



**BOX ELDER
SCHOOL DISTRICT**
Learning is Everything

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Utah State Board of Education
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Dear Utah State Board of Education and State Superintendent Molly Hart:

As I am sure you are aware, on Sunday August 17, 2025 Sergeant Lee Sorenson and Officer Eric Estrada were killed in the line of duty. This occurred in the northern Utah town of Tremonton. This tragedy was one of the saddest events that have occurred in our county and our school district in many, many years.

In my twenty-five years as a School Superintendent in the state of Utah, I have not witnessed an event that so incredibly affected the entire community. The outpouring of love and concern for all involved was a testament to the goodness in people and the entire Box Elder County Family.

Because of the enormity of this sad situation the police officers were honored at a viewing at Bear River High School from 3:00-7:00 pm on August 27, 2025. Their funerals were held at the Utah State University Spectrum with Officer Estrada's funeral on August 28 and Sergeant Sorenson's held on August 29. Both funerals were held at 10:00 am.

Taking into account the number of family, friends, patrons, Box Elder School District employees and students who wanted to honor the fallen officers, the Box Elder School Board of Education allowed the Box Elder School District Leadership Team, led by me as the Superintendent, to cancel school the days of August 28 and 29.

Considering the number of employees and students who were planning on attending the services we did not feel like we could have virtual learning based on the ineffectiveness of that learning on those days, but more importantly to fully honor the fallen police officers.

This letter is a request that those two days be exempt from the required 180 days for Box Elder School District for the 2025-2026 school year.

This letter was voted on and approved at the September 10, 2025 Box Elder School District (BESD) Board of Education regularly scheduled Board Meeting.

Sincerely,

Tiffani Summers, BESD Board President

Steve Carlsen, BESD Superintendent

UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING



October 2, 2025

Utah State Board of Education Building
250 East 500 South
Salt Lake City, Utah

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY VIEW THE MEETING LIVE AT
<https://www.youtube.com/c/USBEMedia>

1. Opening Business - 9:00 to 9:30 AM

- 1.1. Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.2. Board Member Message
- 1.3. Employee Recognition
- 1.4. Education Highlight

2. Public Comment for USBE - 9:30 to 9:45 AM. The public is welcome to send written comments to publiccomment@schools.utah.gov.

- 2.1. INFORMATION: Public Comment

3. Audit Committee Report - 9:45 to 10:00 AM

- 3.1. ACTION: Modify the Internal Audit Plan

4. Law and Licensing Committee Report/Recommendations - 10:00 to 10:45 AM (Items duplicated from the September 5, 2025, meeting)

- 4.1. INFORMATION: Summary of Actions
- 4.2. ACTION: Amendments to Board Bylaws Article IV
- ✓ 4.3. ACTION: R277-305, School Leadership License Areas of Concentration and Programs (Amendment)
- ✓ 4.4. ACTION: R277-731, Catalyst Center Grant Program Policy (New)
- 4.5. ACTION: UPPAC Rules *No Motion for the Board*

5. Law and Licensing Committee Report/Recommendations - 10:45 to 11:30 AM (Items duplicated from the September 23, 2025, meeting)

- 5.1. INFORMATION: Summary of Actions
- 5.2. ACTION: Utah Professional Practices Advisory Commission (UPPAC) Rules *No Motion for the Board*

6. Finance Committee Report/Recommendations - 11:30 AM to 12:15 PM (Items duplicated from the September 5, 2025, meeting)

- 6.1. INFORMATION: Summary of Actions
- 6.2. ACTION: R277-407, School Fees (Amendment)
- 6.3. ACTION: R277-494, Charter, Online, Home, and Private School Student Participation in Extracurricular or Co-Curricular Activities (Amendment & Continuation)
- 6.4. ACTION: R277-319, Special Educator Stipends (Amendment & Continuation)
- 6.5. ACTION: State Fiscal Year 2025 Carry Forward Balance Status and Approval for Use
- 6.6. ACTION: State Fiscal Year 2025 Discretionary Carry Forward Balance Status and Approval for Use
- 6.7. ACTION: Creation of a USBE Foundation for the Statewide Attendance Campaign *No Motion for the Board*
- 6.8. INFORMATION: School Children's Trust Quarterly Report
- 6.9. INFORMATION: Recognition of Progress, Achievements, or Improvements
 - 6.9.1. INFORMATION: Program Monthly Report (PMR) on the Utah Schools Information Management System
 - 6.9.2. INFORMATION: Program Monthly Report (PMR) on Utah Grants

7. Board Rule Waiver Request - 12:15 to 12:30 PM

- 7.1. ACTION: Box Elder School District (180 day) Emergency Waiver Request (R277-121-5)

8. Lunch - 12:30 to 1:00 PM

9. Standards and Assessment Committee Report/Recommendations - 1:00 to 1:30 PM (Items duplicated from the September 5, 2025, meeting)

- 9.1. INFORMATION: Summary of Actions
- 9.2. ACTION: R277-469, Instructional Materials Operating Procedures (Amendment)
- 9.3. ACTION: R277-717, High School Course Grading Requirements (Amendment)
- 9.4. ACTION: R277-721, PRIME Pilot Program (Amendment & Continuation)
- 9.5. INFORMATION: SB 127 (2022) Early Learning Outcomes Improvement Quarterly Update
- 9.6. INFORMATION: Public Feedback Report on Draft P-12 Mathematics Standards

