

DUCHESNE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR SESSION

December 5, 2024

Altamont High School, 200 West Main, Altamont, Utah

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

**VISITORS:**

Phillip Bertoch	Brian Thacker	Lynn Sorensen	Sidney Thayne	Randall Thacker
Mike Ross	Sharon Smith	Shelby Thayne	Justin Jenkins	Nicole Thacker
Kendra Embleton	Julie Seeley	Nicole Thacker	L. Caroline Mangum	Tracy McKinnon
Jane Berntson	Darin Jenkins	Clifford Murray	Sara Simpson	
Lori Oman	David Law	Annisia Maxfield	Garrett Sorensen	
Shantelle Thacker	Glena Sorensen	Alicia Jenkins	Shalane Sorensen	

**WORK SESSION:** The Board toured the shop construction site and discussed financing and plans for the Elementary and gymnasium, and the new merit pay program.

**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.

**MINUTES:** Mr. Busenbark moved and Mr. Bench seconded to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held November 7, 2024; voting was unanimous in the affirmative. Audio recording is available at: <https://www.utah.gov/pmn/files/1206439.mp3>

**RECOGNITION:** The community partner award was presented to G.S. Electric, and the Extra Degree award to Nicole Thacker and Shantelle Thacker for their exceptional contributions to student success.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:** Lori Oman, Altamont Elementary Principal, reviewed their school goals for the year in reading and math for each of the grades. So far, early indicators are good for meeting their goals. Jane Berntson, Altamont High School Principal, reported on academic and attendance goals with attendance up significantly this year.

**OPEN TIME:** At 7:32 p.m. President Smith opened the meeting for those who signed up for public comment. Clifford Murray proposed changes to the early graduation policy. Anissa Maxfield noted observations of students and teachers working hard at Altamont High and that the four-day week was working well overall. Alicia Jenkins, Parent, reported on comments from families and students that the four-day schedule was helpful for education and families. Sid Thayne reported on four-day being beneficial for his kids and family. Sharon Smith noted the four-day week was not working as well for her student and would prefer five-day seven period. Julie Seeley reported concern that the elementary was not doing as well on the four-day week. President Smith closed open time at 7: 47 p.m.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Annual Audit and Financial Report for 2023-2024 – Mr. Miles noted another year completed with balanced budgets and a clean audit. Mr. Busenbark moved to approve the annual financial report. Mr. Bench seconded; passed unanimously.
2. Policy 2nd Reading: 4.0530 Early Graduation – Superintendent Young reviewed the changes noting if a student completes their credits they can graduate. The scholarship portion has been discontinued and removed from state code. Mr. Busenbark moved to approve with minor adjustments and legal review . Ms. Wells seconded; passed unanimously.

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3. Policy 2nd Reading: 2.0700.06 & .07 Notice of Risk Management Coverage – Superintendent Young noted it complies with State guidelines and better fits District operations. Mr. Busenbark moved to approve. Mr. Bench seconded; passed unanimously.
4. Policy 2nd Reading: 4.0611 Title One – No change from last reading. Mr. Busenbark moved to approve. Mr. Bench seconded; passed unanimously.
5. Policy 2nd Reading: 2.0120.11 Time & Effort – No change from last reading. Mr. Busenbark moved to approve. Ms. Wells seconded; passed unanimously.
6. Update to Board Meeting Schedule – Superintendent Young noted a change for May and June to the first week to be more consistent all year. Ms. Wells moved to approve. Mr. Busenbark seconded; passed unanimously.
7. Travel Requests
  - a. A list of travel was reviewed. Mr. Busenbark moved to approve. Mr. Bench seconded; passed unanimously.
8. Buildings
  - a. Altamont Water Line and Utility Corridor Easements for Upper Country Water and Altamont City – Superintendent Young noted the easements facilitate moving water lines to accommodate the new building. Ms. Wells moved to approve. Mr. Bench seconded; passed unanimously.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

1. Policy 1st Reading: 3.0710.02 Class Attendance – The older policy needs updating.
2. USBA Convention, January 9 - 11, 2025 – The Board made plans to attend.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Not needed.

**ADJOURNMENT / FUTURE PLANNING:** Mr. Busenbark moved to adjourn, Ms. Wells seconded. President Smith adjourned the meeting at 8:39 p.m. The next Regular Meeting will be held Tuesday, January 7, 2025, at the District Office, 1010 East 200 North, Roosevelt, Utah.