

**MINUTES**  
**Board Regular Meeting**  
**Iron County School District**  
**2077 W Royal Hunte Dr., Cedar City, Utah**  
**Tuesday, September 24, 2024**  
**5:30 p.m.**

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Members present**

Ben Johnson, Dave Staheli, Tiffiney Christiansen, Megen Ralphs, Stephanie Hill, Michelle Tullis  
Jeff Corry was excused from the meeting.

**MEETING OPENING**

President Ben Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Megen Ralphs offered a prayer.

Stephanie Hill led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

- Approval of Minutes of the August 20, 2024 Work Meeting and Public Hearing and the August 27, 2024 Regular Board Meeting
- Audit and Approval of Warrants
- Motion to approve the items of the Consent Agenda.
- Employment of Personnel
- LEA Specific License Approval
- Home School/Exemption from School Attendance
- Recommendation for Release of Students from School (JEG-R)

**Mrs. Hill made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mrs. Ralphs seconded the motion and the board members passed it unanimously.**

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

**Recognitions**

Shauna Lund, Communications Coordinator, highlighted several recent events around the district. Retired teacher, Rex Burton, was honored at Iron County School District night at the SUU football game; Parowan Market donated round-up program funds to Parowan Elementary audio system upgrade; and the Cedar Reds Unified Sports team is headed to the state playoffs as the champions in the Division 1 South Region tournament. The state tournament is October 15 at America First Field in Sandy.

**Public Comment Related to School Fee Schedule**

Business Administrator Todd Hess reviewed the changes to the student fee schedule. There were no new changes from last week's meeting.

There were no comments.

**Public Comment**

There were no comments.

**Business Administrator's Report**

Business Administrator Todd Hess presented his report on the monthly budget. He also reported on the ASBO Conference he was able to attend in Nashville, TN.

**Superintendent's Report**

The following schools presented their 2024-2025 school goals:

- Principal Danni Brown and Assistant Principal Nina Strother from North Elementary
- Principal Jerry Oldroyd and Assistant Principal Jeanette Putnam from South Elementary, along with Language Arts Coach Nicole Yamamoto and Instructional Coach Megan Cottam, who discussed goals in language arts and math
- Principal Trevor Heaton and Literacy Coach Angie Benson from Parowan Elementary

**Board Member Report**

Mrs. Christiansen spoke of her visit to Parowan Elementary School and commended Principal Heaton for the culture that he has created there. She pointed out the lack of space and the need for a portable to provide more classrooms. Overall, she indicated she was very impressed with the school. She attended Opening Institute and Back to School Night where she had the opportunity to educate people about the proposed bond. She also mentioned a meeting she had with Sara McAfee, Elementary STEM Coordinator, about the possibility of implementing a gifted program in schools.

Mr. Staheli expressed his gratitude to Superintendent Hatch for organizing the Constitution events at Parowan, Canyon View, and Cedar High Schools. He highlighted how the music, readings, and examples were both moving and impactful. Mr. Staheli also mentioned that these programs helped to dispel some of the misconceptions about the public school system, and he shared his hope that this becomes a lasting tradition in the district. Additionally, he thanked everyone for their patience with him during this busy time of year, noting the challenges of travel and other commitments.

President Johnson echoed Mr. Staheli's comments about the Constitution event and emphasized how special it was to see community members who served in the military recognized. He expressed his gratitude to the board members for attending back to school night. It was enlightening to talk with community members about the importance of the tax increase to secure matching funds and discuss the bonds. He noted there is a lot of misinformation circulating, and he encouraged people to seek out the facts regarding our schools. President Johnson highlighted the SMART goals presented by all the schools, commending the thought and effort that went into them. Additionally, he mentioned his involvement in Cedar's economic development meetings, where they have been addressing the challenges of growth and overcrowded schools. He hopes the community is aware of the significant hurdles the district is facing.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **Brief Presentation on Proposed General Obligation Bonds**

Business Administrator Todd Hess read the argument for the bond. There was no argument against the bond submitted.

### **Public Hearing on General Obligation Bonds**

At 6:47 p.m. President Johnson opened the public hearing. There were no comments.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **TSSA Plan Approval**

Mrs. Christiansen made a motion to approve the School TSSA plans as presented by principals over the last several meetings. Mr. Staheli seconded the motion and the board members passed it unanimously.

### **2024-2025 Student Fee Schedule**

Mrs. Ralphs made a motion to approve the changes to the FY2024-2025 School Fee Schedule. Mrs. Tullis seconded the motion and the board members passed it unanimously.

## **FIRST READING**

### **Policy 726 FUND DRIVES**

Superintendent Hatch reminded the Board that this policy is required to be reviewed each year by the Board.

### **Policy 862 KINDERGARTEN STUDENT TOILET TRAINING**

Policy 862 Kindergarten Student Toilet Training was presented as a first reading.

### **Policy 856 DISPENSING MEDICATION AT SCHOOL**

Policy 856 Dispensing Medication at School has been revised to incorporate the contents of Policies 857, 858 and 859. These three policies are now up for a first reading for retirement.

### **Policy 857 ADMINISTERING MEDICATION TO STUDENTS**

First reading to retire.

### **Policy 858 STUDENT SELF-TREATMENT FOR ASTHMA**

First reading to retire.

### **Policy 859 OPIOID OVERDOSE RESPONSE**

First reading to retire.

## **SECOND READING**

### **Policy 862 HEALTH RECOMMENDATIONS**

Mr. Staheli made a motion to approve Policy 862 Health Recommendations and have it added to the Policy Handbook. Mrs. Tullis seconded the motion and the board members passed it unanimously.

### **Policy 724 SCHOOL FEES**

Mrs. Ralphs pointed out a grammatical error on page 14 section 17.28. There is an extra period after 'food'.

Mrs. Ralphs made a motion to approve Policy 724 School Fees, with the correction on page 14, and have it added to the Policy Handbook. Mr. Staheli seconded the motion and the board members passed it unanimously.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

### **Enter into Closed Session**

The Board did not enter into a closed meeting.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:58 p.m. President Johnson adjourned the meeting.

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Board President

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Business Administrator