

DUCHESNE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR SESSION

February 10, 2022

District Office 1010 East 200 North, Roosevelt, Utah

OFFICERS: President Tony Smith presided with Board Members Kim Harding, Mark Thacker, Gary Nelson and Brandon Bench present, as well as Superintendent David Brotherson and Business Administrator Dee E. Miles.

VISITORS:

Jason Young	Rauni Guffey	Diana Olsen	Tricia Allred	Erin Johnson
Gwen Prescott	Ben Felder	Cameron Olsen	Kiana McAllister	Samantha Suter
Mike Ross	Aubrey Harris	Devin Bullock	Ryan Bjerke	Annisia Maxfield
Janalee Goodrich	Alyssa Evans	Tracey Thompson	Chad Stevenson	Tracy McKinnon
Michael Weldon	Greg Robbins	Chris Chapman	Gina Stevenson	Devin Peterson
Lori Oman	Lee Goodrich	Jeremy Johnson	Patricia A Cook	Jordanelle Peterson
Trent Birchell	Tonia Smoot	Brittney Fenn	Tom Henderson	
Kurt Loertscher	Jim Smoot	Shasta Shurtleff	Natalie Miles	
Jackie Loertscher	Mike Miles	Angie Draper	Amanda Mieure	
Kimberley Murray	Anne Marie Miles	Branden Draper	Beth Sauve	

WORK SESSION: The Board reviewed trends in construction costs and bond refunding opportunities.

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

AGENDA, MINUTES: Mr. Bench moved and Mr. Nelson seconded to approve the agenda, and the minutes of the regular board meeting held January 4, 2022 and special board meeting January 13, 2022; voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

RECOGNITION: E3 and community partner awards were presented to Greg Robbins, Ben Felder, Janalee Goodrich, and Aycock Miles & Associates for their exceptional contributions and hard work in supporting the students and the District.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: The Board reviewed reports from Administration. The SPED Team reported on training at their national conference. Rauni Guffey noted the District is doing things the right types of instructions and interventions. Natalie Miles reported on emerging technology, tools to target careers, and supporting students with challenging behavior. Kurt Loertscher reported on new tools to communicate with regular education teachers. Jackie Loertscher reported on new tools and that the District was leading the way in best practices. Mr. Nelson noted how impressed he has been while visiting the schools.

OPEN TIME: At 7:38 pm President Smith opened the meeting for public comment. Shilo Money presented to the Board on a survey and concerns for and against a four day week for Altamont Schools. Sports practice running later at night is a concern, daycare on Fridays, coordinating with UBTECH and colleges, food insecurities, potential loss of benefits for staff, less days would make it more important not to miss school, special education students may not have their needs met. There are many issues with different stakeholders affected differently. Shilo was a proponent of four days but was not dead set either way with the results. Mr. Harding questioned why the Board and Administration were not involved at the beginning of the process. Mr. Bench asked about the survey process and commended the Money's for supporting the schools and the community. Mr. Nelson had questions about the validity of the survey and noted he had four constituents contact him who were opposed. There was concern that only a small portion of the community responded to the survey. Going from ten courses to twelve each year is a concern.

Annissa Maxfield reported on a similar survey done ten years ago. She reported on difficulties with students being absent on Fridays for sports and proposed a three year test period.

Lori Oman reported on elementary students and concern that students can't absorb as much in four days and longer days are harder for elementary students.

Mr. Thacker noted involvement of the District during the process. His study shows that it does not improve or hamper education either way. He felt the issue needed a fair hearing.

Mr. Bench noted the great job the Altamont schools are doing and expressed support to investigate further.

Ben Felder noted his support to further study the issues involved. At 8:37 pm President Smith closed open time.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Buildings – No items this month.
2. 2022-2023 Calendar Revision (To make New Year's Day a day off) – Mr. Bench moved to approve. Mr. Harding seconded; passed unanimously.
3. Policy – Nepotism (1st Reading) – Superintendent Brotherson noted the changes to match State statutes. Mr. Nelson moved to approve. Mr. Harding seconded; passed unanimously.
4. Transportation Policy Updates (1st Reading) – Mike Ross reviewed the changes to help protect equipment and complete required inspections. Mr. Bench moved to approve. Mr. Nelson seconded; passed unanimously.
5. Consideration of a resolution authorizing the issuance up to \$18,000,000 of general obligation refunding bonds and providing for related matters – Ryan Bjerke, attorney with Chapman & Cutler, reviewed the refunding resolution. Mr. Harding moved to adopt and approve the resolution. Mr. Bench seconded; passed unanimously.
6. Travel Requests:
 - a. ESEA National Conference, New Orleans Feb 15-19 – Kendra Embleton reviewed the request and that Title I would fund it. Mr. Harding moved to approve. Mr. Bench seconded; passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Health Curriculum Review – The Board reviewed District statistics for students in several critical categories including: adolescent pregnancies, STD's, and child sexual abuse among others.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mr. Harding moved and Mr. Nelson seconded that the Board go into executive session to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual; aye votes: Mr. Bench, Mr. Thacker, Mr. Harding, Mr. Smith, Mr. Nelson. Nay votes: none. Motion passed. President Smith closed the regular session at 8:42 p.m. Mr. Harding moved and Mr. Nelson seconded that the Board go out of executive session at 9:40 p.m.; passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT / FUTURE PLANNING: Mr. Nelson moved to adjourn, Mr. Bench seconded. President Smith closed the meeting at 9:41 p.m. The next Regular Meeting will be held Thursday, March 10, 2022, at the District Office, 1010 East 200 North, Roosevelt, Utah.