

GRAND COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 21, 2009

The meeting began at 6:00, preceded by an Open Forum beginning at 5:30 pm. In attendance were Kaaron Jorgen, Ron Olsen by telephone, Deb Hren and Jim Webster, along with Superintendent Margaret Hopkin, secretary Becky McCormick. Also in attendance were Howard McPherson, Peggy Harty, Brandy Shumway, Chuck Henderson, Matthew Hoppensteadt, Connie Wilson, Paula Dalton, James Walston, John Knowles, Kellie Warden, Karen McKinlay-Jones, Greg Child, Taryn Kay, Flo Saggboy, Rob Welch, Denise Birmingham, Stephen Hren, Arlajean Paskett, Melinda Snow, and John West.

Deb Hren led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

RECOGNITIONS:

Students of the month were Audrey Baird and Eric Wermuth. Blue Ribbon Awards were given to Superintendent Margaret Hopkin, Financial Advisor Richard Clark, Business Administrator Robert Farnsworth and the School Board, Kaaron Jorgen, Bryon Walston, Ron Olsen, Deb Hren, and Jim Webster from the High School Community Council for shouldering the burden of the District's financial situation.

STAFF REPORTS:

Superintendent Hopkin said she was calling an emergency meeting of all Community Councils on September, 29, 2009 at 3:30 at the District Office.

District Construction Manager, Rob Welch said everything was going good on the construction of the new buildings. The new vocational building is at 29% completion. The asbestos RPS came in higher than expected. Rob talked with Hogan and they will hopefully work with the demolition company concerning the asbestos removal. The fire sprinkling system at the new elementary did not meet bid specifications. It did meet code. The system that meets the bid will be installed.

Taryn Kay, Testing Director said UBSCCT testing is underway at the High School for juniors and seniors. The Iowa test results are in.

Brandy Shumway, Helen M. Knight Principal said they are having an assembly tomorrow on Math Magic. October 29 is crazy hair day. The staff will be taking tours of the new school.

Melinda Snow, Middle School Principal handed out a Board Report in which Canyon Lands Field Experience, Middle School sports, Beacon, Emergency Training, and calendar items were addressed.

Steve Hren, High School Principal reported UBSCCT make up testing and Algebra II students are taking core tests. Cross County took fifth place at state. Football at Beaver. ACT Saturday and soccer of finished. Volleyball plays Monticello and golf is over.

GEA representative, Peggy Harty echoed the support for the Blue Ribbon Awards. The 4% salary cuts are a big morale issue. The Association supports getting public education funding adequate. There is a general membership meeting tomorrow. Mike Kelly with UEA is coming to Moab.

GCEA representatives, John West, Flo Saggboy and Brian Sprague GECA regional rep met with Superintendent Hopkin and Jim Webster regarding district financial situation. General membership meeting next Wednesday at the District Office. Superintendent Hopkin will be in attendance.

Business Administrator Robert Farnsworth is in Salt Lake in training. State reports on District finance are available.

INFORMATION AND REPORTS

A. Dog Park Information: John Geiger and Randy Zimmerman representing City of Moab are interested in partnering with the District for a Dog Park in Moab using District property adjacent to the High School and Millcreek Walkway. A handout was given to the Board with specific details and information.

B. New Votech Expansion – CIB Listing: Resolution - Jim Webster suggested we not submit to CIB an application this year. Utah State and CEU merger is proceeding on fruitful basis. He suggested we wait a year while Utah State and CEU sort things out. We will have a better chance if unified. The Board and Superintendent agreed with Jim Webster's recommendation.

C. AYP/UPASS Report – USOE requires Taryn Kay, Testing Director to present to the Board AYP and UPASS results. Taryn handed out to Board members detailed test results.

D. Selection of Asbestos Abatement Firm – no recommendation.

E. UHSAA: Board of Trustees Position Open – Deb Hren may be interested in the position. Ron Olsen also recommended that Bryon Walston would be a good candidate for the position.

F. District Financial Condition – Superintendent Hopkin talked about the Open Forum preceding this meeting. Margaret has created a draft of district budget cuts of what will likely happen: 1) if the bond passes and 2) if the bond does not pass.

G. Voted Leeway Election – moved to Action Items.

H. Furlough Days (2) Calendar: Days discussed to furlough were November 25, Martin Luther King Day (January 18), and May 18. The Board asked for GEA and GCEA's input. This was moved to Action Items.

DELEGATIONS – none.

CONSENT AGENDA – Deb Hren made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 16, 2009 Board Meeting. Ron Olsen seconded the motion. In favor of the motion were Kaaron Jorgen, Ron Olsen, Deb Hren and Jim Webster. The motion passed. The September 30, 2009 Board minutes to be approved were moved to the November 18, 2009 Board meeting for approval.

ACTION ITEMS – Ron Olsen made a motion that the 2 additional furlough days be November 25, 2009 and January 18, 2010 (Martin Luther King Day). Jim Webster seconded the motion. In favor of the motion were Kaaron Jorgen, Ron Olsen, Deb Hren and Jim Webster. The motion passed. Jim Webster said we need to get this information out to staff and the community as soon as possible.

REPORTS - Deb Hren thanked the District staff for the continued support. Kaaron Jorgen echoed Deb's remarks.

ADVANCE PLANNING – October 26th meeting was postponed until November. Regional Public Educational Leadership Roundtable meeting in Price on October 29th.

At 7:39 pm Kaaron Jorgen made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss legal and personnel matters. Deb Hren seconded the motion. In favor of the motion was Kaaron Jorgen, Ron Olsen, Deb Hren and Jim Webster. The motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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