



MINUTES
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Washington County School District
121 W Tabernacle, St. George, Utah 84770
September 13, 2016
4:00 p.m.

Present: Board President Laura Hesson, Board Member Craig Seegmiller, Board Vice President Debbra Zockoll, Board Member David Stirland, Board Member Ralph Brooks, Board Member Kelly Blake, Board Member LaRene Cox, Superintendent Larry Bergeson, Business Administrator Brent Bills, Assistant Superintendent Richard Holmes, Assistant Superintendent Rex Wilkey, Executive Director Lyle Cox, Executive Director Craig Hammer, Executive Director Steve Dunham, Communications Specialist Cody Plumhof,

Minutes: Executive Secretary Kajsia Boyer.

Reverence offered by Member Stirland.

CLOSED SESSION

Property and Personnel Items

Member Blake presented a motion to go into a closed session at 12:11 p.m. Member Seegmiller seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

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Personnel Items

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Property Items

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Personnel Items

Member Stirland presented a motion to go into a working session at 3:23 p.m. Member Zockoll seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

WORK SESSION

Board Professional Development – Laura Hesson

The professional development was postponed.

Board Training (Educator Evaluation) – Cheri Stevenson

The board training was postponed.

Super Seniors – Richard Holmes

Richard Holmes said he and Wade Jensen were approached by school leaders concerned seniors who were so close but not able to graduate. There were 30 students right on the bubble. Resources were utilized in all of the high schools. Credit recovery was made available through the Utah Online School, Southwest High School and Millcreek High School. Students were enrolled in the courses needed and deadlines were given. Contact was made weekly with students and tutoring was provided. They are still working with students until October 1. Of the 30 students, seven students have graduated. Five more will probably make it by October 1. Four have completed some work but are not on track to graduation. Eight of the students are Post High students, and no contact could ever be made with the remaining six students. Richard Holmes said this year, students who are lacking credit will be identified in January. Having someone tracking the students is significant. Richard Holmes mentioned that a graduation celebration might be held for these students in October.

DXATC Building Update – Larry Bergeson

Superintendent Larry Bergeson mentioned the program expansion. We do have students that participate in the program. More students will have an opportunity to get into the programs. We have a continued partnership with the DXATC.

Parent Empowered Bus Request – Larry Bergeson

Superintendent Larry Bergeson briefly shared the request from Southwest Prevention for the Parents Empowered Campaign to be advertised on the buses. There would be no cost to the District. Southwest Prevention would receive a grant to help pay the cost. Eventually every bus would receive the signs as they come in for maintenance. The signs promote positive messages for kids and good parenting.

Upcoming Elections and School Security – Larry Bergeson

Superintendent Larry Bergeson said we are required by state law to open our schools for elections. He said the District would utilize resource officers where needed to provide security throughout the school day. Laura Hesson suggested asking the cities to provide additional help with security.

Physical Facilities and Property Update – Craig Hammer

Craig Hammer reported that the construction is behind at Legacy Elementary due to a lack of

contractors. East Elementary will not be able to move in until the school is completely done.

Water Canyon Update – Darin Thomas and Jack Eves

Darin Thomas shared an update of the school. The school originally opened with 162 students. The school now has 503 students. The school is holding a full day kindergarten this year with 25 students. The classes have been large, so teachers are selling their preps to reduce class sizes. All rooms in the schools are being used. He has been told by UEP that there will be another 100-150 students by the end of the school year. Darin Thomas shared some of the future needs for consideration including: property for a new school, hiring of teachers and staff with growth, a greenhouse for the agriculture program, CTE building for programs, Speech Language Pathologists, additions to current buildings, and portables to help accommodate growth. Brent Bills said we are short portables in the District right now and all portables are being used. Darin Thomas said there would be some issues in the next 6 to 8 months with growth. Craig Hammer said the cost to build a portable is \$150,000.

Follow-up Items from Previous Meeting

There were no follow-up items discussed.

Laura Hesson shared a request from Brad Jolley to participate in a Chinese delegation and travel out of the country. This would be in place of his rotation conference. The board members support his participation.

Laura Hesson mentioned that there would be an extra meeting on October 27, 2016. She would like to look at boundary proposals during that meeting. A report from the Audit Committee could also be given.

Brent Bills said Naylor Wentworth Lund would like the tax credit for the energy efficient design of Water Canyon High School. The District cannot take the credit, but can give it to the architectural firm that designed the building. The Board gave consent.

Brent Bills shared a copy of the bond calendar. The parameters resolution will be brought to the board in October.

Board members mentioned that they have received complaints from parents about the calendar. One concern was starting before the Washington County Fair weekend.

Open Discussion of the Board

UHSAA Update – Craig Seegmiller

No report given.

USBA Update – Kelly Blake

No report given.

MBA Update - Laura Hesson

No report given.

DXATC Update – David Stirland

No report given.

