

DUCHESNE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR SESSION

November 6, 2025

District Office 1010 East 200 North, Roosevelt, Utah

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

VISITORS:

Phillip Bertoch	Jessie Hewitt	June Hirschert	Tiffany Gilley	Lexie Davenport
Jenn Tuckett	Ruby Hewitt	Gaylene Glines	Christian Potter	Grizz Oleen
Heather Cook	Maddie Hewitt	Ryan Kunz	Mikayla Potter	Brandi Hamaker
Darin Jenkins	Jaime Taggart	Steve Labrum	Myle Potter	Colleen Stewart
Cliff Murray	Ella Taggart	Jaydelyn Labrum	Tyler Powell	Evelyn Stewart
David Taylor	Ammon Slaugh	Bethany Rich	Ginger Casper	Jim Freston
Evah Taylor	Michaelle Slaugh	Mckenna Powell	Kedric Ward	

WORK SESSION: The Board discussed boys volleyball, Tabiona facilities, and upcoming legislative concerns.

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

MINUTES: Mr. Busenbark moved and Ms. Wells seconded to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held October 2, 2025; voting was unanimous in the affirmative. Audio recording is available at: <https://www.utah.gov/pmn/files/1347065.mp3>

RECOGNITION: The Roosevelt Jr. High Choir performed for the Board; Danika Monsen Director. The Extra Degree award was presented to Michaelle Slaugh, and Christy Webb for their exceptional contributions to student success.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: Mr. Busenbark reported on visits to East Elementary and Roosevelt Jr. High with students well behaved, appreciation for facility upgrades, and teachers caring for kids. Superintendent Young reported on the Vital Competencies with elementary students doing great with learning the most basic and core standards. He reviewed the 8th grade standards and additional durable skills from student suggestions. April will be the Defense of Learning day.

OPEN TIME: At 7:34 p.m. President Bench opened the meeting for those who signed up for public comment. Cliff Murray offered thoughts on AI providing more personalized learning, critical thinking, and lifelong learning. President Bench closed open time at 7:37 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Travel Requests: – Superintendent Young reviewed the list. Mr. Busenbark clarified some of the national dates and places and moved to approve. Mr. Smith seconded; passed unanimously.
2. Buildings: – Superintendent Young noted Altamont Elementary has half the walls up, roof is going on, and the High School gymnasium is progressing as well.
3. Capitalization and Depreciation Threshold: – Mr. Miles noted the change will increase the threshold for reporting. Mr. Busenbark moved to approve. Ms. Wells seconded; passed unanimously.
4. RJHS Trustlands Plan Amendment: – Phillip Bertoch reviewed the adjustments to the budget. Ms. Wells moved to approve. Mr. Busenbark seconded; passed unanimously.

5. RJHS Fee Amendment: – Superintendent Young noted the change for the honors choir to participate in competition and learning in Price, Utah. Mr. Smith moved to approve. Mr. Busenbark seconded; passed unanimously.
6. Policy 2nd Reading: 4.0412 Artificial Intelligence: – A group of technology personnel developed the recommended policy. Superintendent Young explained the purpose to protect personal information, appropriate use of the emerging technology, and using judgement and pre-approved applications. Ms. Wells suggested additional guiding principles and clarifications. Mr. Thacker moved to approve. Ms. Wells seconded with further clarifications forthcoming next month; passed unanimously.
7. Policy 2nd Reading: 4.0510.05 Focused Graduation Pathway: – Superintendent Young reported GED could be used to demonstrate competency toward graduation. Mr. Smith moved to approve. Mr. Thacker seconded; passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Policy 1st Reading: 1.0100.05 Vacancies on the Board – Superintendent Young reviewed the changes that were made to State Code including notifying the County Clerk and disclosure statements.
2. Policy 1st Reading: 3.0250.07 Drug Testing of Other Employees – Superintendent Young noted the addition of safety sensitive positions, and reasonable suspicion of others working with students. The specific testing requirements will be verified.
3. Policy 1st Reading: 3.0260 DCSD Code of Conduct: Appropriate Behavior Policy – Superintendent Young reviewed several clarification of terms to more specifically identify what is inappropriate as updated in State Code.
4. Policy 1st Reading: 5.0815 Emergency Safety Interventions – Superintendent Young explained the change to the policy including new definitions that are helpful for staff, and helpful in appropriately protecting students and staff in specific situations.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mr. Busenbark moved and Mr. Thacker seconded that the Board go into executive session to discuss personnel, property, and negotiations at 8:35 p.m., and that since there is no further business, the Board would stand adjourned afterward; aye votes: Mr. Bench, Mr. Busenbark, 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 11:10 p.m.; passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT / FUTURE PLANNING: The meeting stood adjourned. The next Regular Meeting will be held Thursday, December 4, 2025, at the District Office, 1010 East 200 North, Roosevelt, Utah.