

**Uintah School District
Board of Education
Uintah County, Utah**

Approved Business Meeting Minutes

Date: March 6, 2024

Time: 6:01 p.m. – 8:19 p.m.

Location: 826 South 1500 East, Naples, Utah

Board Members Present:

- Board President Dave Chivers
- Vice President Tawnya McKee
- Robin McClellan (attending virtually)
- Todd Massey
- Denise Maynard

1. Introduction

a. Welcome/Call to Order

Grant Stoddard, Business Administrator, called the business meeting to order at approximately 6:01 p.m.

b. Reverence

The reverence was offered by Aaron Averett.

c. Pledge of Allegiance

Isaac Manwaring led the pledge of allegiance.

d. Student Board Member Report

Student Board Member Kate Larson was not present to report.

e. Celebrations

i. UHS State Boys Wrestling Champions

Coach Phillip Keddy, Uintah High School Wrestling Coach, highlighted the UHS boys' wrestling team. He shared how hard the team had worked this season and expressed appreciation for being celebrated. He recognized the support from the community and District. He celebrated the four who received championship titles: Ethan Sharp, Rykan Hacking, Michael Alexander, and Brody Rhoades. Coach Keddy reported that the four champions would return to wrestle for UHS next year.

ii UHS State Girls Wrestling Champions

Coach Patrick Sharp, Uintah High School, celebrated the girls' wrestling team. He shared some of the team's goals, which extended beyond winning. He highlighted those that won championship titles: Kenna McCauley, Sadie Rhoades, Chanley Green, and Sydnie Dick.

iii UHS Boys Swimming Record Breakers

Coach Jared Bigler, Uintah High School, celebrated the boys' swim team and expressed appreciation for taking over a well-established program and for the youth feeder program. Coach Bigler highlighted the various wins throughout the season that led them to the regional championship. He noted that swimmers qualify for the State meet individually and presented the five that competed in the State meet: Wyatt Kiever, Jagger Morton, Cullen Thomas, Paul Buschkowsky, and Jaten Barraclough.

iv UHS DECA Nationals Qualifiers

Kami Elison, Uintah High School DECA Advisor, and Joleen Zimmer, Uintah High School Assistant DECA Advisor, presented the students who qualified for Nationals. Kami shared that they would be heading to Anaheim to compete in April. Kami paid tribute to Joleen Zimmer who built the program and would be retiring at the end of the school year.

v Students of the Month

The following students were recognized as students of the month by their teachers and/or administrators:

- Gabriel Grove (Central Cove Preschool);
- Mayson Nickell (Ashley Elementary);
- JT Sand (Davis Elementary);
- Mark Lewis (Discovery Elementary);
- Whitley Mair (Eagle View Elementary);
- Tristan Christensen (Lapoint Elementary);
- Maddy Keith (Maeser Elementary);
- Dean Grubaugh (Naples Elementary);
- Rosalee Hayes (Uintah Middle School);
- Russell Koons (Vernal Middle School);
- Taylor Murray (Uintah High School); and
- Talon Stevens (Ashley Valley Education Center/Uintah Online).

f. School Reports

Maeser Elementary Principal, Denise Williams, reported on all the amazing things happening at Maeser Elementary. She highlighted the teachers and the responsibilities vying for their attention. Denise presented on the RISE data and how Maeser increased student proficiency in language arts, math, and science from last year to this year. She shared Maeser’s plan to increase proficiency in reading based on the state standard and presented graphing that showed the progress students were making. She also highlighted the areas of intervention based on tracking students' progress.

g. Patron Input

Pearl Sheffer requested to address the Board. She reported that her son hated school due to the implementation of Amplify. She asked the Board to reconsider the approval of the Amplify curriculum adoption as it limited the teachers’ ability to be autonomous, among other things. Pearl also spoke on student behavior concerns she observed during substituting and inappropriate materials in the school libraries. She provided a copy of the letter she read to the Board.

1. Business/Action Items

h. Consent Calendar

The Consent Calendar was presented. Member Maynard made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar, which included board meeting minutes from February 7, 2024, Work Session, February 7, 2024, Business Meeting, February 21, 2024, Special Business Meeting, Purchases over \$50,000 and/or Contracts, Monthly Board Financial Update, Revised 2024-25 Academic Calendar, Revised 2025-26 Academic Calendar, and Amended 2023-2024 UON School Trust Lands Plan. Member Massey seconded the motion. The Board passed the motion unanimously.

i. Policies for Approval on First Reading

President Chivers entertained a motion to approve the revised policy (policy 002.0500, “Administrative Regulations”) being considered on first reading. Vice President McKee so moved, and Member Massey seconded the motion. The Board passed the motion unanimously.

j. Policies for Approval on Second Reading

Member Massey made a motion to approve policy 007.0415, “Elimination of Student Insurance,” on second reading. Member Maynard seconded the motion. Grant clarified the motion should be to eliminate policy 007.0415, “Student Insurance.” Member Massey amended his motion, stating that it was to eliminate policy 007.0415, “Student Insurance,” on second reading. Member Maynard seconded the amended motion. The Board passed the amended motion unanimously.

