

DUCHESNE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR SESSION

February 9, 2023

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	Steve Collins	Annabelle Rutledge	Elena Lasa	Kimberley Murray
Rick Nielsen	Susan Collins	Kevin Rutledge	Jocelyn Miles	Trent Birchell
Kendra Embleton	Bruce Guymon	Kyra Weber	Donna Richens	Rick Nielsen
Mike Ross	Kurt Kleckner	Yvonne Dieter	Kikki Beal	Ezra Chia
Michael Weldon	Amber Kleckner	Kileighanna	Cynthia Thomas	Danika Monson
Danika Monsen	Lindsay Aland	Christensen	Amanda Womack	Mckenna Powell
Jen & Cody Fisher	Merilynne Whiting	Colton Weber	Ben Beal	Rauni Guffey
Nichol Alldredge	Anthony Whiting	Kartor Weber	Darin Jenkins	

WORK SESSION: The Board reviewed a proposed ABC's program of Accountability Based Competencies to ensure students learn vital standards.

REGULAR SESSION: President Smith called the regular session to order at 7:02 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. Busenbark noted a correction to action item one that no rule was suspended, and moved to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held January 3, 2023 with the correction; Mr. Thacker seconded; voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

RECOGNITION: Roosevelt Jr. High Jazz Band performed with director McKenna Powell. Awards were presented to Brent Fenn, Annabelle Rutledge, and Susan Collins for their exceptional contributions to the success and growth of students.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: Mr. Busenbark noted seeing many great things during Board visits to several schools, and noted how the Superintendent filled in for a principal. Rick Nielsen, Kings Peak Principal, reviewed goals for the school that are focused on reading, the progress of students with many moving up achievement levels, and the excitement of students as they achieve.

OPEN TIME: At 7:52 p.m. President Smith opened the meeting for comment. UHS FFA students Jocelyn Miles and Elena Lasa presented Career and Technical Education statistics and pathways to the Board in conjunction with CTE month. They also reviewed the request to travel to the Washington Leadership Conference. Trent Birchell noted the upcoming Community Matters conference and invited the Board. Ezra Chia inquired into in-lieu funds if the health insurance is waived. Keith Goodspeed inquired into the instruction of cursive writing and trans-gender sport participation. Superintendent Young noted priorities for instruction and that the needs of every student are considered and accommodated the best way possible. At 8:08 President Smith closed open time with no further comments.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Fee Schedule Hearing – At 8:08 President Smith opened the meeting for public comment on fees. The Board made several suggestions to update and clarify the schedule. Mr. Thacker moved to approve. Mr. Bench seconded; passed unanimously.

2. Travel Requests
 - a. Moon Lake FFA: Washington Leadership Conference Request June 27 – July 1 – Mr. Thacker moved to approve. Mr. Busenbark seconded; passed unanimously
 - b. State Academic Decathlon: March 2-4 in St. George – Mr. Bench moved to approve. Mr. Busenbark seconded; passed unanimously
 - c. State Drama: March 30-April 1 in Hurricane for 1A (AHS & THS) – Kiara Goodrich reported on the details. Mr. Bench moved to approve. Ms. Wells seconded; passed unanimously
 - d. Science Teacher Training: March 21-25 in Atlanta, GA (UHS, RJS, DHS) – Ben Felder reviewed the benefits of attending the conference. Mr. Bench moved to approve. Mr. Thacker seconded; passed unanimously.
 - e. UHS FFA: Request to delay the January trip to late March to tour southwest Colorado, northern Arizona and southern Utah’s agricultural enterprises – Mr. Bench moved to approve. Ms. Wells seconded; passed unanimously
 - f. Safety Crisis Conference: Denver, CO for Mike and Scott. Mike Ross reviewed the conference and noted a state grant would pay the costs. Mr. Thacker moved to approve; Mr. Bench seconded; passed unanimously
3. Buildings – Michael Weldon reviewed Duchesne High progress. Winter conditions have been a challenge but it is still progressing well.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. State agency connections/services with DCSD – Mr. Miles reviewed the services and relationships provided by several agencies.
2. Student interrogation, search, and seizure 5.0740 – Superintendent Young reviewed the clarifications and law updates to the policy.
3. Length of Day 3.0640.01, Multi-Assignment 3.0311.01, and Teacher Hours 3.0311.10 – Superintendent Young explained the reorganization to clarify application of the policies. Mr. Busenbark noted the need to provide compensation for helping at activities. The Board discussed options.
4. School Employee Suggestion Program 3.0750.01 – Ms. Wells noted anonymous was not the best system and was concerned for input from employees. The Board members expressed concern for having a good method for staff to raise concerns.
5. Educator Evaluation 3.0730.02, Administrator Evaluation 1.0720.01 – Evaluations and feedback were discussed with ideas for improvement.
6. Professional Staff Appointment 3.0200.01, Administrative Appointment 1.0700.01– An update to the policy would make it compatible with what is practical in practice and ensure fairness in hiring.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mr. Thacker moved and Mr. Busenbark seconded that the Board go into executive session to discuss personnel and litigation; aye votes: Mr. Bench, Mr. Busenbark, Ms. Wells, Mr. Smith, Mr. Thacker. Nay votes: none. Motion passed. President Smith closed the regular session at 9:54 p.m. Mr. Busenbark moved and Ms. Wells seconded that the Board go out of executive session at 11:18 p.m.; passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT / FUTURE PLANNING: Mr. Bench moved to adjourn, Mr. Thacker seconded. President Smith closed the meeting at 11:19 p.m. The next Regular Meeting will be held Thursday, March 9, 2023, at the District Office, 1010 East 200 North, Roosevelt, Utah.