORT. The FY 2015 Audit and the USOE Annual Financial and Program Report were presented in a work session prior to the regular Board meeting. The FY 2015 Audit and the USOE Annual Financial and Program reports received Board approval as presented.

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ITEM #2.D.1. — POLICY # 2225 ORDERLY SCHOOL TERMINATION FOR EMPLOYEES – SECOND READING. The proposed policy received second reading approval.

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ITEM #2.D.2. — POLICY #3077 TRANSGENDER STUDENTS – SECOND READING. The proposed policy received second reading approval.

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ITEM #2.D.3. #3100, HEALTH POLICIES — FIRST READING. This policy is being updated to reflect School and Early Childhood Program Immunization requirements set by the Utah Department of Health. The proposed policy received first reading approval.

ITEM #2.D.4. #4095, HOME SCHOOL/ DUAL ENROLLMENT — FIRST READING. Revisions to the policy provide guidelines for students currently enrolled in and attending a charter school, home school, a private school, a school outside of the district, or a non-home attendance area District school who wish to return and enroll in their home school. Revisions to the policy received first reading approval.

ITEM #2.E. – FINANCIAL SUMMARY. The financial summary for the period ending November 30, 2015, was approved as well as checks issued in November 2015.

ITEM #3. – REPORT – RED HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL. Red Hills Middle School Principal Selena Terry made a presentation to the Board.

There was a brief discussion about the benefits and opportunities for students in moving to a 5x5 block schedule and utilizing Canvas.

Superintendent Douglas thanked Mrs. Terry for her vision and use of technology to accelerate learning.

President Hansen thanked Mrs. Terry for the great job she does.

Mr. Shaver reported that patrons are highly complimentary of the improvements being made at the middle school.

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ITEM #4. – PATRON DIALOGUE. There was no patron dialogue.

ITEM #5.A. – DISCUSSION – ITEMS FROM THE BOARD Information was shared about the upcoming Utah State Board of Education (USBA) Annual Conference and Zion's Bank luncheon at the Little America Hotel on January 7-9, 2016.

January Work Session: A work session in January will be held before the regular scheduled Board meeting on January 13, 2016 to discuss Richfield High School construction.

April Board Meeting: The April Board meeting will be changed to April 20, 2016 due to a schedule conflict with the National School Board Association (NSBA) conference in April.

ITEM #5.B. – DISCUSSION – ITEMS FROM ADMINISTRATION

Items from Superintendent Douglas

Superintendent Douglas reported that he and Mr. Lloyd attended the Sevier County tax hearing held on December 8, 2015. He shared topics and concerns that were discussed in the meeting.

There was a brief discussion about the County tax increase.

Superintendent Douglas shared the 2015 Federal Cohort Graduation Rate Report. The report shows graduation rates for the state of Utah have increased by eight percentage points over the last five years. Sevier School District's graduation rate for 2015 was 81 percent. Principals will be meeting to discuss and implement ways to improve the overall graduation rate within the District.

The board discussed ways to improve the graduation rate, specifically for students attending Cedar Ridge High.

Superintendent Douglas explained and outlined the reasons for implementing the 5x5 block schedule. He noted that the continued focus would be on making improvements to ensure students learn and removing all barriers to that end. He shared and explained concepts used to ensure success by moving to the 5x5 block schedule and implementing Canvas in all high schools.

There was a brief discussion about the benefits and opportunities for students by moving to the 5x5 block schedule.

President Hansen thanked Superintendent Douglas for his dedication and efforts in promoting the new schedule and providing support to students, teachers and parents.

Items from Gail Albrecht

Mrs. Albrecht shared the State Board of Education approved Science Core Timeline for the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). Professional development for the curriculum will begin at the middle school level in FY 2016-17. All school levels will implement the new standards by FY 2020 – 21.

Mrs. Albrecht shared the agenda and the breakout sessions for the January 4th Professional Learning Day. She reported that the keynote speaker would be Adam Saenz, author of *The Power of a Teacher*. Teachers and administrators from Sevier School District, Wayne School District, and Piute School District will be attending the training.

Mrs. Albrecht shared the District Utah Compose usage report showing 7,240 essays submitted so far. The Utah State Office of Education (USOE) provided Utah Compose training and was impressed with high amount of usage of the writing program.

Items from Chad Lloyd

Mr. Lloyd reported that work is progressing at Richfield High. He noted that a full update on the construction progress would be given during the Work Session in January.

Mr. Lloyd announced the third grade Christmas card contest winners to the Board.

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Mr. Lloyd informed the Board the lettering on the entryway of the District Office building has been installed and the job is complete.

Mr. Lloyd explained the Richfield High School change order; which includes the cost of the fourth gas boiler.

ITEM #6. – CLOSED MEETINGS. There was no closed meeting held.

ITEM #7. – ACTION ITEMS. **A motion was made by Richard Orr and seconded by Stewart Shaver to approve the Richfield High School change order #10. Motion passed unanimously.**

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A motion was made at 3:56 p.m. by Clint Johnson and seconded by Stewart Shaver to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

I certify that upon motion duly made, seconded and passed, the Board of Education of the Sevier School District approved the foregoing minutes on the 13th day of January 2016. I further certify that a quorum of the Board was present on both the day covered by these minutes and the day of approval.

Chad W. Lloyd, Business Administrator