

DUCHESNE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION

SPECIAL SESSION

December 12, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

District Office, 1010 E 200 N, 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:**

Michael Weldon	Mechelle Hansen	Kaitlyn Farley
Phillip Bertoch	Ashley Marx	Cliff Murray

President Smith called the special meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Mr. Busenbark moved and Mr. Bench seconded that the Board go into executive session for possible litigation and personnel; aye votes: Mr. Bench, Mr. Busenbark, Ms. Wells, Mr. Smith, Mr. Thacker. Nay votes: none. Motion passed. President Smith closed the regular session at 7:01 p.m. Mr. Busenbark moved and Ms. Wells seconded that the Board go out of executive session at 7:18 p.m.; passed unanimously.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Altamont Building Project Options – Mr. Miles reviewed current outstanding debt structure and how Altamont projects could be financed. Mr. Busenbark clarified the usability of the gymnasium design for the elementary. The space needs for the various sports were discussed. Construction considerations and options were discussed. The State has awarded a \$4.8 million grant for the project. Mr. Bench noted the history of District building projects and felt it was better to do the project now instead of waiting. Ms. Wells expressed concern that funds should be spent wisely and as needed and moved to rescind the Altamont project motions from October and November meetings. Mr. Thacker clarified no undue pressure was intended in prior meetings. Mr. Busenbark expressed concern that academics are most important and felt torn for the decision both ways. Mr. Bench noted a point of order that there had not been a second to the motion and that the intent of the Board from this meeting would now be to add a competition gymnasium to Altamont High School.

Mr. Thacker moved to adjourn, Mr. Busenbark seconded, passed unanimously. President Smith closed the meeting at 8:36 p.m.

Recording is available at <https://secure.utah.gov/pmn-admin/files/1209919.mp3>