

DUCHESNE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR SESSION

October 3, 2024

Tabiona School, 10 N Main Street, Tabiona, 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:

Melissa Rasmussen	Sharon Smith	Robert Park	Logan Gines	Deb Evans
Phillip Bertoch	Julie Seeley	Renae Park	Madilyn Hamilton	Kim Park
Mike Ross	Idawna Defa	Mary Lou Giles	Brittiany Gines	Ben Park
Janalee Goodrich	Lee Gines	Elaine Curry	Kerri Hamilton	
Kendra Embleton	Cliff Murray	Jan Rhoades	Kristina Runolfson	
Mike Wagner	Darin Jenkins	Sara Simpson	Mary McCluskey	
Shelby Thayne	Aubrey Harris	Rebecca Price	Shaylene Gilbert	

WORK SESSION: The Board discussed building projects and the student attendance initiative.

REGULAR SESSION: President Smith called the regular session to order at 6:59 p.m. Mr. Busenbark offered prayer. Mr. Bench led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

MINUTES: Mr. Bench moved and Mr. Busenbark seconded to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held September 5, 2024; voting was unanimous in the affirmative. Audio recording is available at: <https://secure.utah.gov/pmn-admin/files/1179429.mp3>

RECOGNITION: The Extra Degree award was presented to Melissa Rasmussen and Idawna Defa for their exceptional contributions to student success.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: The Board reported on their observations while visiting schools. Darin Jenkins reported on the goals of Tabiona School. The goals are to help all students to achieve, ensure all students are reading on grade level, and personal reading goals for every student.

OPEN TIME: At 7:25 p.m. President Smith opened the meeting for those who signed up for public comment. Sarah Simpson asked about a pre-school for Tabiona. Janalee Goodrich commented that grant resources have not yet funded that addition. Madilyn Hamilton expressed concerns for the adequacy of the facilities in Tabiona. Jan Rhoades inquired what plans were in place for the school. Clifford Murray commented on the many new requirements placed on schools by legislators and meeting the needs of students. Logan Gines commented on the needs for facilities at the school. Mr. Thacker noted the important partnership with the community that created the community center. Mr. Bench noted the need to work together. Lee Gines noted the new Tabiona gymnasium is one of the best in 1A, but felt Tabiona was being left behind. Mary McClusky asked about school funding and expressed opposition to pre-school. Krissy Runolfson asked about the proposed amendment to the constitution. Ms. Wells noted concerns about the amendment and encouraged people to get out and vote. President Smith closed open time at 8:07 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Policy 2nd Reading: 3.0411.10 Personal Leave & 3.0411.11 Professional Leave – Superintendent Young noted final clarifications to the policy. Mr. Bench moved to approve. Ms. Wells seconded; passed unanimously.
2. Policy 2nd Reading: 6.0210.09 Convicted Sex Offenders on School Property – Superintendent Young noted the practicality of implementing the policy for administrators and when the different levels of care were

- necessary. Mr. Busenbark moved to approve with the additional clarifications. Mr. Thacker seconded; passed unanimously.
3. Policy 3rd Reading: 1.0110.01 Open Time – Superintendent Young noted the changes recommended from last meeting and the addition of clarifying paragraphs. Ms. Wells moved to approve the policy. Mr. Busenbark seconded; passed unanimously.
 4. Travel Requests: UHS Cross Country – Superintendent Young noted three phenomenal runners had requested permission to attend competition in Phoenix and then nationals in Portland if they qualify. Mr. Bench moved to approve. Mr. Thacker seconded; passed unanimously. National CTE Conference Jim Freston requested to attend. Mr. Bench moved to approve. Ms. Wells seconded; passed unanimously.
 5. Buildings – Superintendent Young reported the Duchesne High was finishing a little more slowly to make sure it's done right. Altamont shops has a new supervisor with better progress and hoping to close in as soon as possible. Plans for Altamont Elementary and High School gymnasium were nearing completion. Mr. Thacker moved to proceed with the entire Altamont project and to start the process of contractor selection. Mr. Bench seconded; passed unanimously.
 6. Fraud Risk Questionnaire – After review Mr. Bench moved to approve. Mr. Thacker seconded; passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Policy 1st Reading: 4.0530 Early Graduation – Superintendent Young reviewed the update to the new law and the scholarship incentive.
2. USBA Regional Meeting Oct 8, 6 pm, Cafe Rio – The Board made plans to attend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mr. Bench moved and Mr. Thacker seconded that the Board go into executive session to discuss personnel at 8:42 p.m.; aye votes: Mr. Bench, Mr. Busenbark, Ms. Wells, Mr. Smith, Mr. Thacker. Nay votes: none. Motion passed. Mr. Busenbark moved and Mr. Thacker seconded that the Board go out of executive session at 9:01 p.m.; passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT / FUTURE PLANNING: Mr. Bench moved to adjourn; Mr. Busenbark seconded. President Smith adjourned the meeting at 9:03 p.m. The next Regular Meeting will be held Thursday, November 7, 2024, at the District Office, 1010 East 200 North, Roosevelt, Utah.