

DUCHESNE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR SESSION

November 12, 2020, 7 p.m.

Online Meeting

OFFICERS: President Kim Harding presided with Board Members Tony Smith, Mark Thacker, Bart Morrill and Gordon Moon present, as well as Superintendent David Brotherson and Business Administrator Dee E. Miles.

VISITORS:

Jason Young	Greg Hansen	Lynn Sorenson	Heather Smith	Konner Hanke
Gwen Prescott	Beth Sauve	Kim Ross	Shelby Thayne	Jackie Loertscher
Phillip Bertoch	Carla McGee	Meloney Nielsen	Kera Birkland	Scott Forsyth
LeeNichole Marett	Russ Nielsen	Heather Smith	Ron Winterton	Trent Birchell
Brandon Bench	Kim Murray	Rick Nielsen	Christine Watkins	Darin Jenkins

WORK SESSION: None

REGULAR SESSION: President Harding called the regular session to order at 6:59 p.m. Mr. Smith offered prayer. Mr. Harding led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

AGENDA, MINUTES: Mr. Moon moved and Mr. Thacker seconded to approve the agenda, and the minutes of the regular board meeting held October 8, 2020; voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

RECOGNITION: E3 and community partner awards were presented to vTV for broadcasting games, Ellen Zurcher, and Cheryle Wingfield for their exceptional contributions and hard work.

LEGISLATIVE DISCUSSION: Ron Winterton, Kera Birkeland, and Christine Watkins shared their views for supporting more local control and working to preserve education funding during the upcoming session.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Transcript Online Access Service – Lynn Sorensen reported researching for a service for several years and recommended signing up for service through Parchment. Mr. Thacker moved to approve, Mr. Morrill seconded; passed unanimously.
2. Real Estate Purchase – Mr. Thacker moved to approve the purchase of two parcels in Altamont. Mr. Smith seconded; passed unanimously.
3. School Calendars 2021-2, 2022-3, 2023-4 – Superintendent Brotherson recommended approving both options and letting the staff vote for the final decision. Mr. Morrill moved to approve, Mr. Smith seconded. Passed unanimously.
4. State Auditor Fraud Risk Assessment – Mr. Moon moved to approve, Mr. Morrill seconded; passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Board Dinner – The Board postponed the social.
2. District message about holidays – Superintendent Brotherson noted the Governor already spoke on safety over the holidays.
3. Plans moving forward for higher numbers of COVID-19 cases – Superintendent Brotherson noted there is a dashboard on the web site and currently have 100 to 150 students on quarantine. Teachers are doing

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a lesson for students in the classroom and another for those at home. School schedule may need to be adjusted to allow for more preparation time.

4. Practice online school – Superintendent Brotherson noted the teachers have been practicing though it is not the preferred delivery method.
5. UHSAA – New guidelines for sports – Superintendent Brotherson noted most activities have been postponed for two weeks while in high risk. There are three levels of community participation depending on the current COVID exposure. He noted that the reduced community participation would likely also require helping the schools to pay for sports since the gate receipts were dramatically reduced.
6. County Mountain Bike Trail – A trail was proposed on the District’s property South of the Jr. High that could be a future school site. As long as a future school is not impeded, the Board was favorable.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT / FUTURE PLANNING: Mr. Smith moved to adjourn, Mr. Morrill seconded. President Harding closed the meeting at 7:57 p.m. The next Regular Meeting will be held Thursday, December 10, 2020, at the District Office, 1010 East 200 North, Roosevelt, Utah.