FCAOG & Foundation Update – LaRene Cox

No report given.

Boundary Committee Update – Debbra Zockoll

No report given.

Audit Committee Update – Ralph Brooks

No report given.

Items for Board Review

1. Enrollment
2. Safe Schools
3. GRAMA Requests

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Washington County School District was held after due, legal, and timely notice being given to all members and interested parties. Board President Laura Hesson called the meeting to order and welcomed all visitors. Board members present were Craig Seegmiller, Debbra Zockoll, David Stirland, Ralph Brooks, Kelly Blake, and LaRene Cox. Staff members present were Superintendent Larry Bergeson and Business Administrator Brent Bills.

OPEN MEETING – 4:00 p.m.

Board President Welcome – Laura Hesson
Pledge of Allegiance – Member Seegmiller
Reverence – Member Brooks

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes
 1. August 9, 2016 Meeting of the Board of Education
 2. August 18, 2016 Special Meeting of the Board of Education
- B. Financial Report
- C. Personnel Items
- D. Coral Canyon Elementary – School LAND Trust Plan Change
- E. Dixie High School – School LAND Trust Plan Change
- F. Pine View Middle School – School LAND Trust Plan Change

Laura Hesson mentioned that item E, Dixie High School – School LAND Trust Plan Change had not been received and would be tabled.

Member Seegmiller presented a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items A through D and F. Member Blake seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON BOARD ACTION ITEMS

No public comments were given on the Board Action Items.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS

Policy 3630 Student Activities – Michael Lee

Michael Lee briefly reviewed the changes and reported that no comments were received.

Member Zockoll presented a motion to approve the changes to Policy 3630 Student Activities.

Member Brooks seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

11th Grade Sage Testing – Richard Holmes

Richard Holmes said it has been recommended to eliminate the SAGE test for 11th grade. They will still be encouraged to do the interim assessments, but can focus more on ACT testing for the end of

the year.

Member Blake presented a motion to approve the elimination of the SAGE Test for 11th grade students. Member Seegmiller seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Water Deed – Brent Bills

Brent Bills explained that with the disincorporation of Central, the county distributed the assets. They are now developing their own Water District. The state water rights automatically revert to the school district when a city is disincorporated. The water deed would continue to provide water for those living in Central.

Member Seegmiller presented a motion to approve the Water Deed transfer back to the Water District. Member Cox seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Policy 4100 Graduation Requirements/School Credits – Colin Metzger

Colin Metzger said the changes would clean up the language of the policy to make it more clear and understandable. It does not change what we are doing. It also removes the use of the Utah Electronic High School. There are two policies that he will merge into one policy after the 30 days.

Policy 2900 Attendance – Richard Holmes

Richard Holmes said a committee reviewed the policy and expressed concerns. They felt it would help to tighten up turning in work for excused absences. It gives some deadlines for the work to be turned in. Administrators would work with students on a case-by-case basis. It will keep students from abusing the policy. Students should complete the work during the quarter the absence occurred in. After the quarter, students would not be able to make up the work. This only applies to those with an excused absence.

Policy 0002 Board Meetings – Lyle Cox

Lyle Cox explained that the policy changes proposed would require a primary location for a meeting to be held, but would allow a board member to participate electronically. The meeting would still need to be posted. The public would need to participate at the primary location, not electronically. Member Cox was concerned about the three-day notice. Lyle Cox said it is part of Utah law. There must still be a quorum available. If a Board member is aware they would need to participate electronically, they can give notice.

Policy 7050 Employee Travel – Brent Bills

Brent Bills said there has been a disconnect with administrative procedures. The district's administrative letter on travel requires 60 days, but the policy says 30 days. This change would bring them together and allow time to make sure the travel is legitimate.

INFORMATION AND REPORTS

Instructional Technology

The Instructional Technology report was postponed.

What's Right in WCSD Schools

Three Falls Elementary School

Brad Jolly, Jenny Leavitt and Stephanie Wilber shared good things happening at Three Falls Elementary. Jenny Leavitt said the school has really put an emphasis on interventions. While working on GVCs, the interventions are a really important part of the work they are doing. The school has used the DIBELS progress monitoring to track students and target the skills they are missing to be successful on the assessments. Additionally, they used an early reading software grant

to provide students with the LEXIA program. The LEXIA program is also helping to target skills that the students are missing. Stephanie Wilber said with training, they have been able to take the data collected from DIBELS and use it. The data has helped them target individual students and the specific skills they need to be successful and make gains. They have been doing skills based interventions using the data from DIBELS and LEXIA. Paraprofessionals are able to do 5-minute mini lessons with students needing help with specific skills. Every student in the school is getting what they need. Brad Jolley reported on the extended-day kindergarten program. Last year the pre assessment average score was 9 of 206 for those students. The post assessment average score was 200 or 206. It has been a great tool for the school. The school has one class and would love to add another one. The immersion program is going great. They have good things happening with learning extensions and parent volunteers. The dual immersion first cohort includes 44 students. Every year they try to get 50 students involved in the cohort. Three Falls Elementary is seeing a lot of growth from the Dixie Springs area.

