

CONFIRMED
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF
COLORADO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #14
HELD IN THE DISTANT LEARNING ROOM
325 NORTH COTTONWOOD STREET
COLORADO CITY, ARIZONA

Held: 10:00 A.M. February, February 29, 2008 Mountain Daylight Time

GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Jared Hammon, President
Sam Zitting, Clerk (Telephonically)
William Berry, Member (Telephonically)
Daniel Dutson, Member (Telephonically)
Charlette Chatwin, Member

OTHERS PRESENT: Carol Timpson, Superintendent/Principal
Betty Lou Barlow, Administrative Assistant
Marlyne Hammon, Payroll
Craig Chatwin, Teacher
Debbie Justice, The Learning Center
George Barlow, Student Body President

AGENDA

1. Call to Order

Jared Hammon called the meeting to order at 10:15 pm.

2. Business Items

A. Consideration and Action on the School District Sponsoring the Town Hall Meeting with the Attorney Generals

Jared Hammon stated that a request has been made from the Utah and Arizona Attorney Generals to use the Districts auditorium to discuss polygamy issues. Marlyne Hammon is a member of the CPAC Committee and was involved with the discussions.

Carol Timpson expressed her concern about letting the school be a vehicle for political and religious use. This meeting would hit both of those areas, she has communicated with Rob Haws about the situation and he has confirmed that the school has no responsibility to host the meeting; he recommended not getting involved because the meeting is dealing with issues that do not belong within the

context of the school environment. By hosting the meeting, the school would be viewed as though they were endorsing a political viewpoint.

Paul Murphy is the one who is asking for the use of the facility, he said that CPAC are the ones who suggested holding the meeting in this community.

Marlyne Hammon remarked that as a CPAC member there has been quite a bit of discussion with the between the media and the polygamy issues. So much of media attention is negative and Paul Murphy suggested that the community get together in a Town Hall Meeting and address the issues. Marlyne Hammon remarked that there probably would be a better turnout of participation if the meeting was not hosted at the School. There is the possibility of renting another building within the community to host the meeting. Marlyne Hammon remarked that she agrees with Carol Timpson with having those meetings at the School would create entanglements in political issues. A lot more people would participate if the Town Hall Meeting was held in St. George.

Carol Timpson stated that she has participated in some of those meetings and people are free to stand up and say whatever they want. She heard a lot of hate speech at the meeting she attended.

Sam Zitting stated that if the District has an obligation to provide the facility for the public when it has been requested then the District needs to recognize that. The meeting does not fall in line with the things the School Board would like to promote, as far as a religiously neutral environment. Sam Zitting remarked aside from the District having a possibility of an obligation of renting the facility that he is not in favor of the meeting being held at the School.

William Berry stated that if any group or organization wants to rent the facility for use than that's fine, but he questioned if the District is supposed to "host" the meeting and coordinate, he questioned if that is in line with the Districts responsibilities. He inquired if the meeting was to let members of the community express their thoughts or if the Attorney Generals' Offices were trying to gather media together to answer their questions.

Marlyne Hammon stated that Paul Murphy wanted to gather media together and have a meeting with the polygamists and talk about the interaction that the polygamists would like to have with the media and visa versa. They would like to clear the static in the air between the two entities. Historically, the media has not addressed the polygamy issues kindly and Paul Murphy would like the media and the polygamists to try to come to some common ground. There would be extensive media at the meeting and that would not be acceptable by many members of the community.

Jared Hammon inquired if the District is obligated to rent the facility for this purpose. Carol Timpson replied that if they are renting it, then the District will take no responsibility because the District is not sponsoring the action. If the District comps the facility then they are hosting it.

Jared Hammon inquired if the District can deny the rental of the facility. Carol Timpson replied that according to Rob Haws, the District is under no obligation to rent. Jared Hammon stated to members present that the District is not under obligation to rent the facility and can deny the request.

William Berry expressed his concern if the District denies the request it will seem from the outside view that the School is trying to squell something and keep the issues hidden.

Daniel Dutson stated that the first obligation is for the education and enlightenment for the student body, this meeting doesn't support either of those. The District should not promote or be involved with the meeting when there may not be a positive outcome for the school, students, or the community.

Charlette Chatwin stated that if there are people who are not comfortable coming to the school, then the meeting should be held at a place that is neutral for both parties. Carol Timpson stated that they have asked if they could hold the meeting on a Thursday, a school day. There will be students on campus.

Jared Hammon agreed with Daniel Dutson that if the District chooses to rent out its facilities that is should be for educational and enlightenment purposes and this meeting does not fit either of those criteria. There are other places that they could use.

