

Wednesday, March 15, 2023
Garfield County School District Board Meeting

GARFIELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Panguitch Elementary School

Regular Meeting, 5:00 PM

1. Regular Board Meeting - 5:05 PM

A. Welcome

All Board members were present including President Jared Brems, Ralph Perkins, Curtis Barney, April Lefevre, and Myron Cottam. Also in attendance were Superintendent John Dodds and Business Administrator Lane Mecham. A reverence was led by Curtis Barney.

B. Presentation from the PES 4th Grade

The Board was given a presentation by the 4th graders from Panguitch Elementary led by Mrs. Henrie. Principal Torgerson came and talked to the Board. He celebrated the students and their resilience through the loss of a classmate. He also discussed the various extracurricular activities and accomplishments of the PHS students.

2. Consent Agenda Items

- A. Approve School Board Meeting Minutes
- B. Approve Financial Reports
- C. Approve Hiring Recommendations
- D. Letters of Resignation
- E. Home School Affidavit
- F. Sports & Transportation Approvals
- G. Other Travel Approval
- H. Trustlands/TSSA/PBIS

A motion was made by Ralph Perkins to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Myron Cottam. The motion passed 5-0.

3. Targeted School Interventions

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The agenda item was tabled for discussion in a subsequent meeting.

4. Reports

- A. School Board Report

The Board members reported on their various activities within their communities and in their committee assignments.

- B. Enrollment Report

The Superintendent commented that there was nothing meaningful to report on and that this is a standing item on the agenda.

5. Public Comment

A. Public Comment

Becky Henrie – Policy Concern – Becky reported a concern to the Board about a policy regarding homeschooled students being allowed to participate in the High School promenade.

Spencer Talbot – Graduation Date – Spencer Talbot presented as the Senior Class President and requested that the graduation date be moved back to the original date.

Brandi Dickinson – Graduation Date – Brandi thanked the Board and expressed her concerns about the change in the graduation date.

Randy Dickinson – Graduation Date – Randy commented that the Seniors should be allowed to have their day and would like the date changed back to the original date.

Kami Savage – Graduation Date – She commented that she is a teacher and she will have to teach on the same day as graduation day and that will make it harder for her to cover her classes and get to graduation.

6. Superintendent's Report

A. Timeline for new positions

The Superintendent reported that he is waiting for the budget estimates to come in before making any decisions on staffing changes.

7. Board Discussion

A. Whitney Orton Morgan

Curtis Barney introduced the topic – that some community members are seeking a banner to be placed in PHS for her. Superintendent expressed his support for the idea.

Ralph Perkins made a motion to suspend the rules and open discussion on the current year's graduation. The motion was seconded by Myron Cottam. The motion passed 5-0.

Myron Cottam expressed support for moving it back to the original date. April commented that she would also like to see it moved back. Ralph had some discussion about rescinding his previous vote and asked Superintendent what consequences that might cause. Superintendent mentioned that it would have some consequences but nothing insurmountable. Curtis commented that the process was done too quickly and agreed that it should be reversed.

8. Board Business

A. Future Board Items

Lane updated the Board on items for the upcoming meeting and mentioned that budget numbers would be coming in by then and discussion could be had on the various items.

B. Set Next Month's Meeting

The meeting was set for April 20th in Boulder to begin at 3:00 PM.

C. USBA Region Meeting

April reported on the time and place of the upcoming regional meeting and on the content that will be covered in the meeting.

9. Business Administrator Report

A. Construction Updates

Lane updated the Board on the construction progress of Escalante Elementary school. He reported that the project is well ahead of schedule currently.

B. Review M&O Budget Recommendations

Lane reported that this agenda item would be deferred until next meeting while he waits for the budget estimates to come from the State.

C. Capital Projects Prioritization

Lane introduced the capital projects list to the Board and asked them to look it over and he would make it available again at next meeting for more discussion.

10. Public Comment

A. Public Comment

Kami Brinkerhoff – She made comments about the halftime performances policy and that no matter what the Board decides she would prefer that it be applied consistently across the District. She also commented that she is on the Board of the Marathon Committee and wanted to inform the Board that the Marathon Committee has contributed significant funds back to the schools.

11. Board Action Items

A. Washington DC Trip for County

Superintendent introduced the topic and discussed the school fees aspect of allowing the trip across the District. A motion was made by April Lefevre to approve the Washington DC trip across the County. The motion was seconded by Ralph. April made some comments and asked the question whether the children paid for any portion of their trip. A parent in the audience acknowledged that some students costs were paid by the parents. Vote passed 5-0.

B. Bus Purchase Approval

Myron Cottam made a motion to approve the purchase of the bus. The motion was seconded by April. The motion passed 5-0.

- C. First Reading for Policy DHDA - LOC – 01
- D. 2nd Reading of 2023-2024 Fee Schedule
- E. 2nd Reading for Policy for Half-Time Performances
- F. 2nd Reading for BCB - District Belief Statements
- G. 2nd Reading for BCA - District Mission & Vision Statement

Ralph made a motion to approve the readings for items C, D, E, F, and G. The motion was seconded by Curtis Barney. April made some comments on halftime performances and proposed an amendment to the motion to change the language to say "a minimum of \$1,000,000". Ralph accepted the friendly amendment. The motion passed 5-0.

Ralph Perkins made a motion to rescind the motion from the previous meeting and strike from his motion to the 2023 calendar date." The motion was seconded by Curtis Barney. April asked the Superintendent what the next step would be. Superintendent explained some of the next steps. The motion passed 5-0.

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 PM.