

GRAND COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING

DECEMBER 17, 2008

Kaaron Jorgen called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with Board members Kaaron Jorgen, Bryon Walston, Ron Olsen, and Jim Webster present, along with Superintendent Margaret Hopkin, Business Administrator Douglas Cannon, Secretary Becky McCormick, Principals, Sherrie Buckingham, Melinda Snow, Robert Farnsworth, Steve Hren, Special Education Coordinator Taryn Kay, GCEA Representative Flo Saggboy, GEA Representative Ryan Anderson. Also in attendance were Steve Norman, Mrs. Steve Norman, Nikki Hazelett, Kira Wilson, Matz Indergard, Cynthia Indergard, Tom Eyer, Sharon Copeland, Jessica Driskell, David Bryson, Kortnee Graff, Nola Norman, and Kathey McNeely.

Margaret Hopkin led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition

Students of the Month Kira Wilson and Matz Indergard were presented. Blue Ribbon Awards were given Nikki Hazlett, Steve Norman and Maralee Francis for their dedication at Grand County High School Sharon Copeland and Jessica Driskell were presented with Blue Ribbon Awards for their dedication to students at Red Rock Elementary. Sydne Smyth, Kortnee Graff were not in attendance, but received awards for recycling club involvement. Kathey McNeely received Grand District's first SESC "Spotlight" recognition.

Staff Reports

Kaaron asked principals to report first as all principals had to leave the Board meeting for other District obligations.

C. Red Rock Principal, Sherrie Buckingham reported that Michael Herbert met with all the blocks about progress with tiered instruction. Red Rock will be administering DIBELS testing in January. Helen M. Knight Principal, Robert Farnsworth said that cookie dough sales were very successful. Jan Mefret, para educator at HMK had just undergone hip surgery. Melinda Snow, Middle School Principal reported that Middle School students are now connected to Rosetta Stone and all are signed up to study/learn a second language. Middle School has redesigned their website to a "kid friendly" site. Character Ed classes going well at the Middle School. Colin Fryer, Mary Manley, Dave Sakrison and Rob Sweeten have presented to the students.

D. Ryan Burraston, Student Board Member reported that he set up an enormous Christmas tree in the Commons at the High School. Student advocacy meeting have started at the High School focusing on bullying and harassment.

B. Doug Cannon, Business Administrator reported that the MHTN contract was completed. The audit was completed. The Bonds for our new elementary and votec were sold on Wednesday, November 12. The District has received money from the sale of the bonds. The money is in a interest bearing PTIF account.

F. Other, Taryn Kay reported that UBSCT results are back and that juniors are passing the writing assessment. Taryn commented that in the December 2008 issue of the Utah Special Educator Magazine

there is an article by Tom Edwards entitled "The Value of Meditation in Schools". Taryn also reported that an anonymous donation of \$20,000 was made to Red Rock's room 6 (special education room). One item that will be purchased is a motorized wheel chair.

III. A. Superintendent Margaret Hopkin presented the Board Calendar for the 2009 year; to be placed under Action Items.

B. Business Administrator, Doug Cannon reported that the Audit had been sent to the State. The State has a billion dollar deficit. According to the State, we are looking a 3-7% cuts in the District's budget for next year. Mr. Cannon also referred the Board to the "Resolution" in the Information Packet. Our District has one employee who belongs to the Contributory Utah State Retirement. This Resolution is required by the State each year.

E. Tom Eyler and Ryan Anderson representing GEA both spoke on alliance with other districts, boards and associations to communicate the importance of funding education to our legislators. Ryan Anderson also reported that the "One Time Performance Based Compensation" incentive funds initiated by the Legislature are no longer available. Margaret Hopkin said she had emailed Deputy Superintendent Larry Shumway about the One Time Performance Based Compensation funds and had not received a reply. Flo Saggboy representing GCEA said that she and John West would be meeting over the Christmas break with Past President Patty Jones to publish the first GCEA newsletter.

IV. Information and Reports. A. Board Goals: Kaaron Jorgen reported that the 2009-2010 Board Goals in the Board packet are in line to be voted on in January. Board members were encouraged to take them home and read for revisions and to discuss and vote on in January Board Meeting. B. Calendars for the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 in Information Package were discussed and moved to Action Items. C. Capital Outlay for 2009-2010: Margaret Hopkin said she had a meeting with Administrators and department heads to create a list of Capital Outlay items that were either on a new or want list. The health and safety items will be attended to first. D. Master Planning Update: Jim Webster reported that MHTN Architects and Hogan Contractors were to be here December 18. The agenda was get acquainted with MHTN and Hogan from 1:00 – 3:30. At 3:30 look at elementary design. On December 19 from 8:00 to noon look at votec design. Jim Webster said we need give a presentation to the community soon with the Master Plan Update. We also need to update the District Website. Dan McNeil will be contacted on the Website. Margaret Hopkin reported that she had a lengthy conversation with local contractors John Redd Johnston and Rick McElhaney on December 16. The two local contractor expressed concerns about bidding on sub contracts. Margaret Hopkin felt it was a positive meeting. She may meet with the local contractors association in January. Jim Webster referred Board to two letters he had drafted to be sent to the Governor, Senators, Representatives, CEU President, Education Deputy, Utah Commission of Higher Education.

VI. Consent Agenda. A. Bryon Walston made a motion to accept the minutes of the November 19, 2008 minutes as amended. Ron Olsen seconded the motion. In favor of the motion were: Kaaron Jorgen, Bryon Walston, Ron Olsen, and Jim Webster. The motion passed.

VII. Action Items: A. Policy 2510 – Parent Involvement. Bryon Walston made a motion to accept the policy with clarifications, Jim Webster seconded the motion. In favor of the motion were: Kaaron Jorgen, Bryon Walston, Ron Olsen, and Jim Webster. The motion passed. B. Policy 7000 – Nutrition. Jim Webster made a motion to accept the policy as posted, Ron Olsen seconded the motion. In favor of the motion were: Kaaron Jorgen, Bryon Walston, Ron Olsen, and Jim Webster. The motion passed. C. Policy 6090 – Work Based Learning. Jim Webster made a motion to accept the policy as posted, Bryon Walston seconded the motion. In favor of the motion were: Kaaron Jorgen, Bryon Walston, Ron Olsen, and Jim Webster. The motion passed. Bryon Walston made a motion to accept Resolution 01 regarding Contributory Retirement benefits. Ron Olsen seconded the motion. In favor of the motion were: Kaaron Jorgen, Bryon Walston, Ron Olsen, and Jim Webster. The motion passed. Ron Olsen made a motion to accept the calendars for the 2090-2010 and 2010-2011 school years. Bryon Walston seconded the motion. In favor of the motion were: Kaaron Jorgen, Bryon Walston, Ron Olsen, and Jim Webster. The motion passed. Ron Olsen made a motion to accept amended Board meeting dates for the 2009 year. Jim Webster seconded the motion. In favor of the motion were: Kaaron Jorgen, Bryon Walston, Ron Olsen, and Jim Webster. The motion passed.

At 7:50 p.m. Bryon Walston made a motion to go into executive session to discuss legal and personnel matters. Jim Webster seconded the motion. In favor of the motion were: Kaaron Jorgen, Bryon Walston, Ron Olsen, and Jim Webster. The motion passed.

EXECUTION SESSION

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Present in Executive session were Kaaron Jorgen, Bryon Walson, Ron Olsen, Jim Webster, Margaret Hopkin and Douglas Cannon.

