DUCHESNE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR SESSION

October 1, 2026

District Office, 1010 East 200 North, Roosevelt, Utah

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

VISITORS:

Heather Cook	Cliff Murray	Jolana Freston	Samantha Suter	Brice Barson
Phillip Bertoch	Aubrey Yack	Jim Freston	Cynthia Oleen	Mechelle Hansen
Mike Ross	Kevin Yack	Christian Potter	Grizz Oleen	Cathy Torres
Kendra Embleton	Michele Bostick	Christina Hurley	Mary Arrowchis	

WORK SESSION: The Board discussed improving PLC's and the new citizenship grading system.

REGULAR SESSION: President Bench called the regular session to order at 7:04 p.m. Mr. Smith offered prayer. Ms. Wells led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

RECOGNITION: The Beacon award was presented to UBTech, and the Wayfinder award to Mike Ross and Jeff Beynon for their exceptional contributions to student success for many years.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: Aubrey Yack, RJHS Principal, reported on behavior interventions, differentiated PD, increase in testing scores, their student recognition program, and sports programs. DCSD Accountability report: Superintendent Young reported on student achievement and academic growth. He also reviewed the results of the student citizenship program now starting its third year showing 75% declines in behavior issues. The Board reviewed the monthly Financial Report. The Board reported on its visit to East Elementary and observed great teaching.

OPEN TIME: At 7:40 p.m. President Bench opened the meeting for those who signed up for public comment. Cathy Torres noted the passing of a student and expressed concern for policies limiting discipline. Marcy Arrowchis expressed concern for the violence in the schools. Cliff Murray pontificated on meeting procedures. President Bench closed open time at 8:57 p.m.

MINUTES: Mr. Busenbark noted some corrections and moved to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held September 3, 2026. Mr. Smith seconded; voting was unanimous in the affirmative. Audio recording is available at: https://www.utah.gov/pmn/files/1495913.mp3.

DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS:

1. Travel Requests – Superintendent Young reviewed the new requests and some modifications to shorten a trip. Mr. Busenbark moved to approve. Ms. Wells expressed concern for students missing four days of school for a trip. Motion failed for lack of a second. Mr. Busenbark moved to approve all but the Duchesne High FFA trip. Ms. Wells seconded; passed unanimously. Ms. Wells moved to approve the DHS trip if it could be modified to only miss three days of school. Mr. Smith seconded, passed unanimously.
2. Buildings/Construction – Superintendent Young reported the Tabiona track project is on hold waiting for the site to dry out and to then test the clay. Alternative solutions are being evaluated. Progress on the project will likely be delayed this fall but hopefully still open for fall of 2027. Altamont was still progressing and the gymnasium was nearly ready for use.
3. Personnel – No actions this month.

4. Policy 2nd Reading: 5.0800.07 Removal From Classroom For Inappropriate Behavior – Superintendent Young reviewed the changes to meet the law and to coordinate with the District accountability system. Mr. Busenbark moved to approve. Mr. Smith seconded; passed unanimously.
5. Fraud Risk Assessment – Mr. Miles commended the Board for their support in achieving a top score. Mr. Busenbark moved to approve. Ms. Wells seconded; passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Policy 1st Reading: 5.0220.05 Personal Care Independence – Superintendent Young reviewed the need for the policy.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mr. Busenbark moved and Ms. Wells seconded that the Board go into executive session to discuss property at 8:45 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. Nay votes: none. Motion passed. Mr. Busenbark moved and Mr. Smith seconded that the Board go out of executive session at 9:35 p.m.; passed unanimously.

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