

DUCHESNE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR SESSION

September 9, 2021

District Office 1010 East 200 North, Roosevelt, Utah

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

**VISITORS:**

Jason Young	Beth Sauve	Janalee Goodrich	Mark Peterson	Jason Young
Gwen Prescott	Mike Ross	Kimberly Murray	Wes Christensen	Erin Johnson
Phillip Bertoch	Kendra Embleton	Tom Felkins	Michael Weldon	

**WORK SESSION:** The Board reviewed progress on Duchesne High building plans.

**REGULAR SESSION:** President Harding called the regular session to order at 7:01 p.m. Mr. Smith offered prayer. Mr. Harding led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

**AGENDA, MINUTES:** Mr. Bench noted a correction to the closing time and moved to approve. Mr. Nelson seconded to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held August 17, 2021; voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

**RECOGNITION:** E3 and community partner awards were presented to Andrea Nielsen, Jr. High secretary, Amber Gordon, teacher, and Westland Construction as a community partner and thanked all for their exceptional contributions and hard work.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:** The Board reviewed reports from Administration.

**OPEN TIME:** At 7:05 p.m. President Harding opened the meeting for comments. Craig Ashby noted a need for more gravel at the bus garage and asked about the rate of pay for bus driver training time. President Harding closed open time at 7:15 p.m.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Board Reorganization – President Harding resigned his position as president of the Board and called for nominations for a new president. Mr. Bench nominated Mr. Smith. There being no other nominations, Mr. Thacker moved nominations cease, Mr. Bench seconded; passed unanimously. Tony Smith is the new president of the Board.
2. Driver's Ed Fee Increase from \$165 to \$180 – Due to the State moving toward having separate instructors do the driving and testing, an increase was proposed to pay separate for testing. Mr. Harding moved to approve. Mr. Thacker seconded; passed unanimously.
3. Travel Requests –
  - a. Duchesne FFA to SUU, Sept 27-28 – Mr. Harding moved to approve. Mr. Nelson seconded; passed unanimously.
4. Buildings –
  - a. Interlocal Agreement with Duchesne City – Superintendent Brotherson reviewed discussions with Duchesne City and the agreement to jointly pursue improvements to the ball fields. Mr. Bench moved to approve. Mr. Thacker seconded; passed unanimously.
5. School Vaping Litigation – Kirton & McKonkie Proposal – Mr. Harding moved to approve joining the class action law suit against the manufacturer JUUL for costs and difficulties incurred to deal with student vaping. Mr. Harding moved to approve; Mr. Bench seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

1. Duchesne City Council – Discussed under action item 4.
2. COVID Update – Superintendent Brotherson reviewed the challenges with tracking cases and the possibility of having to test-to-stay. Numbers are updated daily. The District is trying to stick to its plan that was approved before school started.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Mr. Thacker moved and Mr. Bench 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. Nelson, Mr. Thacker, Mr. Harding, Mr. Smith. Nay votes: none. Motion passed. President Smith closed the regular session at 8:05 p.m. Mr. Bench moved and Mr. Harding seconded that the Board go out of executive session at 8:31 p.m.; passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT / FUTURE PLANNING:** Mr. Harding moved to adjourn, Mr. Thacker seconded. President Smith closed the meeting at 8:32 p.m. The next Regular Meeting will be held Thursday, October 7, 2021, at the District Office, 1010 East 200 North, Roosevelt, Utah.