

DUCHESNE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR SESSION

November 7, 2024

District Office 1010 East 200 North, Roosevelt, Utah

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

VISITORS:

Gwen Prescott	Lynn Sorensen	Mildred Duque	Paula LaRose	Ezequel Zubiata
Phillip Bertoch	Clifford Murray	Dretyn Einerson	Kuyreeh Morrell	Mechelle Hansen
Mike Ross	Julie Seeley	Kaylei Einerson	Stephanie Carter	Mandi Burton
Janalee Goodrich	Sharon Smith	Kyle Einerson	Mandy Carlton	Amanda Dongarra
Kendra Embleton	Sheena Earl	Jenny Einerson	Wanda H Larsen	
Michael Weldon	Lane Earl	Terra Atwood	S. Michelle Larsen	
Dave Green	Danika Monson	Kaiden Rudman	Shane Anderson	
Bruce Guymon	Diana Negus	Nataleen Einerson	Marcia Zubiata	

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mr. Busenbark moved and Mr. Bench seconded that the Board go into executive session to discuss personnel, and procurement evaluation at 4:00 p.m; aye votes: Mr. Bench, Mr. Busenbark, Ms. Wells, Mr. Smith, Mr. Thacker. Nay votes: none. Motion passed. Mr. Busenbark moved and Mr. Bench seconded that the Board go out of executive session at 6:00 p.m.; passed unanimously.

WORK SESSION: The Board discussed preschool operations and possible FFA projects.

REGULAR SESSION: President Smith called the regular session to order at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Bench offered prayer. The Union High Choir sang the National Anthem. Mr. Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

MINUTES: Mr. Bench moved and Ms. Wells seconded to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held October 3, 2024; voting was unanimous in the affirmative. Audio recording is available at: <https://secure.utah.gov/pmn-admin/files/1192989.mp3>

RECOGNITION: The Union High Choir performed for the Board and noted their accomplishments for the past year. Awards were presented to Jacqueline Anderson, Michelle Larsen and Kayden Richens for their exceptional contributions to student and school success.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: The Board reported on visits to East Elementary and Jr. High schools. Dave Green, Principal, reported on UHS goals. Teams meet weekly with multiple efforts to reach a target of ninety percent graduation, and they also collaborate on the values and skills of the District's portrait of a graduate. At-risk students who are struggling are receiving extra attention. They are also targeting 18 for the average ACT test score. Training for student engagement is ongoing.

OPEN TIME: At 7:42 p.m. President Smith opened the meeting for those who signed up for public comment. Cliff Murray asked how the District defines mastery for early graduation, and noted Utah Code says parents are primarily responsible for the education of their children. Kimberley Murray works as an induction coach and noted concern for a lot of teachers suffering from second hand trauma and the need for support. President Smith closed open time at 7:49 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS:

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1. Policy 2nd Reading: 4.0530 Early Graduation – Superintendent Young noted the policy for the State awarded scholarship was unchanged from the last meeting. Mr. Busenbark noted a chance to shorten the policy and moved to table. Mr. Thacker seconded; passed unanimously.
2. Travel Requests – None this month.
3. Buildings – Mr. Thacker moved to accept the CM/GC proposal from Westland Construction to do the Altamont project in its entirety. Mr. Busenbark noted the Board had completed an extensive evaluation of some very good companies, and seconded the motion. Mr. Bench recused himself from voting. Aye votes: Mr. Busenbark, Ms. Wells, Mr. Thacker, Mr. Smith. Motion passed.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Policy 1st Reading: 2.0700.06 & .07 Notice of Risk Management Coverage – Superintendent Young reviewed the policy updates regarding delivery of the notice to employees.
2. Policy 1st Reading: 4.0611 Title One Maintenance of Effort – Kendra Embleton noted the update to comply with the grant.
3. Policy 1st Reading: 2.0120.11 Time & Effort – Mr. Miles noted a shortened policy that will better support compliance with Federal and State grant requirements.
4. New School Board Member Institute Saturday, December 7, 2024
5. USBA Convention, January 9 - 11, 2025 – The Board made plans to attend.

ADJOURNMENT / FUTURE PLANNING: Mr. Busenbark moved to adjourn, Mr. Bench seconded. President Smith adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m. The next Regular Meeting will be held Thursday, December 5, 2024, at the Altamont High School, 200 W Main St., Altamont, Utah.