



APPROVED MINUTES

June 2024 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The regular board meeting and budget hearing of the Piute County School District Board of Education & Local Building Authority Board of Directors was held on **June 25, 2024** at the Piute County Courthouse in Junction, Utah. President Jeremy Pearson called the meeting to order at **3:30 P.M.** Present was Jeremy Pearson, Teresa Morgan, Erin Jensen, Neccia Dalton, and Rick Dalton. Also present was Superintendent Koby Willis and Business Administrator Dallas Sylvester. Guests at the meeting were: Eric Jessen, Japheth McGee, Ryan Bjerke, Rodney Mayo, Kali Gleave, James Barney, Holly Nowers, Sage Nowers, Makayla Miramontes, Hannah Davis, Kinley Shakespeare. Present online was Paul James.

Work Meeting: No work meeting was held

Opening Remarks:

- Jeremy Pearson welcomed everyone to the meeting. After the pledge of allegiance was recited, opening remarks were given by Erin Jensen.

Program Reports:

- **Softball Program Report**
 - Kali Gleave gave the board a report on the softball program.
 - She mentioned how nice it was to have the new fence at the softball field this year and thanked the school board for that. She added that Carson Westwood did a great job on the fence.
 - She mentioned that they ended the season with 11 girls on the team.
 - She explained that it is difficult to compete with 2A teams each year and hopefully 1A gets to where they have their own league.
 - The team got new uniforms and new gear this year.
 - For the future, the team is hoping to get a new softball field at the high school. Kali explained that it has been difficult to hold practices in Circleville.
 - Kali asked for support from the school board to get a new softball field in at the high school.
- **Track Program Report**
 - Eric Jessen and Rodney Mayo presented the board with the Track program report.
 - Eric gave an update on the athletes and how well they did this year.
 - The school board thanked Eric and Rodney for stepping up and helping with Track this year.
 - Eric said it is fun to watch the athletes improve throughout the year.
 - Eric mentioned that the elementary school track meet went really well this year.

- Holly Nowers mentioned that the high school needs a new track.
- Eric and Rodney explained that the high school could hold track meets with the 6-lane track that they currently have, but they couldn't host state qualifying meets.
- Rodney added that it would take a lot of support to be able to run a track meet.
- **Driver Education Program Report**
 - James Barney presented the board with the Driver Education program report.
 - 23 students took the Driver's Education class this year.
 - 21 of the 23 students passed the class.
 - 16 students completed the behind the wheel portion and 18 students took their exam.
 - James explained that he logged 97 hours during the school year, which is more than in the past. He has logged 52 hours this summer so far.
 - James mentioned that sometimes it is difficult to schedule driving hours with students.
 - James mentioned that the district is looking into getting a new driver's education vehicle this next school year. The district may look at getting a small SUV.

Budget Hearing:

- **FY24 Final Budget and FY25 Preliminary Budget**
 - Dallas Sylvester presented the board with the FY2024 final budget and the FY2025 preliminary budget.
 - The FY2024 final budget and the FY2025 preliminary budget book was presented to the board that includes revenues and expenditures for each fund in the school district.
 - A copy of the budget book can be found on the school district website in the shared school board documents folder.
 - The FY25 original budget will be reviewed again and approved in August. It can't be approved until after the Truth in Taxation Hearing in connection with the elementary school projects is held.
 - School Board President Jeremy Pearson gave time for public comment.
 - No public comments were made.
 - Rick Dalton made a motion to approve the 2024 final budget. Erin Jensen seconded the motion. Roll Call voting as follows: Neccia Dalton Aye, Erin Jensen Aye, Rick Dalton Aye, Teresa Morgan Aye, Jeremy Pearson Aye.

Business Items:

- **Consideration of a resolution directing the Local Building Authority of Piute County School District, Piute County, Utah, to undertake a project on behalf of the Board of Education through the issuance of the Authority's lease revenue bonds and providing for related matters**
- Teresa Morgan made a motion to direct the Local Building Authority of Piute County School District, Piute County, Utah, to undertake a project on behalf of the Board of Education through the issuance of the Authority's lease revenue bonds and providing for related matters. Rick Dalton seconded the motion. Roll Call voting as follows: Neccia Dalton Aye, Erin Jensen Aye, Rick Dalton Aye, Teresa Morgan Aye, Jeremy Pearson Aye. Motion Passed by unanimous vote.

