

## GRAND COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATIONS

### REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 21, 2011

Annie Larsen led in the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance were Jim Webster, Bryon Walston, Ron Olsen, Deb Hren, Beth Joseph, Zak Hazlett, Superintendent Margaret Hopkin, Business Administrator Robert Farnsworth, and Secretary Becky McCormick. Audience attendance was Arlajean Paskett, Stephen Hren, Sarah Henderson, Kevin Lange, Melodie McCandless, Charli Englehorn, Jennifer McKay, Cari Caylor and Kate Cannon.

### Delegations

Annie Larsen representing Grand Education Foundation presented to the Board a fundraiser, an Adult Spelling Bee, using the High School Auditorium. Teams pay an entrance fee. Proceeds go to the Grand Education Foundation.

### Presentations

Jennifer McKay, advisor for FCCLA requested from the Board permission for out of state travel for FCCLA state representative Juniper Roman to travel to Washington DC for FCCLA's national conference. Juniper has been fundraising. CTE will help with travel expense, but no other costs will be incurred to the District.

### Staff Reports

Superintendent Hopkin reported that the Health and Wellness Committee needed to be convened to review policy and revise if needed. The Board is invited to Helen M. Knight Elementary on October 4<sup>th</sup> for lunch - Chicken Pot Pie, a new recipe that went over well with the students. The Board received an invitation to the Grand Opening of the Bark Park on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. USBA Regional meeting is on October 11<sup>th</sup> at the Sunset Grill at 6:00 pm. Margaret gave a handout to the Board on enrollment figures. Margaret pointed out to the Board Taryn Kay's recognition by Utah SCPD Consortium.

Business Administrator Robert Farnsworth gave the Board the APR (Annual Program Report). Robert attended a USBA meeting last week with Senator Stevenson attending. Items discussed were doing away with collective bargaining, HB301. Howard Stevenson noted that there are problems with backpack funding.

Helen M. Knight K-3 Principal Sherrie Buckingham gave the Board HMK's Goal Progress Report. She also handed to the Board last year's data on the Skills Program. HMK has an intern social worker assisting in the Skills Program. Helen M. Knight 4-6 Principal Taryn Kay talked about the donation that provided funding for an additional third grade teacher. Taryn noted that the kindergarten playground needs shade. She is investigating options.

Middle School Principal, Melinda Snow reported the staff is working on the common core. Enrollment is up by 16 in the past couple of weeks. Middle School activities have included bullying assemblies, Character Ed as a follow up to the DARE program. Moab Music Festival performed; and Friday awards for grades C and above. After school programs have begun.

High School Principal Stephen Hren reported that the staff is working on preparing for the six year review for Accreditation in April and trying to mix this with working on the common core. Still no auto shop teacher. No interested applicants.

Student Representative Zak Hazlett reported that the Welcome Back Assembly had a lot of spirit. Goals for this year are keeping up student morale. Zak talked about the leadership conference that student council went to last summer. He said it was very organized and they learned a lot to bring back to the student body. The theme for this year is "Have a Rockin' year".

GEA Representative Arlajean Paskett said they were having a meet and greet breakfast with UEA leadership at Helen M. Knight on September 27<sup>th</sup> at 7 am.

Robert Farnsworth reported that we have some concerns with PEHP Insurance denying claims.

### **Information and Reports**

CEFPI Design and Planning Nomination (HMK) The James MacConnell Award –MHTN and GCSD did not win but it was a remarkable experience, with Helen M. Knight being a quarter finalist.

District AYP/UPASS Test Scores – Taryn Kay Testing Director reported that HMK made AYP and UPASS, Middle School didn't make AYP because of one sub-group of students with disabilities; but did make UPASS. High School made AYP and UPASS.

Master Plan - Facilities and Land Update – Jim Webster reported that we are waiting on a MOU with Utah State Eastern for the remodel of the old votech building. We cannot start work until the agreement is signed. Robert Farnsworth said the engineer came down and made recommendations on the project. Robert Farnsworth said we will use rec funds for the new parking area adjacent to the soccer field. Testing for asbestos for Red Rock has been requested to see if we will have to do an abatement. High School restrooms, the first group to be tiled will be completed following UEA weekend which is October 20 & 21. During Christmas break the 2<sup>nd</sup> group of restrooms to be tiled will be completed.

Middle School restroom renovation – Robert Farnsworth reported frustration with Greg and Associates Architects. They received plans on July 15 and bid documents finally came in last week. Robert had another architect look at the plans and reported twenty four concerns. Robert suggested we step back and re bid.

Internal Control – Robert Farnsworth reported that a Board sub-committee is reviewing employee contract data entry.

CRS Sundwall Center Office Lease – Early Intervention will be leasing the modular at 190 E. 1<sup>st</sup> N. John Robson is looking over the lease.

NSBA Conference 2012 – Jim Webster proposed that we send Beth Joseph to this conference. There is a small travel account for Board travel and training that can cover this. Approximate cost is \$2,500.

District Strategic Planning – Jim Webster said that now that the financial crisis behind us, we need to refocus and look to the future. Jim gave the Board a handout to the effect. Jim mentioned bringing in Mosse White – “What Counts”.

### **Consent Agenda**

Bryon Walston made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda with corrections. Ron Olsen seconded the motion. In favor of the motion were Jim Webster, Bryon Walston, Ron Olsen, Deb Hren and Beth Joseph. The motion passed.

Ron Olsen made a motion to accept the Personnel Consent Agenda. Deb Hren seconded the motion. In favor of the motion were Jim Webster, Bryon Walston, Ron Olsen, Deb Hren and Beth Joseph. The motion passed.

### **Action Items**

Bryon Walston made a motion to allow Out of State Travel for Juniper Roman. Deb Hren seconded the motion. In favor of the motion were Jim Webster, Bryon Walston, Ron Olsen, Deb Hren and Beth Joseph. The motion passed.

### **Communications**

Deb Hren said there seems to be a lot of confusion about the new attendance policy.

Beth Joseph noted she was glad she went to the leadership conference. Creating a board handbook was a workshop she attended. The Community Action Coalition – some buzz over students participating in Active Shooter Drill on October 15<sup>th</sup>. Grand Education Foundation: concerns on ability to designate where they are donating.

Bryon Walston reported he attended negotiations meeting last Monday. They were reviewing sick leave policy.

Ron Olsen reported they (GEA and Board representative) are working on protocol to approve policies.

Jim Webster talked about the donation Utah State University received and gave the Board a handout of the design of the new facility.

### **Advance Planning**

Executive Session September 28<sup>th</sup> with John Robison  
October 4<sup>th</sup> – Board Work Session  
November 10<sup>th</sup> - Adult Spelling Bee

At 9:19 pm Bryon Walston made a motion to go into Executive Session. Deb Hren seconded the motion. In favor of the motion were Jim Webster, Bryon Walston, Ron Olsen, Deb Hren and Beth Joseph. The motion passed.

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**SEPTEMBER 21, 2011**

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**REGULAR SESSION**

At 10:10 the Board went into Regular Session

**Action Items**

Ron Olsen made a motion to allow 3 days additional leave for Carolyn Noyes. Beth Joseph seconded the motion. In favor of the motion were Jim Webster, Bryon Walston, Ron Olsen and Beth Joseph. Opposed to the motion was Deb Hren. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:14 pm.