

DUCHESNE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR SESSION

January 04, 2022

District Office 1010 East 200 North, Roosevelt, Utah

OFFICERS: President Tony Smith presided with Board Members Kim Harding, Mark Thacker, Gary Nelson and Brandon Bench present, as well as Superintendent David Brotherson and Business Administrator Dee E. Miles.

VISITORS:

Gwen Prescott	Lori Oman	Guy Betts	Kevin Jessen	Tyson Guymon
Phillip Bertoch	Mason Miles	Ada Betts	Shannon Staker	Ellen Hill
Kendra Embleton	Randall Bennett	Scott Hall	Bridgett Squire	Jaxon Thomas
Bruce Guymon	DeeAnne Bennett	Melanie Hall	Malory Burdick	Calvin Christensen
Doris Bertoch	Tom Henderson	Matt Christensen	Elizabeth Sauve	Jim Hilton
Mike Ross	Billie Henderson	Barbara Christensen	Erin Johnson	Paula Hilton
Michael Weldon	Lynn Sorensen	Natalie Christensen	Amber Beaver	
Trent Birchell	Kimberley Murray	Dallon Christensen	Ryan Beaver	
Sheila Birchell	Don Hill	Kristy Jessen	Amy Guymon	

WORK SESSION: The Board discussed school calendaring options and difficulties.

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

AGENDA, MINUTES: Mr. Harding moved and Mr. Bench seconded to approve the agenda, and the minutes of the regular board meeting held December 9, 2021; voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

RECOGNITION: The Union High Orchestra performed for the Board. E3 and community partner awards were presented to Barbara Christensen, Kristy Jessen, Don Hill, and Uintah Basin Medical Center for their exceptional contributions to the District.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: The Board reviewed reports from Administration.

OPEN TIME: At 7:17 p.m., President Smith opened the meeting for public comment. Tyson Guymon, Brian Beaver, and Jackson Thomas presented two bills from their current issues class. The first a request to reduce the number of required credits by five and second to replace student desks with tables and chairs. The Board thanked them for their presentation and would hold further discussion. Sheila Birchell reviewed the credit requirements of the District and need to accommodate the desired coursework of as many students as possible, meet state requirements and provide a valuable education. At 7:24 p.m. President Smith closed open time.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Counseling Program review and approval – Sheila Birchell, Lynn Sorensen, and Malory Burdick reviewed the District plan and the services counselors provide which include: aptitude and career planning, dropout prevention, social and emotional needs, hope squads, and interventions. Mr. Bench moved to approve the College and Career Readiness School Counseling Program for the District. Mr. Harding seconded; passed unanimously.
2. Positive Behavior Plans – Mike Ross reviewed the State Program that also provided new funding for the schools this year. Schools have used positive behavior intervention support plans for several years. Mr. Harding moved to approve the plans. Mr. Thacker seconded; passed unanimously.
3. Policy 4.0610 Special Education - 2nd Reading – Changes to update terminology. Mr. Harding moved to approve. Mr. Nelson seconded; passed unanimously.

4. Application Screening Criteria - 2nd Reading – Phillip Bertoch noted the updates were reviewed by legal counsel. Mr. Nelson moved to approve. Mr. Harding seconded; passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Convention – The Board made plans to attend the state convention.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mr. Bench moved and Mr. Nelson seconded that the Board go into executive session to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual; aye votes: Mr. Bench, Mr. Thacker, Mr. Harding, Mr. Smith, Mr. Nelson. Nay votes: none. Motion passed. President Smith closed the regular session at 7:58 p.m. Mr. Harding moved and Mr. Nelson seconded that the Board go out of executive session at 9:40 p.m.; passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT / FUTURE PLANNING: Mr. Harding moved to adjourn, Mr. Bench seconded. President Smith closed the meeting at 9:41 p.m. The next Regular Meeting will be held Thursday, February 10, 2022, at the District Office, 1010 East 200 North, Roosevelt, Utah.