

DUCHESNE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR SESSION

January 6, 2026

District Office 1010 East 200 North, Roosevelt, Utah

OFFICERS: President Brandon Bench presided with Board Members Emilee Wells, Mark Thacker, and Tony Smith present, as well as Superintendent Jason Young and Business Administrator Dee E. Miles. Board Member Don Busenbark was excused.

VISITORS:

Heather Cook	Tyler Powell	Jacqueline Anderson	Sarah Pospisil	Mandi Burton
Phillip Bertoche	Mike Ross	Maria Zubiate	Kalynn Pospisil	Samantha Suter
Jenn Tuckett	Ginger Casper	Tyler Powell	Tanja Mallory	Jim Freston
Kendra Embleton	Stephanie Smith	Lacee Bradshaw	Sean Mallory	
Cliff Murray	Shane Anderson	Aaron Bradshaw	Emily Meyers	

WORK SESSION: The Board discussed student travel trends and possible guidelines, and soliciting architect proposals.

REGULAR SESSION: President Bench called the regular session to order at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Thacker offered prayer. Mr. Bench led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

MINUTES: Mr. Thacker moved and Mr. Smith seconded to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held December 4, 2025; voting was unanimous in the affirmative. Audio recording is available at: <https://www.utah.gov/pmn/files/1373189.mp3>

RECOGNITION: The Extra Degree award was presented to Jacqueline Anderson, Mandi Burton, and Lacee Bradshaw, the Centennial Elementary 2nd Grade Team, for their exceptional contributions to student success.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: The Board was pleased with their school visits.

Emily Meyers presented the success of the Links program that is training and giving experience to students with disabilities.

OPEN TIME: At 7:18 p.m. President Bench opened the meeting for those who signed up for public comment. Cliff Murray spoke to the need to share the intent of policies. President Bench closed open time at 7:22 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Travel Requests – Superintendent Young reviewed the new requests. Mr. Smith moved to approve. Ms. Wells seconded; passed unanimously.
2. Buildings – Superintendent Young noted good weather has put Altamont projects ahead of schedule.
3. Policy 2nd Reading: 2.0120.13 Time and Effort Policy – Mr. Miles noted the changes after review with state consultants. Mr. moved to approve. Mr. seconded; passed unanimously.
4. Transportation Handbook Update – Mike Ross, Transportation Director, noted suggestions had been incorporated. Ms. Wells moved to approve. Mr. Thacker seconded; passed unanimously.
5. Alternate Diploma – Jenn Tuckett, reviewed the proposed changes to the diploma. Ms. Wells moved to approve. Mr. Smith seconded; passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Policy 1st Reading: 4.0300 After School Discipline – Superintendent Young reviewed possible scenarios and protocol for keeping a student after school.

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2. Policy 1st Reading: 1.0711 Principal Specific Duties – Superintendent Young reviewed changes to match practices that have evolved over time. Principals reviewed the policy along with input from School Resource Officers.
3. Annual Convention – The Board finalized plans to attend their annual convention.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mr. Thacker moved and Mr. Smith seconded that the Board go into executive session to discuss personnel and property at 8:02 p.m., and that since there is no further business, the Board would stand adjourned afterward; aye votes: Mr. Bench, Ms. Wells, Mr. Smith, Mr. Thacker. Nay votes: none. Motion passed. Mr. Thacker moved and Mr. Smith seconded that the Board go out of executive session at 8:53 p.m.; passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT / FUTURE PLANNING: The meeting stood adjourned. The next Regular Meeting will be held Thursday, February 5, 2026, at the District Office, 1010 East 200 North, Roosevelt, Utah.