

TINTIC SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 2024 MEETING

Date: September 16, 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
Jordan Grimstead	Member
Ryan Despain	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:

Consent Agenda Review

Minutes: August 19, 2024 Meeting Minutes
Warrants: June #00010085 to #00010170 and August #00010241 to #00010312

There were no questions regarding the minutes.

Mr. Jeremy Snell, Business Administrator, discussed various warrants from the June and August check register. Member Grimstead asked regarding payment to Commercial Business Radio. Mr. Snell explained this company provides a radio channel for emergency communications. Superintendent Thornock stated that the radios have not been in use but will be brought back online. Member Grimstead asked about payment to Select Source. Mr. Snell stated this is the monthly insurance payment servicer, which used to be yearly. Member Grimstead asked regarding payment to Carahsoft Technology. Mr. Snell explained this company is who the new camera systems were purchased from. Member Grimstead asked about payment to Workforce QA. Mr. Snell stated this company provides the drug testing for bus drivers. There were no further questions regarding the warrants.

Board Development

Board members discussed their reading assignment in Chapter 8 in the book *Trust and Inspire*.

Committees and Professional Development

Member Grimstead stated that the safety assessments have begun with more to come.

Member Rowley stated she is trying to find out the Trustland Committee meeting schedules and that she attended Open Meeting Law training.

Member Nielsen stated she also needs the Trustland Committee meeting schedule and plans to attend some sporting events.

Member Despain stated he has been working on his Master Board training.

President Young stated that if they do not receive a Trustland Committee meeting schedule soon to please reach out to the schools for the information. President Young reminded board members that Master Board training is due December 1, 2024. President Young stated that the USBA Regional meeting is on October 8, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in Nephi and asked all to state if they will be attending. President Young stated the New Board Member workshop is December 7, 2024 for anyone who would like to attend. Superintendent Thornock stated that the USBA Leadership Academy will now be held every other year.

Superintendent Report

Superintendent Thornock asked to meet with the Safety Committee members right after the Board Meeting to schedule their next meeting date.

Superintendent Thornock explained that Officer Beese, the Student Resource Officer, is now the Safety Specialist for all Juab County schools as well as all Tintic School District schools and will be a bigger part of the move forward with safety assessments and protocols. Superintendent Thornock stated that the bell and communication systems are being upgraded, vape detectors have been installed in school restrooms, and all of the cameras have tamper protection systems.

Superintendent Thornock stated that he will be attending an upcoming training with Heidi Alder with Alder Education Law.

Superintendent Thornock gave a brief summary of the Opening Institute activity of staff brainstorming ideas to improve culture and academics. Superintendent Thornock stated that a committee is being formed with a member from each building to meet monthly and develop plans to accomplish the ideas that were generated. Superintendent Thornock stated the first meeting will be October 11, 2024.

Superintendent Thornock stated he has been visiting all of the schools a lot and attended the homecoming game.

Superintendent Thornock explained the community even at the West Desert Schools to help spread woodchips on the new playground.

Superintendent Thornock stated he has asked the school administrators to communicate more with student's families and they have been doing so through Infinite Campus.

Superintendent Thornock reported that the company Audio Enhancement has been installing new bell and communication systems in all of the schools and that the service is being paid for with grants.

Superintendent Thornock stated he is pleased with the efforts of all of the fall sports coaches.

Superintendent Thornock reported that the SafeUT app that is sponsored by the state can be used by parents or students to get help with mental health issues, and that when there is a call, he and the administrators are alerted immediately to be able to respond.

Superintendent Thornock stated that he held a small capitol meeting to improve the request for bid process and discuss the existing projects that are being completed.

Superintendent Thornock stated that any surplus items in the schools will only be sold through Utah Surplus and can be found on their website.

Superintendent Thornock explained that the high school teachers have been participating in training with Academics 2 Achievement (A2A) to improve teaching skills, better correlate curriculum to state core standards, and better assess the progress of students. Superintendent Thornock stated this program is provided free from the state. Superintendent Thornock stated he is looking for leadership training for the administrators.

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 Nielsen led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Reports

Tintic High School Student Body Officers and some Class Officers presented a slide show and information about activities at the high school, including moving Homecoming to the fall instead of winter. President Young thanked the student officers for their report.

Mrs. Jennica Beckstrom, High Schools Principal, distributed Trustland Committee Meeting schedules to the board members and stated that the new disciplinary plan is working well so far. Principal Beckstrom explained that the plan will be distributed to parents of students after board approval. President Young thanked Mrs. Beckstrom for her report.

3. Board Communications

President Young stated she has attended volleyball and baseball games, and fundraising events for FFA.

Member Rowley stated she has attended the wood chip spreading activity at West Desert and that there will be an upcoming field trip. Member Rowley stated that students have expressed they like the new electric buses.

Member Grimstead reported attending sporting activities here and away and that he appreciates the efforts of the student body officers.

Member Despain stated he has attended many activities and has been watching how the new coaches are doing. Member Despain reported that they are doing well and collaborating with other coaches to make schedules work for all teams.

Member Nielsen stated she is working on a survey to send to all the board members for the Business Administrator Evaluation.

Member Grimstead asked Mrs. Beckstrom if the board can be added to the list to receive the T Time communications. Mrs. Beckstrom stated she would add them.

4. Citizen Comments

There were no citizen comments.

5. Unfinished Business

Superintendent Thornock stated that Tintic School District was mentioned in a KSL News article as recipients of electric buses and he reiterated that the buses were paid for through a grant and that is the only reason they were procured.

President Young asked if the promotion for the SRO will affect his time in our schools. Superintendent Thornock state he will be more present in our buildings because his sole duty now is school safety and security and won't be involved in call outs.

President Young asked if the new vape detectors send instant notification. Superintendent Thornock stated this would be discussed in Executive Session.

President Young asked how the SafeUT program is different from the ALERT system. Superintendent Thornock explained that the ALERT system is a county wide emergency service and SafeUT is run by the state for the students and parents. Superintendent Thornock stated he would instruct the administrators to send out the SafeUT information to parents.

President Young asked if the scheduled data dive with the administrators for the October board meeting could be rescheduled to a time where the data can be discussed more in depth. Superintendent Thornock stated it could be rescheduled and that he would get the board members the new date.

Member Rowley asked if the school and city could share the cost of the book mobile service instead of the county. Superintendent Thornock stated this would not be feasible.

Member Despain stated he will forward the agenda for the October USBA Regional meeting to the board members and that they will be asked to share information regarding district finance.

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.

Board Policy Revisions – 2nd Reading

Member Despain offered a motion to approve the 2nd Reading of the Board Policy Revisions as

presented. Member Nielsen seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting unanimously.

Secondary Schools Discipline Plan

Member Grimstead offered a motion to approve the Secondary Schools Discipline Plan as presented. Member Despain seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting unanimously.

FY25 White Pine School District Tuition Agreement

Member Despain offered a motion to approve the FY25 White Pine School District Tuition Agreement as presented. Member Nielsen 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 Rowley, seconded by Member Nielsen 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 Rowley, 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 4:10 p.m. to 5:35 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 September 16, 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

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Tintic School District Board of Education will be held on October 14, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at the West Desert High School, Trout Creek, Utah.

Minutes submitted by:

Jeremy Snell
Business Administrator