Recess From Board of Education Meeting and open Local Building Authority Board of Directors Meeting

Erin Jensen made a motion to recess from the board of education meeting and open the Local Building Authority Board of Directors meeting. Teresa Morgan seconded the motion. Roll call voting as follows: Neccia Dalton Aye, Erin Jensen Aye, Rick Dalton Aye, Teresa Morgan Aye, Jeremy Pearson Aye. Motion Passed by unanimous vote.

Consideration of a resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of lease revenue bonds and providing for related matters

- Ryan Bjerke explained that the school board is acting as two separate entities. The board of education directed the Local Building Authority to undertake the project, which is the construction of the two new elementary schools in Marysville and Circleville.
- Ryan mentioned that the resolution of the Local Building Authority establishes certain parameters with respect to the revenue bonds so that a notice of bonds can be issued, which then starts a 30 day contest period. The Local Building Authority gives a notice of intent to issue bonds, which starts a period where citizens can file a petition to require an election to vote on the bond issuance. Both of these are preliminary steps in the process so that bonds can be issued later in the Fall.
- Superintendent Willis clarified that the resolution sets the boundaries and parameters of the bonds even though the district doesn't plan on reaching those parameters.
- Japheth Mcgee from Zions Bank mentioned that the resolution delegates authority to the Treasurer, Dallas Sylvester to accept bids and make changes within the parameters that have been set.
- Japheth Mcgee explained that the district will most likely issue the bonds in December of 2024 and that the district has a certain amount of time to spend the revenue from the bonds once they are issued.
- Teresa Morgan made a motion to approve the resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of lease revenue bonds and providing for related matters. Erin Jensen seconded the motion. Roll call voting as follows: Neccia Dalton Aye, Erin Jensen Aye, Rick Dalton Aye, Teresa Morgan Aye, Jeremy Pearson Aye. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Adjournment of meeting of the Local Building Authority Board of Directors and reconvene the regular meeting of the Board of Education

Neccia Dalton made a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Local Building Authority and reconvene as the board of education. Erin Jensen seconded the motion. Roll call voting as follows: Neccia Dalton Aye, Erin Jensen Aye, Rick Dalton Aye, Teresa Morgan Aye, Jeremy Pearson Aye.

Business Items:

- **Policy #4019 Dress & Grooming Standards Revision 1st Reading**
 - Hannah Davis presented the school board with the revision of Policy #4019, Dress & Grooming Standards for the first reading.
 - Hannah gave the board a presentation on certain sections of the current policy.

- Hannah presented on earring gauge size and also mentioned that the current policy does not allow boys to wear earrings.
- The board deliberated about the earrings section of the policy.
- Hannah presented on the topic of hair color, specifically the phrase that mentions that hair should be a natural color.
- The board deliberated about the hair color section of the policy.
- Hannah presented on the tank top section of the policy.
- The board deliberated on the tank top section of the policy.
- Hannah mentioned that the appropriate undergarment line should be removed from the policy.
- The discussed changes will be reviewed and the policy will be revisited again for a second reading.

- **Preliminary 2024 Property Tax Rates**

- Superintendent Willis presented the board with the preliminary 2024 school district property tax rates. They are as follows:

Levy	Proposed 2024 Rate
Voted Levy	0.001340
Board Levy	0.000354
Capital Levy	0.002250
Debt Levy	0.000000
Total	0.003944

- Superintendent Willis mentioned that the school district will be taking the debt service levy to zero next year. He added that this decrease will not be a part of the Truth in Taxation advertisement, which will cause the advertisement to look like a higher tax increase than what it will actually be.
- Superintendent Willis explained that residents should be getting their tax notices soon, which will show their actual tax increase.
- Superintendent Willis mentioned that the school district will have to hold a truth in taxation hearing due to increasing the capital levy to .00225. **The public hearing will be held on August 7th, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. at the Piute High School Auditorium.**
- Teresa Morgan made a motion to approve the preliminary 2024 property tax rates as presented. Erin Jensen seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Aye Neccia Dalton, Aye Erin Jensen, Aye Rick Dalton, Aye Teresa Morgan, Aye Jeremy Pearson

- **Bus Garage & High School Remodel Update**

- Superintendent Willis gave the board an update on the bus garage project & the high school remodel.
- Superintendent Willis mentioned that the bus garage foundation will be poured tomorrow, Wednesday the 26th. After the pad is poured, the construction of the bus garage will begin.
- He showed the board pictures of the high school remodel and mentioned that the project is on track for the expected completion date.

