

MINUTES

MORGAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT PLANNING AND BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, January 12, 2016, District Office 4:00 p.m.

Present:

Board Members: President Ken Durrant, Vice President Mark Farmer, Neil Carrigan, Ted Taylor, Ron Blunck, Student Board Member Jacob Rice

District Staff: Superintendent Doug Jacobs, Business Administrator D'Lynn Poll, Secretary Denise Rich

Other Staff and Patrons: Jackie Rutherford, Blaine Fackrell, Kelli Cox, Rhonda Ball, Karen Wescott, Jennie Earl, Donald Jamison, Dorothy G. Jamison, Greg Wescott, Wade Murdock, Gina Stuart, Tim Wolff, Heidi Andreasen

Planning Meeting:

The planning meeting was held to discuss options and solutions to issues facing the district because of aging buildings and increasing enrollment.

Bonding and/or a Capital Lease were discussed as funding options. Moving existing portables to Morgan Middle School and Mountain Green Elementary School is a possibility to solve immediate needs. The south end of the high school needs a fire suppression system. There are boiler problems at both the high school and the middle school. Board members want to focus on immediate needs as well as future needs.

The cost to renovate, move portables and/or purchase new portables will be discussed at the February board meeting.

There will be another planning meeting at 4:00 p.m. prior to the February 9, 2016 board meeting.

Regular Board Meeting:

Welcome/Pledge/Prayer:

President Ken Durrant welcomed everyone. Vice President Farmer led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the prayer.

Consent Agenda:

MOTION: Ron Blunck made a motion to approve the consent agenda.

SECOND: The motion was seconded by Vice President Farmer.

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion.

APPROVAL: The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment:

No one signed up to speak during the public comment portion of the meeting.

Superintendent's Report:

Employees of the Month

Mountain Green Elementary School Reading Teacher Jackie Rutherford and Mountain Green Elementary Assistant Secretary, Kara Nelson were honored as January Employees of the Month.

Adult Education Graduate

Blaine Fackrell, adult education director, presented a diploma to Karen Elizabeth Wescott.

Utah Core Standards – Language Arts Grades 7-8

Morgan Middle School Teacher Kelli Cox appreciates the Utah Core Standards. Teacher Rhonda Ball has taught the old core and the new Core Standards are more exciting and more specific for each grade.

USBA Conference

Administration and board members attended the USBA Conference. There were classes on Parliamentary Procedure, social media, risk management, finance, etc. They all felt the Conference was very informative.

Business Administrator's Report:

Wasatch Controls

Technicians from Wasatch Controls will attend the February board meeting to update board members on the condition of the boilers at the high school and middle school.

Discussion Items:

Credit for Graduation

The Policy Committee made recommendations to the Credit for Graduation policy and those recommendations have been added. The policy opens up avenues in the way credit is given to all students including homeschooled students.

District Calendar

Four different options of the 2016-17 calendar were reviewed by teachers, administrators, community councils and others. Option 2 was the most preferred option but each calendar received some votes. It will be approved at the February board meeting after principals and secretaries have included dates for parent/teacher conferences, end of quarters and trimesters.

Approval Items:

Home School Applications

MOTION: Neil Carrigan made a motion to approve the home school applications.

SECOND: Ron Blunck seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

APPROVAL: The motion passed unanimously.

Board of Education Meeting Dates

MOTION: Vice President Farmer made a motion to approve the 2016 Board of Education Meeting Dates.

SECOND: Ron Blunck seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion.

APPROVAL: The motion passed unanimously.

Request for Leave

Superintendent Jacobs made a recommendation that the Board not approve Leaves of Absence for district employees beyond one year. He feels it is an unwise business practice.

MOTION: Ron Blunck made a motion to not approve Leaves of Absence beyond one year.

SECOND: The motion was seconded by Vice President Mark Farmer.

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion.

APPROVAL: The motion passed unanimously.

Board Member Committee/School Visit Reports

Board members reported on their visits to the schools, transportation department and their committee assignments.

Advanced Planning for Upcoming Events

Legislative Session Begins January 25, 2016

Board members are invited to attend on Fridays with the Superintendent and Business Administrator.

Board Member Assignments for February

President Durrant – MES

Vice President Farmer – MGES

Neil Carrigan – MHS

Ted Taylor – MMS

Ron Blunck – Transportation

Adjournment

MOTION: Vice President Farmer made a motion to adjourn.

SECOND: The motion was seconded by Ron Blunck.

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion.

APPROVAL: The motion passed unanimously.

Business Administrator D'Lynn Poll