

DUCHESNE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR SESSION

March 9, 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	Kimberley Murray	Brian Clem	Matthew Skewes	Shelby Thayne
Phillip Bertoch	Jane Berntson	Sarah Clem	Kathy Lee Heaps	Dea Skewes
Kendra Embleton	Rauni Guffey	Mary Jo Ford	Amanda Heppner	Erica Broadbent
Mike Ross	Jennifer Jenkins	Adam Ford	(Dejarnatt)	Sean Smith
John Richens	Danita Hinton	Becca Bleazard	Michaelle Slauch	Heather Smith
Deborah Herron	Deborah Herron	Samantha Nichols	Beth Sauve	Aubrey Harris
Dave Green	Randy Burr	Jay Garritson	Erin Johnson	

WORK SESSION: The Board made plans for school visits, event calendaring, and discussed needs for subs, drivers, and coordinating with other government entities.

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

AGENDA, MINUTES: Mr. Bench moved and Mr. Busenbark seconded to approve the agenda, and the minutes of the regular board meeting held February 9, 2023; voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

RECOGNITION: Duchesne Elementary students performed. Extra degree awards were presented to Stephanie Skewes, and District librarians for their exceptional work, and students were recognized for achievement in Academic Decathlon and Sterling Scholar competitions.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: Jane Berntson, Altamont High School Principal, presented their unique approach to PLC's in a small school and the individual relationships they strive to foster with each student.

OPEN TIME: At 8:01 p.m. President Smith opened the meeting for public comment. Amanda Heppner expressed concerns about the safety of students walking to Duchesne Elementary with ideas to improve the situation. There being no further comments, President Smith closed open time at 8:06 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Hearing: School Fees for 2023-24 – President Smith opened the meeting for public comment. There were no public comments. Mr. Busenbark asked about some inconsistencies. Mr. Thacker moved to approve the schedules of fees. Mr. Bench seconded; passed unanimously.
2. Travel Requests
 - a. Ratify UHS Girls Golf to St. George: March 8-9 – Mr. Bench moved to approve. Ms. Wells seconded; passed unanimously
 - b. Academic Decathlon to Nationals – The Academic Decathlon Team qualified for nationals. Mr. Bench moved to approve travel to the competition, and Mr. Thacker seconded; passed unanimously.
3. Buildings
 - a. Request for walking path on DCSD property North of KPES – Superintendent Young reviewed the request to use the hillside that the District owned but is not usable for the school on the north side

of Kings Peak. Mr. Busenbark recused himself with potential conflict of interest. Ms. Wells moved to approve. Mr. Thacker seconded; passed unanimously

4. JUUL Settlement – Mr. Bench moved to approve. Mr. Busenbark seconded; passed unanimously
5. Policy: Student interrogation, search, and seizure 5.0740 – Mr. Busenbark moved to approve. Mr. Bench seconded; passed unanimously.
6. Policy: Contract and Noncontract Employment 3.0300 – Mr. Busenbark asked about several points to clarify intent of the policy. Mr. Busenbark moved to table for more revision. Mr. Bench seconded; passed.
7. Policy: School Employee Suggestion Program 3.0750.01 – In order to maintain anonymity, Superintendent Young noted that suggestions should be mailed to the District and would then be reported to the Board. Mr. Thacker noted they could also be mailed to the Board President. Mr. Busenbark moved to approve with the addition of the Board President as an additional recipient of letters. Mr. Thacker seconded; passed unanimously.
8. Policy: Educator evaluation 3.0730.02 – Mr. Busenbark asked about the types of surveys the District does and suggested additional possibilities. Ms. Wells noted the value of having feedback. Mr. Bench moved to approve. Mr. Thacker seconded; passed unanimously
9. Policy: Professional Staff Appointment 3.0200.01 – Mr. Busenbark moved to approve. Ms. Wells seconded with an amendment to the motion to clarify the intent to have the listed stakeholders involved when reasonable. Passed unanimously.
10. Policy: Administrative Appointment 1.0700.01 – Mr. Busenbark moved to approve. Ms. Wells seconded with an amendment the motion to clarify the intent to have the listed stakeholders involved when reasonable. Passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Duchesne Arts Council – Deborah Herron, Danita Hinton, and Jennifer Jenkins expressed appreciation for the support of the District and noted the importance arts play in education and life.
2. USBA Regional Meeting - Vernal, March 15, 6 pm The Board made plans to attend.
3. Policy (1st Reading): Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (6.0230) – A new policy to cover the use of drones.
4. Policy (1st Reading): Sick Leave (3.0411.02) – Includes a change to encourage employees to return to employment.
5. Policy (1st Reading): 3.0800.02 Causes For Dismissal – A small clarification to the title.
6. School Graduation Assignments: May 23: BOS, May 24: Adult Ed, May 25: THS, May 26: AHS, DHS, UHS

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mr. Bench moved and Mr. Thacker 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 9:37 p.m. Mr. Busenbark moved and Ms. Wells seconded that the Board go out of executive session at 10:15 p.m.; passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT / FUTURE PLANNING: Mr. Thacker moved to adjourn, Mr. Busenbark seconded. President Smith closed the meeting at 10:18 p.m. The next Regular Meeting will be held Thursday, April 13, 2023, at the District Office, 1010 East 200 North, Roosevelt, Utah.