

**KANE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION  
KANAB CENTER – KANE DISTRICT BOARD ROOM  
20 NORTH 100 EAST, KANAB, UT  
KANAB, UTAH  
APRIL 11, 2023**

**I. Board Work Meeting Agenda – 6:00 PM**

Board President Danny Little welcomed everyone to board work meeting and called this meeting to order. Other board members present were Marc Grow, Lisa Livingston, and Jarad Brinkerhoff. Karen is excused from tonight's meeting. Others present were Superintendent Dalton and Business Manager Cary Reese. School counselors from Valley High and Kanab High were also in attendance as well as the Valley Elementary Principal.

- A. Reverence - Jarad offered a reverence.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance – The board joined in a pledge to the Flag.
- C. Comp Guidance Presentation:  
Mrs. Chamberlain, Mr. Castagno, Ms. Button:

VHS Counselor, Mrs. Chamberlain addressed the board and explained the comp guidance program at VHS. She also provided the board with a handout and access to a Google doc. Danny thanked Mrs. Chamberlain for her good work at VHS. She also thanked the board for their support.

KHS Counselor, Mr. Castagno addressed the board with respect to his school's plan. Chad has been focusing on encouraging students to be kind to other students, he has also been working with students to help them deal with self-esteem issues. He also helps kids deal with college applications and counsels students with respect to career opportunities.

Lisa asked both Chad and Ashley about parent participation. Both counselors commented that parent participation is pretty good but could be improved. Marc asked about the needs of high school kids, and what type of needs students approach counselors about. Chad commented that many students deal with anxiety and depression. Ashley stated that anxiety and depression issues are increasing. Marc asked about how the Hope Squads operate and how students are chosen to be on the Hope Squad. Ashley commented that students who serve on the Squad are chosen by their peers. Chad commented that he tries to do one Hope Squad activity each month, rather than just once per year.

Ms. Button, the Kanab Middle School counselor presented a slide show highlighting activities at KMS for Hope Week. Some things covered were "don't fight, wear white" and other positive activities. She also commented on college and career readiness activities such as having a representative from a college do a presentation in their school. Other things were instruction on job applications etc. She also had several professionals from the community come to her school and do presentations on different careers. She is also working on identifying

areas of need in her school and plans to focus more activities on dealing with specific needs.

Marc asked Ms. Button if she is seeing anxiety issues at KMS. Ms. Button commented that yes, especially with new students. Superintendent Dalton and other board members thanked all three counselors for their excellent work in our schools.

The board reviewed the agenda for tonight's regular board meeting. Danny commented that Sterling Scholar applicants will attend tonight's meeting and will be recognized and will receive a \$100 check from the district. The Runner Up from Valley High will receive a \$500 scholarship to the school of her choice.

Supt. commented that recently the legislature approved a 6% increase to the WPU and a \$4,200 increase to certified wages. An increase of \$6,000 was advertised for certified, but the excess over \$4,200 will be allocated to FICA and retirement costs.

Supt. also commented on funding for "teen centers" which can be used to help students who are dealing with homeless issues and other needs.

H.B. 308 removes USBE requirements to assign a grade rating to schools.

## II. **Open Regular Board Meeting – 7:00 PM**

### A. Welcome

Danny welcomed everyone to the board meeting. Other board members present were Marc Grow, Lisa Livingston, and Jarad Brinkerhoff. Karen is excused from tonight's meeting. Others present were Superintendent Dalton and Business Manager Cary Reese. Also present were Sterling Scholar applicants from Valley High and Kanab High and several parents and the Valley High principal, Jim Wood.

### B. Education Articles – the board packet contains various education articles.

### C. Sterling Scholar Recognition

#### **VHS Sterling Scholars**

Jodi Lynn Cox - Runner-up for General Scholarship

Hazel Harris - Speech & Drama

Ike Staples - Music

#### **KHS Sterling Scholars**

Mia Thebeau - Music

Tawvoots Spute - Ag Science

Max Kartchner - Mathematics

Steven Luo - Computer Technology

Trevor Legler - Business & Marketing

Shelby Springall - Science

Andy Luo - Speech & Drama

The school board recognized and congratulated all Sterling Scholar applicants and presented all applicants with a check for \$100 and the runner-up from VHS with a certificate for a \$500 scholarship to a school of her choice.

- D. Daniels Scholarship Recognition  
Hazel Harris - VHS  
Steven Luo – KHS  
Danny congratulated the two students who were awarded the Daniels Scholarship.

- E. Letters of Recognition

**III. Consent Agenda Items**

- A. Approve Minutes from March 2023 Meeting
- B. Approve Check Register for March 2023  
Accounts Payable check register – check numbers 303705-303867 and manual 3/20/23, totaling \$1,021,400.46. Payroll check registers total \$724,002.86.
- C. Approve Hiring Recommendations Pending Successful Background Check  
Brittany Hooper- para-educator KES  
John Kerr- substitute teacher
- D. Letters of Resignation  
Laifey Cox- Para-educator VES  
Kay Townsend- LPS Teacher  
Angie Castagno- KES Teacher  
Makayla Chamberlain- VES Preschool teacher
- E. Home School Affidavit

Lisa moved and Jarad seconded a motion to approve all items on the consent agenda. This motion passed.

