

Uintah School District School Board Highlights

May 11, 2010 business meeting

Recognition of Uintah High School Sterling Scholars Who Placed in the Northeast Utah Region

Competition: Members of the Uintah School District Board of Education had the opportunity to personally congratulate the Sterling Scholars from Uintah High School who placed in Region this year.

Recognition of Transportation Mechanics and Drivers: Every year the Utah State Highway Patrol thoroughly inspects 10-15 Uintah School District buses for safety defects. This year the USD Transportation Department was one of very few school districts in the State of Utah to receive the Gold Standard Safety Award from the Highway Patrol. Joan Sheffer, Transportation Coordinator, commended Rick Perry, Lloyd Clark, Dale Batty, and Todd Wilkins for the work they do to keep the buses safe for student transportation.

Recognition of Allen Abplanalp – Student Board Representative: Allen Abplanalp has served as the Uintah High School Student Representative for the 09-10 school year. Board members thanked Allen for his commitment in reporting on Uintah High School events.

Superintendent's Report: There will be a groundbreaking ceremony for Ashley Elementary on May 21st at 10:30 a.m. Next, Superintendent Dockins brought to the Board's attention that David Wilson, teacher at Uintah High School, has been chosen as Uintah School District's Teacher of the Year; he is also the CTE Teacher of the Year for Utah; was recently named CTE Teacher of the Year for the Region; and he is now being considered for CTE Teacher for the Nation.

- A. **NWEA Explanation of Preliminary Data:** Superintendent Dockins provided Board members with preliminary NWEA data from the schools which have completed testing this year. With the scores received thus far, Superintendent Dockins is pleased with a number of areas excelled in – especially three classes in 5th grade math.
- B. **State Adoption of Common Core:** Currently there are 48 states that are committed to adopting the national common core – Utah is one of them. This will create a common standards across the nation in order to help guarantee that students will receive a viable curriculum from state to state. One drawback is the adoption in the common core for math, which has complicated the district's math adoption plans.
- C. **State/National Assessment Issues:** With the adoption of the national common core there will be a push for some sort of national assessment. Superintendent Dockins will be attending a state meeting which will address the direction the state is going concerning an assessment accountability piece for the national common core. As of yet there is no clear indication as to whether the Federal Government is planning to choose one assessment over the other, or give states the choice. The importance of this locally is that our district is on the cutting edge with its push for the adaptive assessments of NWEA. If

the nation moves in this direction we will be 5 steps ahead of most of the nation, and 10 steps ahead of most districts in Utah.

D. Explanation of Late Start Mondays for Secondary Schools: District Office Administration has been working closely with Transportation and Special Education to overcome a number of obstacles in order to offer the secondary schools a common prep time, once a week, on Monday mornings in order to work as PLC's focused on student data.

Business Administrator's Report: Randy Upton distributed to each Board member a reporting of building use fees collected during the 08-09 fiscal year.

The Policy Committee is reviewing a draft of Policy 010.0020 *Community Use of School Facilities*; this policy should be ready to present to the Board on June 22.

A construction update was given during which a request from Uintah High School to improve outdoor sports facilities was presented for consideration. The Board approved two of the requests: new storage/locker room facility under football/track bleachers, and public bathroom renovation.

Approval of 2010-2011 Board Meeting Schedule: A motion was made by Allen Huber to approve the 2010-2011 Uintah School District Board of Education meeting schedule as presented. Teera Young seconded the motion; motion carried.

Approval of Davis Elementary Construction Budget: A motion was made by Allen Huber to approve the construction budget for Davis Elementary, in the amount of \$7,000,000. Teera Young seconded the motion; motion carried.

Approval of Tentative Budget 2010-2011: A motion was made by JoAnn Cowan, seconded by Allen Huber, passing with no dissenting vote, that the Uintah School District Board of Education approves the tentative budget for the 2010-2011 school year as follows: Maintenance & Operation - \$43,638,000; Student Activity Fund - \$1,083,600; Non K-12 Programs - \$2,631,000; Debt Service - \$5,611,000; Capital Outlay (Including Construction Costs) - \$32,165,000; School Foods Program - \$2,820,000; Municipal Building Authority - \$577,000; Flexible Spending - \$7,000; for a total budget of \$88,532,600.

Approval of Donation Request from Vernal Rotary Club: A motion was made by JoAnn Cowan to approve the request from the Vernal Rotary Club that Uintah School District match \$1,000 for a literacy project. Allen Huber seconded the motion; motion carried.

Union High School Construction Participation Request: Postponed.

Approval of Policy 005.0630 Paid Time Off (PTO): (1st & 2nd Reading) A motion was made by JoAnn Cowan to approve Policy 005.0630 as presented on first and second reading. Allen Huber seconded the motion; motion carried.

Approval of Policy 005.0635 Workers Compensation Benefits: (1st & 2nd Reading) A motion was made by JoAnn Cowan to approve Policy 005.0635 as presented on first and second reading. Allen Huber seconded the motion; motion carried.

Approval of Policy 005.0300 Employee Cell Phone Policy: (1st & 2nd Reading) A motion was made by JoAnn Cowan to approve Policy 005.0300 as presented on first and second reading. Allen Huber seconded the motion; motion carried.

Approval of Math Textbook Adoption: A motion was made by Allen Huber to approve to approve the elementary math textbook adoption as presented. JoAnn Cowan seconded the motion; motion carried. (Pearson Envision for grades K-6 (6th grades at Lapoint and Eagle View only.))

Approval of Out-of-State Travel Requests: A motion was made by JoAnn Cowan to approve the 4 out-of-state travel requests as presented. Allen Huber seconded the motion; motion carried.

Personnel: Appointment of Personnel: The following individuals were approved for appointment by the Uintah School District Board of Education:

Hollee Rasmussen, Half-time Teacher, Naples
Marcy Taylor, Cheerleading
Karlee Ann Allred, Asst. Cheerleading

Reassignments (Transfers):

Laurie Nelson – from Half-time Teacher @ Lapoint to Half-time Teacher @ Maeser
Angie Chew – from Teaching Assistant @ Davis to Teacher Intern @ Davis
Kassie Skeen – from Half-time Bus Driver to Teacher Intern @ Naples
Cody Calder – from Teaching Assistant @ UHS to Teaching Assistant @ UHS & VMS
Kristin Oaks – from Full-time Teacher @ Discovery to Half-time Teacher @ Naples

Resignations:

Carolyn Squires, Teacher, UHS – effective end of the 09-10 school year
Caren Nelson, Teacher, Davis – effective end of the 09-10 school year
Claudia Bender, Sweeper, VMS – effective 4/23/10
Gary Redden, Girls' Soccer Assistant Coach – effective 4/28/10
Mechelle McCoy, Food Services Worker, UHS – effective 4/30/10
Mary Chavez, 19.5-hr Secretary & 19.5-hr Computer Specialist, Eagle View –
effective end of the 09-10 school year
Debbie Lamorequx, Registrar, UHS – effective 6/28/10
Julie Majewski, Special Ed. Teaching Assistant, VJH – effective 5/11/10