

DUCHESNE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR SESSION

December 10, 2020

Online Meeting, 7 p.m.

OFFICERS: President Kim Harding presided with Board Members Tony Smith, Mark Thacker, Bart Morrill and Gordon Moon present, as well as Superintendent David Brotherson and Business Administrator Dee E. Miles.

VISITORS:

Jason Young	Meloney Nelson	Kim Murray	Launnie	Krista Keel
Phillip Bertoch	Carla McGee	Russell Nielsen	Regan	Greg Hansen
LeeNichole Marett	Mike Ross	Shauna Pitts	McKinnon	Samantha Suter
Brandon Bench	Trent Birchell	Jennifer Jenkins	Moose	Sherry
Angela Wickel	Janalee Goodrich	Kellen McKee	Kyle	Aubrey Harris

WORK SESSION: N/A

REGULAR SESSION: President Harding called the regular session to order at 7:01 p.m. Mr. Thacker offered prayer. Mr. Moon led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

AGENDA, MINUTES: Mr. Morrill moved and Mr. Moon seconded to approve the agenda, and the minutes of the regular board meeting held November 12, 2020; voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

RECOGNITION: E3 and community partner awards were presented to UBMC Home Health, Maria Fabrizio, and Stacy Clayburn for their exceptional contributions and hard work.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: The Board reviewed reports from the administration.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Financial Statements for 2020 and Audit Report – Cameron Olsen, Auditor, reviewed the financial status of the District and results of their audit. The fund balances increased slightly from the prior year. Mr. Morrill moved to accept the audit and approve the financial statements, Mr. Moon seconded; passed unanimously.
2. Rental and Sale of Homes – Mr. Thacker moved to approve renting the homes in Duchesne and Altamont until the land is needed for building projects. Mr. Smith seconded; passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Preliminary Benchmark Testing Results. Jason Young reported math and science scores were up compared to last year which is a great celebration for the efforts of all teachers and staff over the past year.
2. Testing of Athletes. Superintendent Brotherson reported that only four students were found positive during the last round of testing and so the District is doing very well and activities are still being held.
3. Testing of students rather than closing schools. Other districts are trying to re-open after quarantine on the Wasatch Front.
4. Teachers have access to rapid tests. All employees have access to the rapid tests as needed.
5. Vaccine: Teachers will be deemed essential and will have access to vaccine within the next few weeks. It may be June before it is available to students.
6. Vaccine will be optional for anyone to receive it or not.
7. New Quarantine Guidelines. It will be the first of the year before much may start to change. Case numbers have decreased since Thanksgiving. There are some students on quarantine. If students are in masks in a potential exposure they are usually not quarantined and the numbers quarantined are declining. It was expected that numbers would increase over Thanksgiving but they did not.

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8. Thresholds for 4 day face to face / 1 day online instruction. The numbers quarantined did reach significant numbers and teachers are recoding and creating lessons for students who are at home. It takes extra time to contact those students and follow up as well. Moving to one day per week online to accommodate high numbers of quarantined students may be a possible solution.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: N/A

ADJOURNMENT / FUTURE PLANNING: Mr. Moon moved to adjourn, Mr. Smith seconded. President Harding closed the meeting at 8:08 p.m. The next Regular Meeting will be held Tuesday, January 5, 2021, at the District Office, 1010 East 200 North, Roosevelt, Utah.