Vice President McKee moved to approve revised policy 002.0451, “Decisions in the Absence of Board Policy,” on second reading. Member McClellan seconded the motion. The Board passed the motion unanimously.

Member Massey moved to approve revised policy 007.0505, “School Fees Policy” on second reading. Member Maynard seconded the motion. The Board passed the motion unanimously.

d. Personnel Changes

Vice President McKee made a motion to approve the personnel changes, which are summarized in the attached list. Member Maynard seconded the motion. Dr. Mistalyn Leis, Human Resource Director, clarified the personnel changes and answered the Board’s questions regarding individual changes. Following Dr. Leis’s remarks, the Board held a vote on the pending motion, and passed it unanimously.

2. Informational/Discussion Items

a. Capital Outlay Forecast

Grant presented the capital outlay forecast, emphasizing that it was just a forecast and that things could turn out differently. He provided a more specific projection for the next five years and a broader projection for the following 15. He explained that based on his projections, it would be advisable to increase the capital levy rate when the District’s general obligation bonds are paid off to prepare for rising maintenance costs. He also said that the Facilities Committee had work to do on the District’s 20-year plan to address the projected increase in maintenance costs and when it would make more sense to bond and replace structures rather than maintain them.

b. Calendar Items

The Board reviewed the calendar items submitted. Dr. Woodford highlighted the community council meetings coming up along with the various other events happening in the District. President Chivers asked that the Ag Building open house be added to the calendar.

c. Superintendent and/or Board President Follow-up or Clarification on Items Discussed during the Meeting

President Chivers invited the members, Dr. Woodford, and Grant to share their final thoughts for the meeting. President Chivers then shared his parting thoughts.

3. Adjournment

President Chivers entertained a motion to adjourn. Vice President McKee made a motion to adjourn, and Member Massey seconded it. The Board approved the motion unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:19 p.m.

DATE: **March 6, 2024**

TO: UINTAH BOARD OF EDUCATION

FROM: Dr. Mistalyn Leis, Director of Human Resources

RE: Board Approval Request for **March 6, 2024**, Board Approval of New Hires, Newly Assigned Employees; Notification of Separations of Employment.

Superintendent Woodford requests Board approval of the following individuals for hire/assignment to new positions:

a. NEW HIRES – BOARD APPROVAL REQUESTED:

Name	Position	Assignment	FTE	Education/ Training	Source of Funding
Stacy Palmer	Intervention Aide	Lapoint	0.7375	All Required	Program 5678 TSSA
Carson Oaks	SpEd Aide	Naples	0.7375	All Required	Program 1205 SpEd Add On
Kazzandra Gibson	Intervention Aide	Naples	0.7375	All Required	Program 7801 ESEA Title 1 Grants
Heather Zapata	SpEd Aide	Maeser	0.7375	All Required	Program 1205 SpEd Add On
Nichole McCoy	Kindergarten Teacher	Ashley	1.0	Bachelor of Science Major: Elementary Education	Program 0050 and 5641 Regular Ed and Early Interventions
Tylynn Goodrich	Intervention Aide	Lapoint	0.7375	All Required	Program 0185 Intervention Aides
Chantel Cook	Intervention Aide	Discovery	0.60	All Required	Program 5420 School TrustLands
Rebecca Halverson	Summer School Teacher	AVEC	0.50	Bachelor of Science Major: Elementary Education	Program 5344 Students at Risk Add On
Lori Hardman	Summer School Teacher	AVEC	0.50	Bachelor of Arts Major: History	Program 5344 Students at Risk Add On
Aubree Grant	SpEd Aide One-on-One	VMS	0.7375	All Required	Program 1210 SpEd Self Contained

b. NEWLY ASSIGNED EMPLOYEES – BOARD APPROVAL REQUESTED:

Name	Former (Current) Assignment	New Assignment	Effective Date
Tamera Jones	Cook (0.75 FTE) @ Naples	SpEd Lead Teacher Aide (0.875 FTE) @ CEC	2/20/2024
Kami Elison	Assistant DECA Advisor (0.4875 FTE) @ UHS	Head DECA Advisor (0.4875 FTE) @ UHS	2/20/2024
Christy Nerdin	Principal (1.0 FTE) @ UHS	Director of Secondary Education (1.0 FTE) @ USD	TBD

c. NEWLY HIRED EXTRACURRICULAR COACHES

Name	Program	School	Years of Service
Mileigh Hall	Assistant Softball Coach	UHS	1
Juliet Mackay	50% Stipend Assistant Volleyball Coach	UHS	1
Kendal Hacking	50% Stipend Assistant Baseball Coach	UHS	1
Ryan Deets	50% Stipend Assistant Baseball Coach	UHS	1

d. NEWLY HIRED NON-SANCTIONED ACTIVITIES

Name	Program	School	Years of Service
Joleen Zimmer	Assistant DECA Advisor	UHS	25