

## GRAND COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

**REGULAR MEETING**

**SEPTEMBER 16, 2009**

Kaaron Jorgen called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with Board members Kaaron Jorgen, Bryon Walston, Jim Webster, Ron Olsen – by telephone, Deb Hren present, along with Superintendent Margaret Hopkin, Robert Farnsworth, Richard Clark, Secretary Becky McCormick, High School Board Representative Kim Brand, High School Principal Steve Hren, Middle School Principal Melinda Snow and Helen M. Knight Principal Brandy Shumway. Also present were Tailor Talbot, Carol Stephenson, Diana Carroll, Bruce Hucko, Peggy Harty, Caleb Shumway, Miranda Shumway, John West, Arlajean Paskett, Dan McNeil, Charlie Englemen and Megan Moore.

Kaaron Jorgen asked for a few moments of silence in remembrance of Doug Cannon. Kaaron also thanked Robert Farnsworth for coming to the District Office as temporary Business Administrator and thanked Brandy Shumway for taking the position of Helen M. Knight Principal.

Robert Farnsworth led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **RECOGNITION**

Bryon Walston presented Carol Stephenson with a Blue Ribbon Award for her diligence in providing a quality media center for students and staff. Jim Webster presented Dan McNeil and Stephanie Dahlstrom for providing District students with exemplary after school opportunities.

Kim Brand, High School Board Representative was welcomed. Steve Hren recognized Kim Brand and Caleb Shumway as Student's of the Month.

### **PRESENTATION**

Red Rock Art Coach, Bruce Hucko presented to the Board that the four year art grant may be reduced to a two year grant. This grant is for the art coach position for Bruce at Red Rock. Superintendent Hopkin thanked and commended Bruce for his work in the schools starting years ago. She remarked how Bruce is able to pull expression from students.

### **STAFF REPORTS**

Superintendent Hopkin reported that the State Superintendent Larry Shumway would like to align state and district goals. The Arnel bus stop situation is in the hands of the County Engineer Mark Wright. Mark Wright and Steve White are composing a letter to the District with their determination. The District is to sign whether we are, or are not in agreement with their decision. The O'Neil's will receive a copy of the County's letter. Margaret sent a letter to the Multi Cultural center regarding their request for a district modular. In the letter she said it was too early to make any decisions on the modulars that would be vacated due to new schools.

Robert Farnsworth, acting Business Administrator thanked Richard Clark for his training. Robert talked to Chapman and Cutler regarding the upcoming tax anticipation note. The Board needs to schedule a special meeting to adopt the note. The worst case scenario is 1.6 million.

High School Principal, Steve Hren reported that fall sports are in full swing, and doing very well. The staff evaluation process has started. Last Friday the first incentives program for students began and was well attended.

Middle School Principal, Melinda Snow referred the Board to a parent letter sent home. There was a good turnout for Back to School Night. Community Council met and discussed possible budget changes. Middle School students attended an anti bullying assembly. The Beacon after school tutoring program is very powerful. Food and fun will be provided for mid-term conferences.

Helen M. Knight Principal, Brandy Shumway reported Knights of the Math Table will take on a new look this year. James Maxwell is student of the month. This Friday they will have a Senior Read-a-thon. Next week is ITBS.

Kim Brand, High School Board Representative reported that Homecoming was the week of September 21<sup>st</sup>.

Peggy Harty, GEA representative reported that UEA is October 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Peggy thanked the Board for keeping UEA on the school calendar

John West, GCEA representative said that GEA and Bryon Christenson are helping stifle the rumor mill about classified employees being terminated due to budget restraints. Superintendent Hopkin offered her help in this matter.

#### **INFORMATION AND REPORTS**

**Master Planning:** Miles Nelson with CEU talked about CEU/USU Merger – having a comprehensive regional college. This should be finalized by December 1, 2009. Miles gave Board members a draft of the project description for “Moab Community Learning Center”. CEU will not submit February CIB applications. The Board needs to make a resolution before November 1, 2009 stating yes we need to be on the CIB list. There will be CIB training in Moab on October 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at the County Court House. There will also be one in Price at 10:30 am on October 8<sup>th</sup>. CEU is planning to ask legislature for funding for leasing the old vocational center. Jim Webster asked Miles Nelson if CEU is planning on using old vocational building next year; Miles answered yes.