**IV. Public Comment**

- A. Public Comment  
Danny opened the meeting for public comment. There was none.

**V. Reports**

- A. School Board Reports
- B. Superintendent Report  
Supt. Dalton reported on items in C through I below.
- C. Kane District Enrollment  
Student enrollment in March was 1,532, which was an increase of 10 students from the February count of 1,522. This includes the 27 BWS students that are bused to Page and 96 preschool students.  
October 1st count for 2022-2023 is 1,424.
- D. USBE Update  
The State board approved new English language arts standards.
- E. USBE Bill Book Legislative Summary 2023

Supt Dalton commented on several bills that passed in the recent legislative session.

- F. Legislative Vote Tracking Sheet 2023  
The board packet contains information on how various legislators voted on school-related bills.
- G. US Department of Energy 2022 Funding Opportunity Announcement for Energy Improvements at Public K-12 School Facilities – Update  
Supt. commented that our district office recently submitted a federal grant to apply for a \$6 million grant to remove the coal boiler from Kanab High.
- H. Kane County Hospital Medical Student Scholarship Information  
This will be a \$2,500 scholarship for students who go into nursing. It will also provide for internships at the Kane County Hospital.
- I. Kids Read Now Program
- J. Business Administrator Report  
Cary updated the board on the following items:

#### Update on Cary's meeting with the VHS Booster Organization

Several weeks ago, I met with representatives from the VHS booster organization and listened to their concerns and expressed my feelings on how important it is to work closely with VHS administration to benefit the students. This meeting went well and the people in attendance expressed a desire to work for the benefit of students. This group of people was respectful of the VHS administration but expressed a desire to improve the working relationship. The VHS Booster Organization is a 501(c)(3) non-profit. I encouraged them to consider allowing all their funds to flow through the school for the purposes of audit etc. Several days after the meeting I communicated further with booster club representatives and at this time they don't desire to allow their funds to flow through the school, but they desire to work to improve a working relationship between the school and booster club.

#### Update on KHS Announcers Booth

Quade has continued to work with KHS administration to make sure that all coaches have input into the plan design.

#### KHS Wrestling Building

Mike Downward (Iron Rock Engineering) is putting together some rough draft estimates of what an adequate facility may cost. He has been getting input from Brandon Stubbs (KHS wrestling coach) on a possible design. After I receive the cost estimates, the school board can decide if they want to add this project to our list of capital outlay projects and what priority to assign.

#### KHS Track

Quade and I are working with several different track companies to get cost estimates to complete the needed repairs. When we have good information, I will bring it back to the board for approval. Over the years Quade has been repairing cracks, but this winter has been extra hard on the track.

- K. Construction Status Update New Elementary  
Cary updated the board on this issue as follows.

Construction is moving along well on the new KES and the expected completion date is June 2023. So far, we have incurred expense of \$22,548,543 which is approximately 78% of our total budget for the school. Included in the board packet is a detailed schedule showing all expenditures so far. Also included in the board packet is detailed information on the use of allowances and change orders. The budget included amounts for allowances and a contingency for change orders.

Following is a summary of the status of construction:

**Items Completed:**

1. Lighting in the gym has been installed and has been turned on.
2. Permanent Heater units in Area "A" – Gym and Kitchen and Area "B" has been turned on and is being used to heat the building
3. Framing for the acoustical sound panels has been installed in the lobby by the gym and in the commons area near the Administration area. These areas have been dry-walled, taped, and painted – Acoustical fabric panel installation is in progress.
4. The gym floor has been installed, game lines painted and the floor has been sealed.
5. Most kitchen equipment has been installed. A few items are still outstanding and waiting for delivery. The kitchen is scheduled to be completed by the week of April 23rd
6. All water line piping and roof drains have been insulated throughout the building.
7. All tile has been completed – Bathrooms and drinking fountains
8. All insulation has been installed throughout the building
9. All areas have been dry-walled, taped, textured, and painted
10. Grid ceiling has been installed in areas A, B, and C
11. Ceiling clouds in the breakout room for area B has been installed
12. All broadcast flooring has been completed in areas A, B and C, D, and bid
13. Fire alarm wiring has been pulled and devices connected in area "A" and "B".
14. The scoreboards in the gym have been installed
15. The main electrical wiring has been run for areas A, B, C, D and Bid. Areas left to be completed are for ice melt and the emergency generator
16. Mechanical contractor has completed all work in areas A, B and C. Waiting for grid to complete work in areas D and Bid
17. Perimeter fence posts along block wall has been installed
18. Tile has been installed in all areas – Bathrooms and drinking fountain areas
19. Curtain wall glass kiosks in areas "A", "B", "C" and "D" have been built and installed. Glass has been ordered

**Items in progress:**

1. Sidewalks and door bumper bollards around the building are in progress of being installed and poured – Weather permitting. More sidewalks are scheduled to be poured next week
2. Electrician is installing conduits for the ice melt system
3. Touch-up of Tectum panels are in progress of being touched up.

