

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 21, 2019

Board Meeting

The Murray City School Board met in a regular board meeting on February 21, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. In attendance were Kami Anderson, Jaren Cooper, Glo Merrill, Belinda Johnson, Elizabeth Payne, Jennifer Covington, Superintendent, and Richard Reese, Business Administrator. The meeting was held at the District office, located at 5102 South Commerce Drive, Murray, UT.

Pledge of Allegiance

The audience was led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Troop 4822.

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda included Approval of Minutes – January 17, 2019 and January 31, 2019, claims and financial reports. Jaren Cooper made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Glo Merrill seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Delegations

PTA – Becca Westenskow, President at Hillcrest Junior High School, addressed the Board about activities and fundraisers at the school.

MEA – Mark Durfey, MEA President, made a statement regarding school fees and encouraged the board to be conservative and prudent regarding the impact of funding on salaries and benefits.

MASA – No comments.

MESPA – No comments.

Foundation – Jeanne Habel reminded the Board of the Pinnacle Awards on March 14, 2019.

Patron Statements

None

Report of the Board

Kami Anderson – Ms. Anderson attended the district science fair and made note of the large number of volunteers in the district.

Glo Merrill– Ms. Merrill said that she has enjoyed attending school community council meetings. She made mention of two bills on vaping/tobacco that would raise the legal smoking age and increase the sales tax on tobacco.

Elizabeth Payne – Ms. Payne said she spent the previous Friday on Capitol Hill for meetings. She enjoyed announcing the Pinnacle awards winners at their schools.

Jaren Cooper – Mr. Cooper commented that he was pleased to hear about the Hillcrest Junior High school solution to behavioral issues.

Belinda Johnson – Ms. Johnson enjoyed the USBA Board Leadership training event. She encouraged legislators to put children first.

Superintendent Contract Renewal

Jaren Cooper made a motion to extend Superintendent Covington’s contract from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021. Belinda Johnson seconded the motion which was approved with a unanimous vote.

Report of the Staff

Teaching and Learning – Scott Bushnell

CTE Month Recognition – Mr. Bushnell presented Brady Smith, Work-Based Learning Coordinator, Jackie Martin, MHS Automotive Teacher, and Chantelle Olson, CTE Coordinator, who made presentations to the Board regarding their roles in the CTE program.

ADM 225 Parent and Family Engagement Policy Revision – 1st Reading – Mr. Bushnell presented a first reading of this policy.

Tuition-Based Supplemental Kindergarten Pilot – Missy Hamilton, Elementary Director of Teaching and Learning, presented a plan to offer a pilot program of tuition-based full day kindergarten at Longview Elementary. The plan requires that 24 students be registered in a class before it is made available. After some discussion, the Board requested that the pilot be made available at Viewmont Elementary as well.

Personnel and Student Services – Darren Dean


Tobacco Free Environment Policy – 1st Reading – Mr. Dean presented a rewrite of the district’s tobacco policy as a first reading.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT – Jennifer Covington, Superintendent

Liberty Elementary School Land Trust Plan Amendment - Superintendent Covington provided an updated plan for Liberty Elementary. Belinda Johnson made a motion to accept the updated plan. Jaren Cooper seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

The Board was polled and unanimous in conducting a closed session for personnel and property issues at 6:45 p.m.

The Board meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.



Board President – Kami Anderson



Business Administrator – Richard Reese