



# UNAPPROVED MINUTES

## October 2020 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The regular board meeting of the Piute County School District Board of Education was held on **October 13, 2020** at the Piute County Courthouse in Junction, Utah. President Marty Morgan called the meeting to order at 3:03 PM. Virtually Present was Marty Morgan, Teresa Morgan, Erin Jensen, and Jeremy Pearson. In person present was Superintendent Koby Willis and Business Administrator Dallas Sylvester. In person guests at the meeting were Monique Blood, Meri Vasquez, Shannon Gleave, Eric Jessen, Ellen Pitts, and Emily MacGill.

**Work Meeting:** No work meeting was held due to Covid-19.

### Opening Remarks:

- Opening remarks were given by Superintendent Koby Willis. After the pledge of allegiance was recited and a prayer was offered by Koby.

### Citizen Dialogue:

- None

### Discussion Items:

- **Student Body Officers Report**
  - Meri Vazquez presented the Student Body Officers report.
  - Meri mentioned that each class at the high school has chosen a pixar movie based theme for the school year.
  - Meri stated that the school has 3 main focuses this year: Increase school spirit, place more emphasis on academics, and battle teen depression.
- **Counseling Program Report**
  - Eric Jessen presented the counseling program report.
  - He stated that the counseling plan is to promote college and career readiness.
  - Eric mentioned that a lot of colleges aren't placing as much emphasis on the ACT now, rather on a student's overall GPA.
  - Eric mentioned that the school is placing more emphasis on improving our student's reading skills.
- **Cheerleading Program Report**
  - Monique Blood presented the cheerleading program report.
  - Monique stated that there are 9 students on the cheerleading squad this year.
  - She stated that this year they are focusing on increasing school spirit.

- **Petition For Modifications To State Health Order and Guidelines**
  - Koby gave an update on the petition for modifications to the state health order and guidelines.
  - Koby explained that if a student is asked to quarantine by the health department, the student could get tested five days after their exposure, and if their test results come back negative, they could return to school on the seventh day.
- **Mask Exemption Form Requirements**
  - Koby stated that as of right now, the district is not requiring a doctor's note for a mask exemption.
  - Koby expressed his concern that if we require a doctor's note for a mask exemption, a lot of students in the district would opt for online education. He explained that this would be very difficult for our school district to accommodate, especially at the elementary schools.
  - Ellen Pitts explained that she feels that the time to act is now and the district needs to require a doctor's note for a mask exemption. She also mentioned that the school district needs to do everything they can to lower the risk of spreading Covid 19.
  - Ellen also mentioned that she would like to see more Covid-19 education in the schools in order to help the students better understand the virus.
  - The board decided that they will hold a special meeting to make a decision on the mask exemption requirements.
- **LEA Specific Licenses**
  - Koby mentioned that Robert Thomas, Hunter Tanner, and Priscilla Morgan will be working on LEA specific licenses and the licenses will need to be approved at the next meeting.

### **Information Items:**

- **School Report Cards** - Koby presented the information from the report cards to the board. He explained that the report cards compare our school district to the state average. Overall, our schools have a higher attendance rate than the state average. He explained that there isn't any testing data to compare from last year due to Covid 19.
- **Parking Lots Timeline** - Koby gave an update on the parking lot project. He mentioned that the crack seal portion will take place sometime at the end of this month and the seal coat will be done in April.
- **PLC Structure and Progress** - Koby gave the board an update on the district PLC teams and how they are structured.
- **October 1 count** - Koby mentioned that we don't have the final October 1 count information yet.
- Board President Marty Morgan took the time to congratulate the boys baseball team on taking state last weekend and commended them on their accomplishment.

### **Adjournment**

- At **4:01 PM**, the **October 13, 2020** meeting of the school board was adjourned.