10. Superintendent's Report - 1:30 to 1:45 PM

- 10.1. INFORMATION: Acknowledgement of Student Art Work
- 10.2. INFORMATION: Superintendent Report

11. General Consent Calendar - 1:45 to 2:15 PM

- 11.1. ACTION: Contracts/Agreements for Approval
- 11.2. ACTION: Approval of Meeting Minutes

11.3. INFORMATION: Contracts/Agreements for Review

11.4. ACTION: Fiscal Year 2025 Child Nutrition Non-Competitive Technology Innovation Grant

12. Monthly Budget Report -2:15 to 3:00 PM

12.1. INFORMATION: Monthly Budget Report

12.2. INFORMATION: Discretionary Funds Report

12.3. INFORMATION: October Economic Update

13. 2026 General Session Legislative Preparation - 3:00 to 4:00 PM

13.1. ACTION: Requests for Statutory Changes

13.2. ACTION: Draft Legislative Funding Requests for the 2026 General Session

14. Executive Session (closed in accordance with the Utah Open and Public Meetings Act) - 4:00 to 5:00 PM

14.1. ACTION: Executive Session

15. Executive Session Action Items - 5:00 to 5:15 PM

15.1. ACTION: Educator Licenses

15.2. ACTION: Committee Appointments

16. Board Chair's Report - 5:15 to 5:30 PM

17. Board Member Comments - 5:30 to 6:00 PM

18. Adjournment - 6:00 PM

AGREEMENT FOR WAIVER OF
UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION ADMINISTRATIVE RULE
RE: BOX ELDER SCHOOL DISTRICT

This Agreement is entered into by and between the Utah State Board of Education ("Board"), and BOX ELDER SCHOOL DISTRICT, a local education agency ("LEA").

RECITALS

- I. The Board has general supervision and control of Utah's public education system and has been granted the authority to make rules to execute its duties and responsibilities under the Utah Constitution and state law;
- II. The Board has exercised this authority and adopted Utah Administrative Code, Title R277.
- III. LEA is subject to the requirements of UAC R277 Education;
- IV. UAC R277-121, allows an LEA to petition the Board for a waiver of requirements contained in an administrative rule adopted by the Board;
- VI. UAC R277-419-4(1)(a) requires [an LEA shall provide educational services over a minimum of 180 school days each school year];
- VII. LEA has petitioned the Board for a waiver of the requirements of the Board Reporting Deadlines, found in Administrative Rule R277-419-4, to waive the requirement of a minimum of 180 school days, in order to accommodate an emergency two-day closure for a large-scale community funeral for fallen law enforcement officers, which resulted in too few staff available to have school open on August 28 and August 29, 2025.
- VIII. This request was filed under emergency circumstances, and LEA submitted all necessary information called for under R277-121-5 on September 11, 2025;
- IX. Superintendent Molly Hart approved the request on September 12, 2025.
- XI. As required under R277-121-5(3)(g), the Board reviewed and discussed LEA's waiver request within 45 days during its meeting on October 2, 2025 and by motion, approved the waiver request by a majority vote subject to the terms and conditions set forth below.

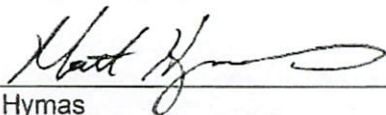
AGREEMENT

1. **Waiver and Purpose.** LEA is exempted from the requirements of UAC R277-419-4(1)(a) requiring 180 days of education, in order to accommodate an emergency two-day closure for a large-scale community funeral for fallen law enforcement officers, which resulted in too few staff available to have school open.
2. **Alternative or Amended Compliance.** During the term of this waiver, LEA shall: comply with any requests for annual reports as noted below.
3. **Effective Dates.** The effective date of this waiver shall be effective for the 2025-2026 school year, with the missed days being August 28 and August 29, 2025, subject to the fulfillment of all the terms and conditions found herein as well

as compliance with all other applicable statutes and regulations. There will be no extension of this waiver except by reapplication to the Board through the Board's waiver process in effect at the time of reapplication.

4. Annual Reports. LEA shall provide the Board a report, as requested, that shall include the following and applicable:
 - a. public input regarding the impact of the waiver on the school community (may include survey of school employees, parents, students, etc.);
 - b. data evidencing student achievement has remained consistent or improved over the time period the waiver has been in effect. (may include assessments, grades, attendance, graduation rates, etc.);
 - c. evidence of compliance with alternative requirements (may include course enrollment data, etc.);
 - d. other data evidencing the impact of the waiver on the education system or environment.
5. Amendment. This waiver may not be amended except in writing signed by both parties and accompanied by such additional Board action as is necessary to approve any amendment.
6. Termination. This waiver may be terminated by the Board at any time, upon 30 days' notice, if it finds that there has been any material misrepresentation of any fact(s) in the request for waiver or in the requested reporting, or if the Board determines there are material deficiencies in student performance/achievement or unreasonable increases in costs to the LEA or its students not anticipated by either Party or not represented to the Board by the LEA. LEA may terminate this waiver at any time prior to its expiration upon providing written notice to the Board.

UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION


Matt Hymas _____ Date 10-2-2025
Chair, Utah State Board of Education

Box Elder School District


Steven Carlsen _____ Date 10-2-25
Superintendent