

DUCHESNE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR SESSION

August 16, 2022

District Office 1010 East 200 North, Roosevelt, Utah

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

**VISITORS:**

Gwen Prescott	Kendra Embleton	Kimberly Murray	Glena Sorensen	Derrick Harkness
Phillip Bertoch	Michael Weldon	Mason Miles	Keith Goodspeed	Elizabeth Sauve
Janalee Goodrich	Jackie Loertscher	Diana Hanke	Samantha Suter	
Mike Ross	Kurt Loertscher	Lynn Sorensen	Jaundelis Cummings	

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Mr. Harding moved and Mr. Bench seconded that the Board go into executive session to discuss procurement; aye votes: Mr. Bench, Mr. Thacker, Mr. Harding, Mr. Smith. Nay votes: none. Motion passed. President Smith closed the regular session at 5:31 p.m. Mr. Bench moved and Mr. Harding seconded that the Board go out of executive session at 6:04 p.m.; passed unanimously.

**WORK SESSION:** The Board reviewed a new media materials challenge policy and possible building safety improvements.

**REGULAR SESSION:** President Smith called the regular session to order at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Harding offered prayer. Mr. Thacker 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 June 9, 2022; voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

**RECOGNITION:** Elizabeth Sampson had the prestigious honor of being one of five finalists for Utah State Teacher of the Year.

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

**ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Travel Requests – Duchesne High submitted additional student travel requests. Mr. Bench moved to approve. Mr. Harding seconded; passed unanimously.
2. Buildings
  - a. Architect – The selection being still in process of evaluation, the item was tabled.
3. Land Purchase – Land in Duchesne for ball fields and future building possibilities was located. Mr. Bench moved to approve the purchase. Mr. Thacker seconded; passed unanimously.
4. Policy: Medical Marijuana – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Phillip Bertoch reviewed the policy that will be an addition to the current drug policy. Mr. Harding moved to approve. Mr. Thacker seconded; passed unanimously.
5. Policy: Media Materials – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – The new policy governing how to review and approve was discussed. Mr. Harding moved to approve. Mr. Bench seconded; passed unanimously.
6. Early Learning Program – Kendra Embleton reviewed the program that provides early learning coaches in the elementary schools. Mr. Bench moved to approve the plan, and Mr. Thacker seconded; passed unanimously.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

1. District and School Goals – Superintendent Young reviewed a summary document of the District goals which is intended to keep the goals more in the forefront. Each school will create their own subset of the same goals.
2. Review of 2021-22 State Assessment Data – COVID had a negative impact on student achievement and work will continue to recover.
3. Plan for Safety of School Children – Mike Ross reviewed current safety tactics. Superintendent Young reviewed several ideas that are being implemented to increase safety and others that will be investigated further.
4. Legal Counsel – Administration will pursue proposals for new counsel as Blake Ostler is retiring.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Mr. Harding moved and Mr. Bench seconded that the Board go into executive session to discuss personnel; aye votes: Mr. Bench, Mr. Thacker, Mr. Harding, Mr. Smith. Nay votes: none. Motion passed. President Smith closed the regular session at 7:44 p.m. Mr. Bench moved and Mr. Harding seconded that the Board go out of executive session at 8:44 p.m.; passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT / FUTURE PLANNING:** Mr. Harding moved to adjourn, Mr. Bench seconded. President Smith closed the meeting at 8:45 p.m. The next Regular Meeting will be held Thursday, October 6, 2022, at the District Office, 1010 East 200 North, Roosevelt, Utah.