

DUCHESNE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR SESSION

April 11, 2024

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	Eric Gubler	Rowdy Cloward	Matt Foley	Sharon Smith
Phillip Bertoch	Holli Williams	Aubrey Yack	Nicole Glines	Vickie Jessen
Janalee Goodrich	Sam Williams	Justin Busdicker	Bean Glines	Julie Seeley
Kendra Embleton	Heston Farnsworth	Glena Sorensen	Olivia Glines	Shara Ostler
Luke Taylor	Brooke Liddell	Lynn Sorensen	Hilary Young	Spencer Donovan
Tiffany Taylor	Harper Liddell	Scott Forsyth	Rauni Guffey	Rhett Donovan
Christopher Whiting	Rena C Allred	Kimberley Murray	Christian Potter	
William Gubler	Henry Allred	Merilynne Whiting	Michele Hawkins	
Timothy Gubler	David Law	Anthony Whiting	Jennifer Reiley	
Aja Gubler	Kale Cloward	Eliza Whiting	Elizabeth Reiley	

WORK SESSION: The Board discussed the leadership structure of the District with a few minor clarifications.

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

AGENDA, MINUTES: Mr. Bench moved and Ms. Wells seconded to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held March 7, 2024 and special meeting on March 14, 2024; voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

RECOGNITION: Diana Hanke reviewed the Battle of the Books competition, introduced the winners from each grade, and they shared their favorite book and performed a battle for the Board. The community partner award was presented to V6 media and the Extra Degree award was presented to Renae Allred and Kale Cloward for their exceptional contributions to student success.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: Scott Forsyth, Roosevelt Jr. High Principal, reviewed their goals, progress, and plans. Attendance is up 7%, they started a Rachel's challenge student kindness group, and behaviors have improved significantly. The District's new behavior matrix has been a great help.

OPEN TIME: At 7:46 p.m. President Smith opened the meeting for public comment. Vickie Jessen noted she had a long message and would email it to the Board instead. Julie Seeley expressed her reasons for being involved in the Altamont four-day schedule and her concerns about the change. Sharon Smith expressed concern for special education students and the change to the four-day week. President Smith closed open time at 7:56 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Travel Requests
 - a. Tabiona Golf Team – Due to snow, travel to Evanston April 26-27.
 - b. Altamont Elementary Teachers – PLC Conference in Vegas June, and Show Up for Educators conference in Salt Lake City in July.
 - c. Bus mechanics - propane training in Detroit 7/29-8/1
 - d. Principals and District Administration - the Competency-Based Learning Summit in St. Louis 5/28-5/31 – A special grant will pay for the training.
 - e. Mr. Thacker moved to approve the four requests. Mr. Bench seconded; passed unanimously.

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2. Buildings – Superintendent Young reported Duchesne High was progressing and Altamont High shops would start in a few days.
3. Policy 2nd Reading: 2.0500.01 - .03 Parking and Traffic on School Grounds – Superintendent Young noted the change in language to allow but not require the policy as needed at each school. Mr. Bench moved to approve. Mr. Busenbark seconded; passed unanimously.
4. Secondary English Language Arts Textbook Adoption – Superintendent Young noted a step forward as this would provide a more systematic approach. Kendra Embleton reported on some of the details and how the materials work and would support teaching. Mr. Bench moved to approve. Mr. Thacker seconded; passed unanimously.
5. 2024-2025 Trustlands Plans – Mr. Busenbark noted concern to make sure new teachers are made aware of these funds and how they could have access to the funds through the community council. Mr. Bench noted the flexibility with the funds to meet the needs of each school individually. Mr. Bench moved to approve. Mr. Thacker seconded; passed unanimously
6. Personnel
 - a. Superintendent and Business Administrator appointment – Mr. Bench moved to appoint Jason Young, Superintendent of Schools, and Dee E. Miles, Business Administrator for two-year terms starting July 1, 2024. Mr. Thacker seconded the motion; passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Superintendent Young highlighted a few of the key bills passed by the Legislature including extensive new school safety measures.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mr. Busenbark moved and Mr. Bench seconded that the Board go into executive session to discuss personnel; aye votes: Mr. Bench, Mr. Busenbark, Ms. Wells, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Thacker. Nay votes: none. Motion passed. President Smith closed the regular session at 8:40 p.m. Mr. Bench moved and Mr. Thacker seconded that the Board go out of executive session at 9:04 p.m.; passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT / FUTURE PLANNING: Mr. Busenbark moved to adjourn; Mr. Thacker seconded. President Smith closed the meeting at 9:06 p.m. The next Regular Meeting will be held Thursday, May 9, 2024, at the District Office, 1010 East 200 North, Roosevelt, Utah.