

DUCHESNE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR SESSION

November 09, 2023

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	Nicol Alldredge	Danika Alldredge	Donny Horrocks	Amanda Carey
Phillip Bertoch	Danika Monsen	Guy Betts	Theresa Horrocks	Keisha Wilson
Mike Ross	Michaelle Slauch	Ada Betts	Clint Curtis	Shasta Shurtleff
Janalee Goodrich	Kimberley Murray	Brandon Woolsey	Tracy Killian	Donita Sloan
Kendra Embleton	Shelby Thayne	Leslie Lingle	Michael Casper	Sheena White
Ron Winterton	Tracey Thompson	Sheri Jaeger	Kelly Heaton	Miranda Miller
David Green	Diana Negus	Judy Stevenson	Amanda Fausett	Eric Miller

WORK SESSION: The Board discussed the upcoming legislative session with Senator Winterton.

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.

MINUTES: Mr. Busenbark moved and Mr. Bench seconded to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held October 12, 2023; voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

RECOGNITION: 212 degree and community partner awards were presented to the Duchesne County Road Department, Leslie Lingle, and Danielle Labrum for their exceptional contributions to student success. The Union High Choir directed by Danika Monsen performed two numbers and would be performing at the USBA convention.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: Neola Elementary reported school goals. Nicol Alldredge, Principal, reviewed their reading goals and strategies to improve reading and math performance. The Board reported on visits to schools and loved what they observed.

OPEN TIME: At 7:38 p.m. President Smith opened the meeting for public comment. Shelby Thayne invited everyone to a debate fundraiser for the debate team. President Smith closed open time at 7:42 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Travel Requests – None this month.
2. Buildings – State funding for rural projects would be announced in January.
3. Policy: Honorary Diplomas 5.0210.30 – Mr. Bench moved to approve. Mr. Thacker seconded; passed unanimously.
4. Policy: Safety Drills 2.0310 – Mr. Thacker moved to approve. Mr. Bench seconded; passed unanimously.
5. Ballard City, Road Donation and Easement – Mr. Miles reviewed the tiny pieces of property in the roadway of Ballard they would like to have deeded to them to move forward with an improvement project. Mr. Busenbark moved to approve. Mr. Thacker seconded; passed unanimously.
6. Roosevelt City Agreements – Superintendent Young reviewed the final adjustments to the agreements after many months of negotiations. He also noted how much the students love the sport. Mr. Thacker moved to approve. Mr. Bench seconded; Mr. Busenbark abstained, passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Policy: Lane Changes 3.0311.09 – Superintendent Young reviewed the new reading coursework that teachers are required to complete in their first two years. The policy change would allow those credits to be used toward a lane change after they complete their license. Mr. Busenbark recommended removing quarters from the language since colleges now operate on semesters.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mr. Thacker moved and Ms. Wells seconded that the Board go into executive session to discuss 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 8:10 p.m. Mr. Busenbark moved and Mr. Thacker seconded that the Board go out of executive session at 8:20 p.m.; passed unanimously.

WORK SESSION: The Board discussed the need and strategies for increasing student attendance and academic achievement.

ADJOURNMENT / FUTURE PLANNING: Mr. Thacker moved to adjourn, Mr. Bench seconded. President Smith closed the meeting at 9:39 p.m. The next Regular Meeting will be held Thursday, December 7, 2023, at Altamont High School, 200 W Main Street, Altamont, Utah.