**Voted Leeway:** Diana Carroll, County Clerk was in attendance and said the voted leeway could go on the November ballot. It will cost considerably less than last time it was on the ballot. County and District would share the costs. Von Horton with USOE will send the wording for the ballot. This item is moved to Action Items.

**Extra Curricular Coach Ethic:** Ron Dolphin presented to the Board a “Coach/Advisor Code of Conduct agreement.

**Schedule Public Forum:** The Board talked about ways to inform the public. This item was moved to Advance Planning.

**Negotiations Update:** GEA and GCEA are requesting step and lane. GEA met with Board representatives and Margaret Hopkin on September 15, 2009. The next meeting planned for GEA and Board is October 14, 2009 with a federal mediator.

**School Resource Officer:** Jim Webster said he and police chief Mike Navarre discussed what the position of School Resource Officer would look like. Jim Webster found an article in an FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin regarding school resource officer that he would like to share with the Board. Officer Navarre said funding for an officer is challenging.

**Selection of Auditor:** Two RFP's for an auditor were submitted. Squire and Company for \$17,000 and Hayie and Company for \$28,400. The item was moved to Action Items.

**H1N1:** State Health Department nurses were here in Moab and at the District Office on September 9, 2009 for a school update on H1N1. Margaret described procedures if there was an outbreak of H1N1. The Health Department was impressed with our interagency team.

**Delegations:** None

**Consent Agenda:** Deb Hren made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda with corrections. A resignation letter from Mario Perez Chairez was also accepted. Jim Webster seconded the motion. In favor of the motion were Kaaron Jorgen, Bryon Walston, Ron Olsen, Deb Hren, and Jim Webster. The motion passed.

**Action Items:** Jim Webster made a motion to accept Policy 6940 – Emergency Preparedness and Response. Bryon Walston seconded the motion. In favor of the motion were Kaaron Jorgen, Bryon Walston, Ron Olsen, Deb Hren, and Jim Webster. The motion passed.

Jim Webster made a motion to place the Voted Leeway on the November ballot. Deb Hren seconded the motion. In favor of the motion were Kaaron Jorgen, Bryon Walston, Ron Olsen, Deb Hren, and Jim Webster. The motion passed.

Bryon Walston made a motion to employ Squire and Company for our auditors. Ron Olsen seconded the motion. In favor of the motion were Kaaron Jorgen, Bryon Walston, Ron Olsen, Deb Hren, and Jim Webster. The motion passed.

Bryon Walston made a motion to renew Superintendent Hopkin's contract for two years. Deb Hren seconded the motion. In favor of the motion were Kaaron Jorgen, Bryon Walston, Ron Olsen, Deb Hren, and Jim Webster. The motion passed.

**Communications:** Bryon Walston would like to have the financial report summary only included in the Board Packet, not the entire report.

Jim Webster as a point of interest commented on Ryan Anderson's letter.

USBA will meet at the Moab Brewery on September 24, 2009 at noon.

#### **ADVANCE PLANNING**

Mon., Sept. 21; Tax Anticipation Meeting	3 p.m.	D.O.
Thurs., Sept. 24; USBA Meeting	noon	Moab Brewery
Tues., Oct. 13; Board Work Session – Talk about forum	3 p.m.	D.O.
Tue., Oct. 20; Red Rock Site Visit	noon	Red Rock
Wed., Oct. 28; Mossie White "What Counts"	7:00-9:00 pm	D.O.

At 8:45 Jim Webster made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss legal and personnel issues. Deb Hren seconded the motion. In favor of the motion were Kaaron Jorgen, Bryon Walston, Ron Olsen, Deb Hren, and Jim Webster. The motion passed.

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**SEPTEMBER 16, 2009**

There were no Action Items.

The Executive Session ended at 9:56 pm.