

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 9, 2019

Board Meeting

The Murray City School Board met in a regular board meeting on May 9, 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 Viewmont Elementary students.

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda included Approval of Minutes – April 11 and 25, 2019, claims and financial reports, SP911 Anti-Discrimination Grievance Procedures – 2nd Reading, and IN 340 Wellness Policy – 2nd Reading. Jaren Cooper made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Elizabeth Payne seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Staff Awards

Teacher of the Year – Scott Bushnell, Assistant Superintendent, presented Kathy Beesley, Viewmont 3rd Grade, as Teacher of the Year.

Classified Employee of the Year – Rock Boyer, Director of Auxiliary Services, presented Cris Westerfield, Parkside Elementary ESL Para, as the Classified Employee of the Year.

Delegations

PTA – Kristen Woodbury, President at Viewmont Elementary, and students addressed the Board about activities and fundraisers at the school.

MEA – Mark Durfey, President, said that MEA appreciated the support of the PTA and district administration during teacher week. He also spoke of appreciation for support from classified personnel

MASA – No comments.

MESPA – Thayn Burnett, thanked the Board for their support and for the kind words from MEA.

Foundation – Jeanne Habel, President, reminded the Board of the annual golf tournament fundraiser to be held on August 23, 2019.

Patron Statements – Tara Learned, Horizon parent, spoke to the Board of her support for the district-wide Wednesday early out day.

Report of the Board

Kami Anderson – No comment.

Glo Merrill– Ms. Merrill thanked the PTA volunteers in the district.

Elizabeth Payne – No comments.

Jaren Cooper – Mr. Cooper indicated that he was looking forward to the upcoming Murray High Graduation.

Belinda Johnson – Ms. Johnson thanked the District Office for all their efforts this year.

Report of the Staff

Business Administrator – Richard Reese

2019-20 Preliminary Budget

Richard Reese discussed the 2019-20 preliminary budget assumptions with the Board. The budget hearing and adoption will take place in the June 13, 2019 board meeting. Mr. Reese shared a presentation with the Board by first reviewing the legal requirements necessary to prepare and approve a school district budget. He then shared some budget assumptions including a 8.75% increase in assessed valuation, no budgeted increase of students, WPU increase of 4% to \$3,532, a five percent health insurance premium increase to be funded by employees on the Select Med+ Plan, and a property tax increase to provide a large market adjustment of \$6,461 to teachers. This brings the starting teacher salary to \$50,000.

Murray City School District has the second lowest property tax rate in Salt Lake County behind Salt Lake City School District with South Sanpete School District having the highest tax rate in the state and Park City School District having the lowest tax rate.

Formal board action on the revised and proposed budgets will be taken in the June 13, 2019 Board meeting.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT – Jennifer Covington, Superintendent

Overnight Travel Requests

Murray High Cheer requested an overnight trip for Cheer Camp on June 17-20, 2019. Glo Merrill made a motion to accept the request. Belinda Johnson seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

Murray High Football requested an overnight trip to Logan, Utah for Football Camp on June 26, 2019. Belinda Johnson made a motion to accept the request. Jaren Cooper seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

Murray High Drill requested an overnight trip to Wellsville, Utah for leadership retreat on May 24 and 25, 2019. Elizabeth Payne made a motion to accept the request. Belinda Johnson seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

Unpaid Leave of Absence

Jessica Garrett, teacher at Murray High School, requested a one-year unpaid leave of absence for the 2019-20 school year. Glo Merrill made a motion to accept the request. Belinda Johnsons seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

The Board was polled at 6:03 p.m. to convene in closed session. The polling was unanimous.

The Board meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.



Board President – Kami Anderson



Business Administrator – Richard Reese