

DUCHESNE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR SESSION

January 11, 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	Lori Oman	Pennie Thacker	Mattina Reep	Shelby Thayne
Phillip Bertoch	Jane Berntson	Michelle Timothy	Donna Richens	Devin Peterson
Mike Ross	Heather Cook	Mckaylee Bess	Venna Miles	Catherine Jurado
Janalee Goodrich	Jamie Dean	Angela Wickel	Suzie Louder	Rafe Dudley
Kendra Embleton	Donald Miles	Mariah Wickel	Sam Williams	Achell Fowler
Michael Weldon	Torri Miles	Sharon Smith	Holli Williams	Erica Gilbert
Rauni Guffey	Jim Freston	Paul Smith	Jason Wells	Shilo Monney
Kimberley Murray	Lola Stansfield	Jozlyn Jenkins	Monica Wells	Bryce Monney
Shauna Ross	Annissa Maxfield	Alicia Jenkins	Tracy McKinnon	Terra Atwood
Bruce Guymon	Glena Sorensen	Justin Jenkins	Amanda Foy	Samantha Suter
Sharalee Ostler	Phyllis Price	Caroline Mangum	Mike Foy	Shana Oman
Lynn Sorensen	Melissa Allen	Gina M Stevenson	Lucy Howes	

WORK SESSION: The Board discussed four day week options for Altamont.

REGULAR SESSION: President Smith 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.

AGENDA, MINUTES: Mr. Bench moved and Mr. Busenbark seconded to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held December 7, 2023; voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

RECOGNITION: The community partner award was presented to Northeastern Counseling and the Extra Degree award to Anitra Duncan for their exceptional contributions to student success.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: Shauna Ross, Myton Elementary School Principal, reported on the school goals for reading and math. They are on track to meet the goals by the end of the year. They have “Positive Paws” to recognize students. Mr. Busenbark reported on a Board visits Neola, Centennial, and Con Amore seeing great things and some needs as well.

OPEN TIME: At 7:23 p.m. President Smith opened the meeting for public comment. Superintendent Young reviewed the history of four-day week in Utah, and the High School leaning toward four-day and the Elementary toward five-day. The option of each school being on a different schedule has too many challenges. Annissa Maxfield expressed concern for students missing class with the current schedule. Mariah Wickel expressed concern for younger students missing school time as well. Sharon Smith asked about her special needs student who would struggle more with a longer day in a four-week schedule. Gina Marie Stevenson, Bus Driver / Garage Supervisor, was concerned about how long students would be on a bus and if drivers would lose pay and benefits on a four-day week. Superintendent Young noted drivers would keep their pay and benefits. Randall Thacker noted impact on many students when teams are traveling. Terra Atwood, High School Special Ed. Teacher, noted her feeling that students need more education time, and the challenge with extracurricular activities. Superintendent Young also noted another concern for Elementary students losing morning learning time for extended afternoon time, and that the staff of the District would support the decision of the Board either way. President Smith closed open time at 7:54 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Altamont School Schedule – Mr. Thacker asked if the split schedule between schools had any possible feasibility. Mr. Bench noted Altamont High not being on a four-day is asked to travel during the week to other schools for extracurricular activities during the week since other schools can't. Mr. Thacker moved to apply to the State Board for a four day week for the High School and let the Elementary staff and community work on possible schedules and a preference either way to present to the Board at the next meeting. Ms. Wells seconded. Lori Oman, Principal, noted the Elementary staff and parents had already decided their preference would be to go four-day if the High School did. Ms. Wells noted concern for the later Elementary school day. Mr. Thacker noted the Board should man up and make a decision. Aye votes: Mr. Thacker, Mr. Bench, Mr. Smith. Nay votes: Mr. Busenbark, Ms. Wells; motion passed.
2. Altamont Construction Timeline Plan – Superintendent Young reported grant funding was not awarded this year, but the Altamont shops could proceed and then reapply for a grant next year for the Elementary School. Mr. Bench moved to approve moving forward with the shops. Ms. Wells seconded; passed unanimously.
 - a. Union Preschool Playground – A play area for the preschool class was proposed. Mr. Thacker moved to approve. Mr. Bench seconded; passed unanimously.
3. Policy (2nd Reading) Basic Instructional Program 4.0510 & 5.0210.26 & .27 – Mr. Busenbark suggested generalizing acronyms that change, that the number of credits could be clarified, and moved to approve. Mr. Bench seconded; passed unanimously.
4. Travel Request: UHS Caps 7 students to Educator Rising (Feb 27-28) – Mr. Thacker moved to approve. Mr. Bench seconded; passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. 1st Reading Policy: 6.0200 Community Use of School Facilities – Superintendent Young reported on several months of work to consolidate, update, and clarify language in several policies, which should result in more consistent building use practices.
2. 1st Reading Policy: 5.0413.08 Lice/Bed Bugs - Superintendent Young noted the policy combines both health care professional recommendations and community input. The first section is information for parents. The attempt is to protect individual conditions and protect public interests.
3. 1st Reading Policy: 4.0411 Teacher-selected material selection and review – Superintendent Young noted more legislation is under way. Kendra Embleton noted the updates would shorten and clarify policies to coordinate classroom and whole school challenge of materials. The standards include age-appropriate, community and reasonableness standards along with maintaining an informational non-political basis.
4. 1st Reading Policy: 2.0120.11 Title I Amendments – Superintendent Young noted the policies are needed for managing federal grant requirements.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mr. Bench moved and Mr. Busenbark seconded that the Board go into executive session to discuss personnel; aye votes: Mr. Bench, Mr. Busenbark, Ms. Wells, Mr. Smith, Mr. Thacker. Nay votes: none. Motion passed. President Smith closed the regular session at 9:11 p.m. Mr. Busenbark moved and Mr. Thacker seconded that the Board go out of executive session at 9:40 p.m.; passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT / FUTURE PLANNING: Mr. Busenbark moved to adjourn, Mr. Bench seconded. President Smith closed the meeting at 9:41 p.m. The next Regular Meeting will be held Thursday, February 8, 2024, at Duchesne Elementary School, 168 West 200 North, Duchesne, Utah.