

DUCHESNE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR SESSION

June 6, 2024

District Office 1010 East 200 North, Roosevelt, Utah

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

VISITORS:

Gwen Prescott	Kendra Embleton	Lynn Sorensen		
Phillip Bertoch	Clifford Murray	Diana Negus		
Mike Ross	Rauni Guffey			
Janalee Goodrich	Heather Smith			

WORK SESSION: The Board discussed agenda items including policies and travel.

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

AGENDA, MINUTES: Mr. Busenbark moved and Mr. Bench seconded to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held May 9, 2024; voting was unanimous in the affirmative. Audio recording is available at: <https://www.utah.gov/pmn/files/1133127.mp3>.

RECOGNITION: Superintendent Young reported on many expressions of gratitude for the pay raise announced last month.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: Superintendent Young reported on District goals and results with much to celebrate especially in reading. Kendra Embleton reported on grade level goals and testing results, and celebrated that the losses due to COVID are now behind us.

OPEN TIME: At 7:35 p.m. Vice President Thacker opened the meeting for those who signed up for public comment. Clifford Murray expressed concern for inconsistency in some communications sent out by the District. Vice President Thacker closed open time at 7:40 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Travel Requests – Trips for next year were submitted by the schools. Mr. Busenbark moved to approve and to check into a few of the longer lists of requests. Mr. Bench seconded with a request for a few more traveling student groups to give a short report upon their return; passed unanimously.
2. Buildings – Superintendent Young reported the Duchesne High contractor is pushing to complete the final parts of the project this summer and that the Altamont High contractor had started with footers under way.
3. Policy 2nd Reading: 5.0713.01 Gang Participation and Weapons Possession – Superintendent Young noted no changes from last reading. Mr. Bench moved to approve. Mr. Busenbark seconded; passed unanimously.
4. Teacher Student Success Act – Mr. Busenbark noted the plans could have more clarity with the goals for the funds, and Ms. Wells also noted a report on the results would also be valuable. Mr. Bench moved to approve the plans with a request to clarify the goals. Mr. Busenbark seconded; passed unanimously.
5. Budget Hearing – Mr. Bench moved to open a hearing for the budget, and Ms. Wells seconded; passed unanimously. Mr. Miles reviewed the 2024 final and 2025 beginning budget. The Legislature increased the WPU 5% to 4,494. Enrollments are starting to decline due to lower local birth rates. The Legislature also added and discontinued several programs. There being no further comments or questions, Mr. Busenbark

- moved to close the hearing. Mr. Bench seconded; passed unanimously. Mr. Busenbark moved to approve the budget, Ms. Wells seconded; passed unanimously.
6. New Dental Insurance Carrier – Mr. Miles noted the previous carrier had been purchased and service has declined. Sun Life has twice the network and a good reputation. Mr. Busenbark moved to approve. Ms. Wells seconded; passed unanimously.
 7. Board Meeting Schedule for 2024-2025 – It was proposed to move next year’s June meeting back a week. Mr. Busenbark moved to approve. Ms. Wells seconded; passed unanimously
 8. 2025-26 Calendar Options – Superintendent Young reviewed the school calendar created with typical parameters while coordinating with the colleges and Uintah School District. Mr. Busenbark moved to approve. Mr. Bench seconded; passed unanimously.
 9. Vital Competencies in Elementary Schools – Superintendent Young reported all the elementary schools would now track and provide each student with support to ensure they achieve the vital competencies. Mr. Busenbark moved to approve. Ms. Wells seconded; passed unanimously.
 10. Citizenship Grades – Superintendent Young reviewed the new standards for citizenship and attendance. An unsatisfactory would need to be made up. Mr. moved to approve. Mr. seconded; passed unanimously

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Policy 1st Reading: 2.0210.12 Definition of At-Risk Student – Additional clarification to the factors will be added.
2. Policy 1st Reading: 4.0540 Library Materials Policy – The policy was updated with new revisions from the Legislature.
3. 2024 Scholarship Recipients – The District had a great group of graduates!

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. Thacker. Nay votes: none. Motion passed. Vice President Thacker closed the regular session at 8:58 p.m. Mr. Busenbark moved and Ms. Wells seconded that the Board go out of executive session at 9:28 p.m.; passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT / FUTURE PLANNING: Mr. Bench moved to adjourn, Mr. Busenbark seconded. Vice President Thacker closed the meeting at 9:30 p.m. The next Regular Meeting will be held Thursday, August 1, 2024, at the District Office, 1010 East 200 North, Roosevelt, Utah.