

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 11, 2019

Board Meeting

The Murray City School Board met in a regular board meeting on April 11, 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 1332.

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda included Approval of Minutes – March 14, 2019, claims and financial reports. Elizabeth Payne made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Glo Merrill seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Delegations

PTA – Marci Muszynski, President at Riverview Junior High, and student council members addressed the Board about activities and fundraisers at the school.

MEA – No comments.

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MESPA – No comments.

Foundation – Jeanne Habel, President, reported on the Pinnacle Awards Gala that was held in March. She thanked AnnMarie Nielsen, Jeannette Bowen, and Dana Adams for their efforts.

Patron Statements – Two Horizon Elementary parents, Teresa Flores and David McCarty, spoke to the Board regarding concerns with the school breakfast program and the nutritional value of foods served for breakfast.

Report of the Board

Kami Anderson – Ms. Anderson commented on her experience at the National School Boards Conference in Philadelphia. She focused on sessions that addressed social/emotional learning.

Glo Merrill– Ms. Merrill said that she appreciated the 2019-20 School Trustland plans and how well prepared they were. She also commented on her NSBA experiences and that she focused on equality and equity in education. Everyone needs opportunity.

Elizabeth Payne – Ms. Payne said that she focused on new school board member “Boot Camp” sessions, after school programs, and equity in hiring at the NSBA Conference.

Jaren Cooper – Mr. Cooper was appreciative of the opportunity to attend the NSBA Conference. He focused on information technology in the classrooms and how it impacts learning.

Belinda Johnson – Ms. Johnson was pleased with how the Pinnacle Awards Gala showed off the students’ talents with the food preparation and musical performances. Her NSBA experiences helped her to understand the need for students to learn empathy in school.

Report of the Staff

Teaching and Learning – Scott Bushnell, Wendy Sanders, and Kelli Kercher

Comprehensive Guidance Report – Wendy Sanders, Murray High School, spoke to the Board regarding the district Comprehensive Guidance Program.

Overnight Trip Request – Scott Bushnell, Assistant Superintendent, presented two requests by the FBLA club for a national competition and the Yearbook staff for training. Jaren Cooper made a motion to approve the requests. Elizabeth Payne seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Requests to do Research – Kelli Kercher, SPED Director, presented two requests by Danny Piper, University of Utah, to study Navajo Language teaching and Olivia Coleman, University of Utah, to study IEPs. Glo Merrill made a motion to approve the requests. Belinda Johnson seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Business Administrator – Richard Reese

Lease Revenue Bonds

Mr. Reese updated the Board regarding the interest rate reset of six lease revenue bonds on April 25, 2019. He recommended that the Board allow the interest rate to reset for five additional years. As per the contract, the Board can pay off any/all bonds at any time with no prepayment

penalty. Allowing the rates to reset allows maximum flexibility in the use of capital funds. Belinda Johnson made a motion to allow the rates to reset. Jaren Cooper seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT – Jennifer Covington, Superintendent

Hillcrest Junior High School Land Trust FY19 Plan Amendment - Superintendent Covington provided an updated plan for Hillcrest. Jaren Cooper made a motion to accept the updated plan. Belinda Johnson seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

Horizon Elementary School Land Trust FY19 Plan Amendment - Superintendent Covington provided an updated plan for Horizon. Belinda Johnson made a motion to accept the updated plan. Elizabeth Payne seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

2019-20 School Land Trust Plans - Superintendent Covington presented the 2019-20 plans for all schools. Jaren Cooper made a motion to accept the plans. Belinda Johnson seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

PS 428:2019-20 Fees, Textbooks, and Supplies – 2nd Reading.


Superintendent Covington presented the policy as a second reading. Glo Merrill made a motion to accept the policy. Elizabeth Payne seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

PS 430: Overnight Excursions – 2nd Reading

Superintendent Covington presented the 2019-20 overnight travel requests. Belinda Johnson made a motion to accept the policy with the amendment to allow the MHS Drill team two days of missed school, not the requested three days. Elizabeth Payne seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

The Board was polled at 6:17 p.m. to convene in closed session. The polling was unanimous.

The Board meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.



Board President – Kami Anderson



Business Administrator – Richard Reese