MOTION: Jared Hammon motioned and Sam Zitting seconded the motion that the Governing Board disprove the School District sponsoring or renting the use of its facilities for a Town Hall Meeting with the Attorney Generals. Vote: Daniel Dutson, Charlette Chatwin, Jared Hammon, and Sam Zitting voted affirmative. William Berry abstained from voting due to neutral ground.

B. Consideration and Action on a Request by Simon Consulting to Contact the State Board of Education Regarding Issues of Receivership

Jared Hammon remarked on an email he received from Peter Davis. Peter Davis suggested that now might be an opportunity to get out of receivership if they become more assertive. Peter Davis encouraged Jared Hammon and Carol Timpson to contact the State Board of Education to try and promote that idea. Jared Hammon agreed that there is a possibility for that to happen. He tried to contact Peter Davis before the Board Meeting to ask what the best way to contact the State Board. He doesn't know if they should do it individually or collectively. Jared Hammon suggested that if there is a possibility then the District should move on it.

Daniel Dutson remarked that this is an excellent opportunity to approach the situation immediately. William Berry acknowledged his agreement. Sam Zitting stated that District should take the opening and at least let them know where the District is at with the open issues. Charlette Chatwin agreed with contacting the State Board.

Jared Hammon asked the Governing Board if they would like him to take the lead and make contact with Peter Davis and get his thoughts and work with Carol Timpson and report back to the Governing Board as it progresses. William Berry agreed. Daniel Dutson agreed that it is an excellent opportunity. Sam Zitting also agreed that Jared Hammon should take the lead on this issue.

Charlette Chatwin inquired if this means the District is in compliance. Jared Hammon remarked that according to the email from Peter Davis, the District still has several issues that need to be addressed, but he thinks that if the District pushes than there will be a greater chance to get released.

MOTION: Sam Zitting motioned and William Berry seconded the motion that the Governing Board authorize Jared Hammon to make contact with Peter Davis to make a plan to address the State Board of Education. Vote: All in favor. Motion Carried.

C. Consideration and Action on Revisions to the Preschool Center Lease to The Learning Center

Debbie Justice is the Director of The Learning Center for families. The Learning Center has been providing early intervention services for children to this community and Washington County since 1993. The early intervention is a program that works with infants and toddlers who are considerably behind their peers in their development. They provide physical and occupational therapy, much like the District Preschool except it is based on training and supporting parents in the activities they need to do in their daily routine with their children to make sure they are getting that early intervention. Forty to fifty percent of the children tested qualify for some therapy according to Utah or Arizona standards. This program is a boost to the District because it provides services with no cost to children who are non-ambulatory to ambulatory and children who are non-communicative to commutative. The work helps School Districts and Communities and of course helps children and their families tremendously.

Debbie Justice stated that The Learning Center receives very little funding from Utah and Arizona. A lot of the work done is home based. They started working with Preschool about seven years ago and have been trying to work out a center where they can provide more of their services for this area. They were thinking about pulling a trailer over, but now rooms have opened up in the new Preschool Center. They would only use their rooms once a week to start and would like to look at a long term use. The Learning Center budgeted around \$350 per month in their budget, but unfortunately the amount suggested from Carol Timpson and the Governing Board was higher than anticipated. They have analyzed the information that the lease amount was based upon what is available at the Centennial Park Industrial Center and South Zion Estates. The Learning Center does not need storefront or foot traffic or to be able to park in the front. They don't need some of the things offered at these other lease places offer for what they cost. They want to get in the building one day a week and they offered to bring a copier over to the Preschool for everyone's use.

The Learning Center proposes fifty-five cents a square foot instead of the seventy five cents. Fifty-five cents a square foot based on the footage Carol Timpson provided, the amount comes to \$270.60 for the rent and \$75 for utilities, each month would be \$345.60. Each session will be an hour and a half minimum. They requested a five year lease with an option for another five years. Having more profile in the community will attract more children and families that need TLC services. Twenty children came to the Child Find today.

Jared Hammon requested that the Governing Board table the discussion so that the board will have more time to discuss the situation thoroughly in the meeting on the 17th of February. Charlette Chatwin, William Berry, and Daniel Dutson agreed with Jared to wait.

Sam Zitting remarked that it would be wise to table the item unless there is a need for them to move in quickly. It would be beneficial to discuss it at a later time.

MOTION: Jared Hammon motioned and Charlette Chatwin seconded the motion and that the Governing Board table number item 3-C for the next Board Meeting. Vote: All in favor. Motion Carried.

Jared Hammon adjourned the meeting at 10:41 p.m.

3. Adjournment