

DUCHESNE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR SESSION

September 10, 2020

District Office, 1010 East 200 North, Roosevelt, Utah

OFFICERS: President Kim Harding presided with Board Members Tony Smith, Mark Thacker, Bart Morrill and Gordon Moon present, as well as Superintendent David Brotherson and Business Administrator Dee E. Miles.

VISITORS:

Jason Young	Darin Jenkins	Mark Winterton	Kileigh Farr	Joshua Meeh
Michael Weldon	Janalee Goodrich	Ron Winterton	Orrin Farr	Kevan Stevens
Gwen Prescott	Jennifer Tuckett	Kerry Farrer	Trevor Hagman	Cordell Shumway
Phillip Bertoch	Mike Ross	Tom Henderson	Kadee David	Rhett Karren
LeeNichole Marett	Bonnie Cottam	Billie Henderson	Cherry Dawson	Ben Beal
Quentin Eschler	Kim Murray	Alyssa Evans	Autumn Hancock	Nikoline K. Beal
Bruce Guymon	Janalee Goodrich	Aubrey Harris	Jill Hartman	Allison Heaton
David Green	Myka Long	Trevor Wilkerson	Roger Kynaston	
Carla McGee	Kaytlin Burrows	Kayla Oman	Brandon Bench	
Elizabeth Sauve	Colby Nielsen	Brayden Oman	Rusty Ruff	

WORK SESSION: The Board reviewed the agenda items.

REGULAR SESSION: President Harding called the regular session to order at 6:57 p.m. Mr. Thacker offered prayer. Mr. Moon led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

AGENDA, MINUTES: Mr. Morrill moved and Mr. Moon seconded to approve the agenda, and the minutes of the regular board meeting held August 13, 2020; voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

RECOGNITION: The Union High Drama department presented to the Board. E3 and community partner awards were presented to Gloria Butcher, Jennifer Tuckett, and LeeNichole Marett.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: The Board reviewed reports from the administration.

OPEN TIME: At 7:34 pm President Harding reported on the need to wear masks as mandated by the Governor, Utah State Board of Education, and the health department. The biggest concern of the Board is the students and keeping the schools open for them. He then opened the meeting for anyone to comment.

Bruce Guymon, Centennial Principal, reported how concerned he was over the summer over the safety of all the staff and students. Since school started there has not been a single concern brought for the masks, only students happy to be at school and the concern is gone.

Nikki Beal noted the difficulty in hearing and reading lips with the masks and suggested using face shields.

Joshua noted without masks germs would spread.

Mark Winterton asked if the Board had an option to reopen the schools last spring. He also asked about liability of wearing masks that might increase the spread of germs.

Katie David noted that vaccinations could be waived and wondered if masks could be as well.

Trevor Hagman express concern that masks were instilling fear in the students.

Kristina Hurley noted her experience with the Administration and their complete focus to do what is best for the kids. She noted she does not sense fear in her students. Her biggest fear is another school closure. The spring closure was the hardest of her 13 year closure. She is working hard to work the best with the masks.

Colby Nielson asked about contact sports and asked about additional options.

Kerry Farrer expressed concern that predators are now more able to roam through the community with the masks.

Rhett Karren noted concern for the mandate.

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Amy Chapman asked about face shields for kindergarten.

Abbey Firth noted she chose school for kids and that the kids aren't scared, but their cortisol levels are elevated with the masks. Her concern is what the District would do if a new U.S. President mandated a three month shutdown.

Sherry Dawson expressed concern that the community needed to come together to fight the issue.

Alison Heaton asked about safety of students at school. Superintendent Brotherson noted students are tracked and supervised by teachers now more than ever.

Autumn Hancock asked if there were any loopholes in the mandates. She expressed concern for her child with asthma.

Tony Smith noted litigation has been filed against the State.

There being no further interest to comment, President Harding closed open time at 8:42 pm.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Policy - Title IX - Sexual Harassment /Nondiscrimination – 2nd Reading – Mr. Moon moved to approve, Mr. Smith seconded; passed unanimously.
2. Policy – Donor and Business Partner Recognition – 1st Reading – Mr. Morrill moved to approve, Mr. Smith seconded; passed unanimously.
3. Buildings – Property Purchase Duchesne – Mr. Moon moved to approve the purchase at 375 Main Street, Duchesne. Mr. Thacker seconded. Passed unanimously.
4. Personnel – Approval of New Hires – Mr. Thacker moved to approve. Mr. Morrill seconded. Passed unanimously.
5. Personnel – Approval LEA Specific Licenses – Mr. Moon moved to approve the licenses. Mr. Smith seconded. Passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. USBA Fall Regional Meeting - September 23, 6 pm, via Zoom.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: No executive session was needed.

ADJOURNMENT / FUTURE PLANNING: Mr. Morrill moved to adjourn; Mr. Smith seconded. President Harding closed the meeting at 8:48 p.m. The next Regular Meeting will be held Thursday, October 8, 2020, at the District Office, 1010 East 200 North, Roosevelt, Utah.