

DUCHESNE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR SESSION

October 12, 2023

Tabiona School, 3775 N 37900 W, Tabiona, 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:**

Phillip Bertoch	David Law	Eric Runolfson	Cole Giles	Shanae Bingam
Mike Ross	Rauni Guffey	Michael Arnold	Shelby Thayne	
Darin Jenkins	Auston Bagley	Sherilyn Arnold	Andrew Adams	
Sheila Birchell	Shannon Lazenby	Kathryn Cole	Heather Rhoades	
Trent Birchell	Justen Lazenby	Marylou Giles	Brent Bingham	

**WORK SESSION:** The Board discussed shared services with Roosevelt City.

**REGULAR SESSION:** President Smith called the regular session to order at 6:55 p.m. Mr. Thacker offered prayer. Mr. Busenbark led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

**AGENDA, MINUTES:** Mr. Busenbark moved and Mr. Bench seconded to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held September 14, 2023 and the special board meeting held September 27, 2023; voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

**RECOGNITION:** Logan Rhoades performed a piano piece for the Board. E3 and community partner awards were presented to Katherine Cole at age 97 for volunteering three days per week, and the Duchesne and Tabiona road crews that clear snow and ensure safety for buses.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:** Darin Jenkins, Tabiona Principal, shared his reading goal, reviewed challenges at the school, goals, and strategies to use data for instruction and intervention. Every student has a reading goal. Superintendent Young also shared his reading goal. The Board reported on visits to schools and the great things they observed.

**OPEN TIME:** At 7:27 p.m. President Smith opened the meeting for public comment. Sheila Birchell, reported on the upcoming Community Matters event that will be held November 8<sup>th</sup>. Elizabeth Smart will be the key presenter. President Smith closed open time at 7:35 p.m.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Travel Requests - None this month.
2. Buildings – Superintendent Young reported Duchesne High is coming along well, and the bats in East Elementary are migrating south. The news reports on the bats were mostly positive.
3. School Resource Officer (SRO) & Facility Agreements with Roosevelt City – Superintendent Young reported the agreements are being developed and that the SRO was ready. Ms. Wells noted concerns in the agreement for swim meets only on Wednesday, students should be given a swim pass, and to clarify scheduling timelines. Mr. Thacker moved to approve the SRO agreement, Mr. Bench seconded, Mr. Busenbark recused himself, motion passed. Mr. Thacker moved to table the pool agreement, Mr. Bench seconded, passed.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

1. Policy: Honorary Diplomas 5.0210.30 – Superintendent Young reviewed a proposed policy where veterans and others who make significant contributions could be awarded an honorary diploma.
2. Policy: Safety Drills 2.0310 – Safety concerns have expanded considerably into many areas. The new policy is in line with new laws and the new concerns. The District is already practicing new safety drills.
3. Tabiona expression of gratitude – Darin Jenkins, Principal, expressed appreciation for the facilities, maintenance, and upgrades to meet the needs of the students. The Board expressed appreciation for the professional work of Mr. Jenkins.
4. Accountability-Based Competency System at Tabiona Elementary – Superintendent Young reported on work from the last year that identified five areas of major concern and resulting plans to improve. Tabiona Elementary is implementing the first step that will roll out to the rest of the District over the next few years. Challenges with the new system are being addressed weekly.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Mr. Thacker moved and Mr. Bench 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 8:30 p.m. Mr. Bench moved and Mr. Busenbark seconded that the Board go out of executive session at p.m.; passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT / FUTURE PLANNING:** Mr. Thacker moved to adjourn, Mr. Busenbark seconded. President Smith closed the meeting at 8:31 p.m. The next Regular Meeting will be held Thursday, November 9, 2023, at the District Office, 1010 East 200 North, Roosevelt, Utah.