Hurricane Intermediate School

Brad Christensen reported on the incredible things happening at Hurricane Intermediate School. He shared the mission statement of the school is to ensure that every student is high achieving and well rounded. He shared highlights from each of the departments in his school. The Language Arts department has the motto, "We can do hard things." They have a growth mindset and are using it with students all the time. The school is almost one-to-one with technology and uses electronic devices as a tool for writing and class discussions. Technology has been such a help for the school. The Math Department is using Khan Academy and is identifying specific skills that individual students need. The 6th and 7th grade science teams work together and share students. Students rotate for labs, assessments, and interventions. The P.E. Department is working on fitness standards and doing collaborative things. The orchestra music groups have received outstanding at SUPAF for six years. This past year, every music group at the school received superior rating. They have identified standards and included aesthetics in music. Technology is tied integrally in every class. Students also have leadership opportunities at Hurricane Intermediate.

Reports

Superintendent

Superintendent Larry Bergeson shared a letter from the State Office on 3rd grade reading competency data. Students reached a target achievement of 70%. Washington County School District achieved their goal target for the 2015-16 school year. The work is due to the work of Nadine Walters. It is one of the Governor's goals. He said that the District has had a great start to the school year and is already at mid-term this week. Superintendent Larry Bergeson said we have grown by about 1300 students, 4.7%. As we continue to grow there are challenges with building and staffing. Numerous teachers have willingly taken on large class sizes and continue to do a great job. He has visited every school and seen so many are helping with students. Superintendent Larry Bergeson said our enrollment is over 30,000. We transport a large number of students and are spread out in area. He expressed appreciation for Launi Harden and bus drivers. He also mentioned the bus driver incentive program for recruiting drivers. Superintendent Larry Bergeson reported that Water Canyon School is now over 500 students. They are double the enrollment and are almost running out of room there.

Board

No reports were given.

Association

Amy Barton, WCEA, said they would be meeting with building reps next week with a focus on local board and state board elections. The Color Country Uniserv PAC and UEA PAC have both voted to

direct some financial resources in Wes Christiansen's direction for State School Board. At a recent meeting they met with Rich Kendell on Prosperity 20/20. It could bring an infusion of resources. She also mentioned they have had some training on ESSA and will continue with more training throughout the year. It helps school leaders look at quality education. She shared a copy with the Board.

PTA/PTO/Community Council

Mindy Barker, Region 20 director, said things going fantastic. They have three counsels and are inviting principals to attend meeting. PTA is supporting Amendment B. They have been made aware of Charitable Solicitations Act. PTA is included under the umbrella of the state. She said with the act, one PTO group has asked to join PTA. She reported that Reflections is about to start. The theme is, "What is Your Story." The District did have a couple of state winners last year. She also mentioned that the Back-to- School nights went well.

PUBLIC OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD – 3 min. each

1. Kelly Bawden, director of Eagle Ranch, shared information on the outpatient services they provide. Superintendent Larry Bergeson will follow up with her.

2. Kristine Wagner reported that her son participated in an online class through the Utah Electronic High School over the Summer. While working on an assignment, an inappropriate image came up on the screen. She contacted the state and it was agreed that it was not appropriate. Her student had been sent by a link to a YouTube video with many advertisements on the sidebar. She recommended that supplemental information be imbedded in the lessons created by teachers and not having students redirected to places that may not be safe for them. Brent Bills said by law, students can take classes through any online school. We do have control with our online high school, but not other online high schools. Laura Hesson said at the school, it may not allow students to go anywhere else, but at home it opens up other portals. She suggested that the District may want to include a disclaimer for parents and explain that they would need to contact their internet provider to put filters on devices used in home. Kelly Blake said we need to make sure teachers are trained to include graphics in the lesson and not expose children to un-necessary graphics.

3. Kris Sewell reported on her involvement and her family's involvement in the drama program in the Pine View cone-site. They appreciate all the board is doing with the new theater. They won't be able to have a fall performance. She has been told that the fly system and curtains are being replaced and should be done by December. The use of the auditorium also includes band, orchestra, and student council. She requested that the board include replacing the stage floor. The floor has had a lot of abuse over the years. It was had water damage. She encouraged the board to go and look at the auditorium. The students are planning to put on a spring show, but asked the Board to consider replacing the floor next summer. Craig Hammer reported on the bid. The company is out of Oregon. Once the contract is signed, they will arrange a time to bring a crew in. Superintendent Larry Bergeson mentioned that he has been working with Rob Schmidt on other options to meet the needs of the students this fall.

Board President Laura Hesson adjourned the meeting at 5:06 p.m., as there was no further business to discuss.

ADJOURNMENT