4. Curtain wall glass kiosks are in progress of being installed in area "Alt. Bid"
5. Classroom door frames, window frames and glass is being installed in areas "D" and "Bid".
6. Classroom bulletin boards are being installed in areas "D" and "alt bid"
7. Plumbing trim is being installed in area "D"
8. Cabinets are being installed in area B classrooms and administration area
9. Work on the media center clouds are in progress
10. Currently importing topsoil and fill material for the playfield
11. Pour concrete curb and water way for running track
12. Complete asphalt in parking lot areas and playground area
13. Install ice melt system
14. Landscaping
15. Loading dock is in progress
16. Building flooring is in progress – currently working in area "A"
17. Site lighting
18. Installing curtain wall glass weather gaskets

**Items to do:**

1. Pour flatwork for the bike rack area
  2. Pour ramp near kitchen leading to the garbage enclosure
  3. Curb, gutter, and asphalt for track
  4. Low voltage wiring installation in areas D and Bid. Will begin next week
  5. Building signage – Contractor is making the signage
  6. Systems testing
  7. Commissioning of equipment
  8. Playground equipment
  9. Install all door hardware
- L. Monthly Budget Report – Cary reviewed the monthly budget report with the board, by fund and by location. No concerns currently.

**VI. Board Action Items**

- A. VHS Sports Schedule Review 2023-24  
Lisa moved and Marc seconded a motion to approve the VHS sports schedule. This motion passed.
- B. Comp Guidance Approval Plans for KMS, KHS, and VHS  
Lisa moved and Jarad seconded a motion to approve the comp guidance plans for KMS, KHS, and VHS. This motion passed.

**VII. Board Business**

- A. KSD Committee Assignment Review/Discussion
- B. KSD Board Goal Review
- C. KHS Wrestling Room Discussion
- D. VHS Dance Class Discussion

Supt. commented that several parents recently contacted him about starting a dance class at VHS where students could dance at half-time in sporting activities. Currently, there is not any UHSAA-sanctioned dance competition for 1A. Marc commented that he thinks this would be good to allow. Danny and Jarad commented that we need to seriously consider allowing this at VHS.

- E. VHS Principal Hiring Process Discussion  
The position closed on 4/10/23. Supt. has prepared a Google form sheet where school board members can rate applicants. A possible date for screening to be completed is Friday 4/14. Interviews will be held on Tuesday 4/18 at 5:00 pm at the school district office.
- F. AES Glen Canyon Solar Project CRA Discussion  
Cary reviewed a schedule showing projected revenue to be received by Kane School District if the school decides to enter into the CRA. These projections show KSD having a 50/50 revenue-sharing arrangement with AES Clean Energy. Over a 20-year period, KSD would receive \$1,850,399 and if a 15-year period is elected for the CRA, total funds of \$1,771,505 would be received over the first 15 years, then over the next five years funds of \$157,788 would be received. Therefore, the 15-year option would be preferable. If KSD decides not to participate in the CRA, then zero funds would be received from the project. After discussion of this financial information board members asked several questions of AES officials who were in attendance. These questions dealt with a concern about the adverse effect on livestock ranchers due to their grazing land being taken for the solar farm. There was also a discussion of concerns over the possible effect on ranchers of the amount of water to be used on the solar project. One board member also raised concerns about certain involvement of the Federal government in clean energy projects.
- G. KSD School Land Trust Plans Review  
The board will move the FY23-24 school plans to the consent agenda.
- H. Discussion of Old Kanab Elementary School Building  
The board wants the district to investigate the cost to remove asbestos in this building and to demo the building. Supt mentioned that we will contact the County and the City of Kanab and see if they would be willing to assist in the demo of this building. Also, the board wants Supt to contact the City and see if they would maintain a grassy area on school property for purpose of City activities.
- I. KSD Board Meeting Calendar Schedule Review
- J. Future Board Items

Marc moved and Jarad seconded a motion to move into executive session for the purpose of discussion of the character, professional competence, or mental health of an individual.

Roll Call Vote:

Marc – yes  
Danny – yes  
Lisa – yes  
Jarad – yes

**VIII. Executive Session**

- A. Discussion of the character, professional competence, or mental health of an individual

**IX. Return to Open Meeting**

- B. Motion to Move out of Executive Session  
Jarad moved and Marc seconded a motion to move out of an executive session where they discussed the character, professional competence, or mental health of an individual. This motion passed with all four board members voting in the affirmative and the board moved back into regular meeting.

**X. Adjourn – board meeting adjourned at 8:55PM**