MINUTES
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Washington County School District
121 W Tabernacle, St. George, Utah 84770
May 14, 2013
4:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Washington County School District was held after due, legal, and timely notice being given to all members and interested parties. Board President Cal Durfey called the meeting to order and welcomed all visitors. Board members present were Debbra Zockoll, Wes Christiansen, Laura Hesson, Kelly Blake and Barbara Beckstrom. Board member Craig Seegmiller was excused. Staff members present were Superintendent Max Rose and Business Administrator Brent Bills.

OPEN MEETING – 4:00 p.m.
Board President Welcome – Cal Durfey
Pledge of Allegiance – Member Hesson
Reverence – Member Zockoll

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes
   1. April 9, 2013
   2. April 17, 2013 – Special Meeting of the Board of Education
   3. April 18, 2013 – Special Meeting of the Board of Education
   4. April 23, 2013 – Special Meeting of the Board of Education
B. Purchases over $10,000
C. Personnel Items

Member Blake presented a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items A through C. Member Beckstrom seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON BOARD ACTION ITEMS
No comments were given.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS
Comprehensive Guidance Program Approval – Terry Moore
Terry Moore asked for the Board to accept and give approval of the Comprehensive Guidance program. We currently have 20 elementary counselors and 47 secondary counselors. A data project is not required by the state this year. The advisory committee determined and recommended that we adopt a data project on suicide this next year.
Doug Yates, Lava Ridge Intermediate, is working to meet the demands of the tragedies that occurred at the school this year. One of the main things being addressed this year and in the future is mental illness. Bullying is the number one issue, second is suicide, and third depression. The school started small groups on anxiety this year. Suicide is a problem and they are addressing it. The PEP Program had 45 students attend. They are asking parents and the community to be involved. He shared a copy of the basic program outline. He expressed his appreciation for the crisis team. He mentioned that the anxiety level of students is increasing. They are also starting a new self-esteem program at the school. One of the greatest myths is that

talking about suicide will give someone the idea. The school and the district are leading the way in a program dealing with this. A lot of good things are happening because of these two tragedies. It is being addressed across the whole school district. He explained the process if a student is identified with a concern. An assessment is done and a student may be referred to the Southwest Behavior Center. A survey is given to the student to help identify how they are feeling. Parents are notified. Teachers need to provide more supervision in the halls and they need to talk with students about how the student is feeling. Terry Moore said elementary schools are teaching coping skills through guidance programs. Laura Hesson said social media gives such an opinion of how youth feel about themselves. Doug Yates said another program is being offered on Internet use. Terry Moore said counselors are doing a great job taking care of students.

Member Hesson presented a motion to approve and support the Comprehensive Guidance Program. Member Blake seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

2012-2013 School LAND Trust Progress Reports and 2013-2014 School LAND Trust Plans
No discussion at this time.

Member Hesson presented a motion to approve the 2012-2013 School LAND Trust Progress Reports and 2013-2014 School LAND Trust Plans with the changes as outlined to the schools. Member Beckstrom seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Policy 2110 Safe Schools Policy – Marshall Topham
Marshall Topham reported on the policies being changed. The policies have had a 30-day review period. No comments were received on the new uniform policy. The safe schools policy received a couple of comments relating to gang information, which has been included. The dress policy received 57 comments. He reviewed a couple of the comments. The policy would be defensible in a court of law, but is vague enough and allows for latitude and flexibility of enforcement. Schools will be enforced differently. Kelly Blake said he liked the broadness of the policy giving it flexibility. Marshall Topham said the majority of principals were in favor of the new policy. Principals do participate in training to help them understand the policy, but each is handled on a case-by-case basis.

Member Blake presented a motion to approve Policy 2110 Safe Schools Policy as proposed. Member Christiansen seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Policy 2210 Student Uniform Policy – Marshall Topham

Member Christiansen presented a motion to approve Policy 2210 Student Uniform Policy as proposed. Member Zockoll seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Policy 2200 Student Dress and Grooming Policy – Marshall Topham

Member Beckstrom presented a motion to approve Policy 2200 Student Dress and Grooming Policy as proposed. Member Blake seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

2013-2014 CTE Priorities – Dave Gardner
Dave Gardner reviewed the proposed CTE priorities. However, the Hurricane High School additions, middle school computer replacements and teacher skills certification money used for purchases were not included on the list. The computers replaced do stay at the school or within