

TINTIC SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES – FEBRUARY 2024 MEETING

Date: February 26, 2024
Time: 3:30 p.m.
Location: Tintic School District Offices
Eureka, UT

The meeting of the Tintic Board of Education was called to order by President Young at 3:30 p.m. President Young instructed the Business Administrator to call the roll which indicated the following Board members were in attendance:

Members Present:

Heather Young	President
Jeana Rowley	Vice President
Jessica Nielsen	Member
Ryan Despain	Member
Jordan Grimstead	Member
Greg Thornock	Superintendent
Jeremy Snell	Business Administrator

Work Session

Prior to the Board of Education meeting, the Members of the Board met in a Board Work Session from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., in which the following items were reviewed and discussed:

Reports

Mr. Jason Strate of Central Utah Education Services presented information to the board and reviewed the services his office provides to Tintic School District including: Eduroam WiFi connections, an Early Learning Coach who has been teaching the LETRS program to teachers and provides continued support, a school psychologist who also helps with IEP testing, therapy and coaching sessions for teachers to help students with suicidal tendencies, mental health, behavior, and learning issues, teacher licensing and endorsements. Superintendent Thornock thanked Mr. Strate for all the support CUES provides as well as being a pipeline for information regarding legislation.

Mr. Mark Allen, Technology Director, stated that the Information Technology department at CUES also provides support to him and could be used as backup if ever needed. Mr. Allen stated that Tintic School District is able to have certain technology because of the partnership with CUES that wouldn't be affordable otherwise. Mr. Allen reported that installation of the new security systems in all buildings will begin this week. Mr. Allen explained a couple of aspects of the installation will be new upgrades of the communication systems and applications to include emergency services and panic button systems. Mr. Allen reported the installation could take up to two months and there will be issues to work out along the way.

Mrs. Karen Kramer, Elementary Schools Principal, showed a slide presentation put together by Mrs. Jennifer Kimball to report on the library party at the West Desert Elementary School. Mrs. Kramer reported the activities to be held in conjunction with Dr. Seuss Week. Mrs. Kramer stated she and high school principal, Mrs. Jennica Beckstrom, have created a calendar of events for the rest of this school year that that she would provide access to the board members.

Consent Agenda Review

Minutes: January 22, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Warrants: January #00009764 to #00009822

There were no questions regarding the minutes.

Mr. Jeremy Snell, Business Administrator, discussed various warrants from the January check register. Member Rowley asked regarding payment to Alder Education Law. Mr. Snell explained this is the District's attorney who is counseled with from time to time on policy and administrative matters. Member Rowley asked regarding payment to Bobbie Matthews. Mr. Snell stated this is a parent of West Desert students and was paid a Fee in Lieu payment. Member Rowley asked regarding payment to Mountain States Schoolbook Depository. Mr. Snell stated they are a vendor used for text books. Member Grimstead asked regarding the vendor LOC. Mr. Snell stated this is an abbreviation for Les Olson Company who the printers and copy machines are contracted through. There were no further questions regarding the warrants.

Board Development

Board members discussed their reading assignment in the book *Trust and Inspire*.

Member Grimstead reported attending the USBA Day on the Hill and met with Senator Owens and Representative Lund, where he invited them to come and see Tintic School District. Member Grimstead stated that the Safety Committee has the new safety upgrade work moving forward rapidly. Superintendent Thornock thanked Member Grimstead for spearheading many of the projects.

Member Rowley had no report.

President Young stated that she and Vice President Rowley have been working on the Board Member Handbook and need to correct some items before presenting it to the board.

Member Nieslen reported attending the USBA Day on the Hill and that she was not able to attend the Trustland Committee Meeting.

Member Despain reported attending the Joint Legislative Committee meetings weekly and that they work to acquire the best from the legislature for students. Member Despain stated their last meeting is at the end of this week and he will get board members an update. Member Despain reported attending the USBA Day on the Hill and thanked Member Grimstead for his efforts to connect with political leaders and turn their attention to rural schools.

Superintendent Report

Superintendent Thornock asked to move the Concurrent Enrollment discussion to the regular meeting due to time.

Superintendent Thornock invited Mrs. Crystal Leuk, School Counselor, and Mrs. Jennica Beckstrom, High Schools Principal to present information regarding the Character Education Curriculum being used in the high schools. Mrs. Leuk presented information on the Why Try? Program and how it is being implemented in the class rooms. Member Rowley asked if there is a cost for the program. Mrs. Leuk stated that there is but it is substantially lower than the previously used 7 Mindsets program. Mrs. Leuk stated that there was a pretest done and that she will conduct a post test at the end of the year and report back. President Young thanked Mrs. Leuk for the information.

Regular Meeting

Call to Order and Recognition of Guests

President Young called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Member Despain led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Reports

Students from Tintic High School Robotics Team, Mr. Corbin Atherley and Mr. Conner Long, presented robots to the board and reported about a competition they attended recently in St. George. President Young thanked the students for their report.

3. Board Communications

President Young read a thank you card received from the Openshaw family.

Member Despain stated he attended the play-in game for girls basketball where they fought hard but lost by three points.

Member Nielsen had no report.

President Young stated she attended the Tintic Jr. High play and was impressed by their performance.

Member Rowley had no report.

Member Grimstead reported attending the read-a-thon at Eureka Elementary school where he had the opportunity to read to students. Member Grimstead stated that the Wrestling season is complete and Tintic had athletes place in second, third, and fourth places at the state tournament. Member Grimstead reported attending a career fair at Tintic High School where there was abundant information available.

4. Citizen Comments

There were no citizen comments.

5. Unfinished Business

Superintendent Thornock reported that it is his personal mission to provide as much opportunity for students as possible and that he has increased options in concurrent enrollment for the last two years. Superintendent Thornock stated he is working with the State Online Education Program to expand offerings to students for high school class options as well as college classes.

Superintendent Thornock explained he is working to be able to offer associate degree programs through concurrent enrollment and the State Online Education Program as well.

Superintendent Thornock reported that Mr. Brett Callister, CTE Director, has obtained grant money for the construction of the greenhouse kit that was previously purchased.

School Fees

Mrs. Jennica Beckstrom presented the draft form of the school fee information, which is required to be approved in two months.

6. Action Items

Consent Agenda

Member Rowley offered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Member Grimstead seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting unanimously.

7. Executive Session

Motion to adjourn to Closed Executive Session to review and discuss the character and professional competence of individuals, as provided for in Utah Code § 52-4-205(1)(a) was offered by Member Grimstead, seconded by Member Despain with the voting as follows:

Member Rowley	Aye
Member Grimstead	Aye
Member Despain	Aye
Member Nielsen	Aye

Motion to return the meeting to a Regular Session was offered by Member Despain, seconded by Member Grimstead, with the voting as follows:

Member Rowley	Aye
Member Grimstead	Aye
Member Despain	Aye
Member Nielsen	Aye

Time of the Closed Executive Session was from 4:20 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.

I, Heather Young, certify that I am the member of the Board of Education for the Tintic School District who presided at the closed meeting of the Board of Education held on February 26, 2024. I hereby affirm, pursuant to Utah Code §52-4-206(6), that the sole purpose of holding this closed meeting was to discuss the character and professional competence of individuals, or physical or mental health of an individual.

Attest:



Heather Young
Board President

8. Adjournment

Member Despain offered a motion to adjourn. Member Grimstead seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Tintic School District Board of Education will be held on March 18, 2024 at 3:30 p.m. at the Tintic School District Office, 545 E. Main Street, Eureka, Utah 84628.

Minutes submitted by:

Jeremy Snell
Business Administrator