# DUCHESNE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

### REGULAR SESSION

January 3, 2023

District Office 1010 East 200 North, Roosevelt, Utah

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

### VISITORS:

| Kendra Embleton  | Kimberley Murray | Glenna Sorensen | Margo Jenson   | Lynn Monson    |
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| Mike Ross        | Mattina Reep     | Lori Olson      | Ashley Jessen  | Lindsey Guffey |
| Phillip Bertoch  | Rauni Guffey     | Aubrey Yack     | Alicia Jenkins | Shauna Ross    |
| Janalee Goodrich | Merv Glines      | Trinity Jenkins | Justin Jenkins | Beth Sauve     |
| Gwen Prescott    | Scott Forsyth    | Lindsey Whiting | Tara Winn      |                |
| Michael Weldon   | Lynn Sorensen    | Anthony Wilcox  | Danika Monson  |                |

**WORK SESSION**: The Board reviewed Altamont Elementary school building feasibility, meeting protocols, and attorney selections.

**REGULAR SESSION**: President Smith called the regular session to order at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Bench offered prayer. Mr. Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

**SWEARING IN**: Merv Glines, Notary, administered the oath of office for Mr. Busenbark and Ms. Wells who subscribed to the oath as new board members.

**CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**: The Board members declared the following potential conflicts: Mr. Busenbark, Roosevelt City Council member, employment at Utah State University; Emilee Wells, Teacher at Alliance Learning Center.

**AGENDA, MINUTES**: Mr. Bench moved and Mr. Busenbark seconded to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held December 6, 2022; voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

**RECOGNITION**: The Altamont High Band, and Myton Elementary performed. Extra degree awards were presented Danika Monsen, Harry Dahlberg, and Wilford Conetah exceptional contributions and hard work.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**: Scott Forsyth, Principal Roosevelt Jr. High, reported on the educational goals and programs of the school.

**OPEN TIME**: At 8:00 p.m. President Smith opened the meeting for comments. Lori Olson expressed concern for the shortage of substitutes. There being no further comments, President Smith closed open time at 8:08 p.m.

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

- 1. <u>Board Reorganization</u> President Smith opened the floor for nominations. Mr. Bench moved to suspend nominations and retain Mr. Smith as President and Mr. Thacker as Vice-President. Mr. Busenbark seconded, passed unanimously.
- 2. Travel Request
  - a. <u>AHS Band to St. George</u> Mattina Reep, Teacher, and the band members reviewed the details of their proposed trip. Mr. Thacker moved to approve. Mr. Bench seconded; passed unanimously.
- 3. <u>Buildings</u> Superintendent Young noted the Duchesne High project was progressing close to schedule. The new boilers would be in operation soon.

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4. <u>Substitute Teacher Bonus Pay Proposal</u> – Superintendent Young reported on the need and much ongoing work to find a solution to the substitute teacher shortage. The proposal is to incentivize substitutes with \$100 for every fifteen times they work. Many efforts are under way to find more substitutes, and to improve their experience. Mr. Bench moved and Mr. Thacker seconded; passed unanimously.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- 1. Mini-Bus for Activity Trips Mike Ross reported on how the bus could alleviate some demand for bus drivers by being able to transport many of the teams in a single vehicle that a coach could drive. Care would be taken to ensure students and staff continue to be safe during travel.
- 2. Schedule for board member visits to schools The Board set their schedules to visit schools.
- 3. USBA Meetings in SLC January 5-7, the Board made plans to attend.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**: Not needed this month.

**ADJOURNMENT / FUTURE PLANNING**: Mr. Bench moved to adjourn, Mr. Thacker seconded. President Smith closed the meeting at 9:01 p.m. The next Regular Meeting will be held Tuesday, February 9, 2023, at the District Office, 1010 East 200 North, Roosevelt, Utah.