- **Elementary Schools Design Update**

- Superintendent Willis gave the board an update on the design of the new elementary schools.

- Superintendent Willis mentioned that a public design meeting was held last Monday at Circleville Elementary.
- Superintendent Willis mentioned that the preferred location of the new Circleville Elementary School is on the current softball field.
- The board was in support of constructing the new elementary school on the softball field. The plan would be to construct a new softball/baseball field on another location of the lot.
- **Policy #2070 Hiring & Interviewing Revision 2nd Reading or Repeal**
 - Superintendent Willis presented the revision of Policy #2070, Hiring & Interviews for the 2nd reading or Repeal.
 - Rick Dalton made a motion to suspend the third reading of the revision of policy #2070, Hiring & Interviewing and approve it on the second reading. Erin Jensen seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- **Policy #2010 Employee Drug Policy Revision 1st Reading**
 - Superintendent Willis presented the revision of Policy #2010, Employee Drug Policy for the 1st reading.
 - Erin Jensen made a motion to suspend the second and third readings of the revision of policy #2010, Employee Drug Policy and approve it on the first reading. Rick Dalton seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- **Policy #9004 Safe & Alert Bus Driver Repeal**
 - Superintendent Willis mentioned that policy #9004, Safe & Alert Bus Driver is now a part of the Transportation Guidelines policy and should be repealed.
 - Erin Jensen made a motion to repeal Policy #9004, Safe & Alert Bus Driver. Teresa Morgan seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- **Policy #9015 Transportation Guidelines Revision 1st Reading**
 - Superintendent Willis presented the board with the revision of Policy #9015, Transportation Guidelines for the first reading.
 - Teresa Morgan made a motion to suspend the second and third readings of the revision of policy #9015, Transportation Guidelines and approve it on the first reading. Rick Dalton seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- **Policy #2099 Code of Ethics Repeal and Policy #2098 Code of Conduct Revision 1st Reading**
 - Superintendent Willis mentioned that Policy #2099, Code of Ethics was replaced by Policy #2098 and can be repealed.
 - Superintendent Willis also presented the board with the revision of Policy #2098, Code of Conduct for the first reading.
 - Teresa Morgan made a motion to repeal Policy #2099, Code of Ethics and also to suspend the second and third readings of Policy #2098, Code of Conduct and approve it on the first reading. Erin Jensen seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- **Approve Superintendent Willis as the CUES Board of Directors Regional Chair**
 - Superintendent Willis was recently voted as the CUES Board of Directors regional chair.
 - The CUES board of directors is seeking the approval and support from the school board for Superintendent Willis to serve as the regional chair for FY25.

- Rick Dalton Made a motion to approve Superintendent Willis to serve as the CUES Board of Directors Regional Chair. Teresa Morgan seconded the motion, Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- **Approval of Minutes and Vouchers**
 - Rick Dalton made a motion to approve the May 2024 board meeting minutes and the June 11th, 2024 board meeting minutes, the June payroll, and district vouchers 24000863-24000949. Erin Jensen seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- **New Hires, Assignments, and Reassignments**

New Hires

- Hire Darian Price as the secretary at Circleville Elementary
- Hire Riyo Winckel as a student intern
- Hire Gage Eliason as a student intern
- Hire Corbin Springer as a student intern
- Hire Julie Mayo as a paraprofessional at OES
- Hire Jennifer Finn as a paraprofessional at PHS

Resignations & Retirements

- Toni Thompson - CES Secretary
- Brittany James - OES Secretary
- Roxie Beus - CES Cook Manager
- Teresa Morgan made a motion to approve the new hires. Erin Jensen seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Information Items:

A. None

Executive Session :

At 5:53 P.M. Erin Jensen made a motion to move into executive session for the Discussion of the Character, Professional Competence, or Mental Health of an Individual. Rick Dalton seconded the motion. Each individual board member was in favor of moving into executive session. Roll Call vote as follows: Erin Jensen Aye , Rick Dalton Aye, Teresa Morgan Aye, Jeremy Pearson Aye. (Neccia Dalton left the meeting early and wasn't present to vote)

The board entered executive session at **5:53 p.m.**

The board left executive session at **6:19 p.m.**

Adjournment

- **At 6:19 P.M.** Erin Jensen made a motion to adjourn the **June 25, 2024** meeting of the school board. Rick Dalton seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.