



**MINUTES**  
**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Washington County School District**  
**121 West Tabernacle, St. George, Utah**  
**December 9, 2024**  
**4:30 p.m.**

*Present: Board President Becky Dunn, Board Vice President David Stirland, Board Member Craig Seegmiller, Board Member LaRene Cox, Board Member Terry Hutchinson, Board Member Burke Staheli, Board Member Nannette Simmons, Superintendent Richard Holmes, Business Administrator Brent Bills, Assistant Superintendent Nate Esplin, Executive HR Director Darin Thomas, Executive Director Amy Mitchell, Executive Director Steve Gregoire, Executive Director Rusty Taylor, Executive Director Wade Jensen, Technology Director Jeremy Cox.*

*Minutes: Executive Secretary Kajsia Boyer*

*Reverence by Board Member Staheli.*

**Board Member Stirland presented a motion to go into a closed session at 12:15 p.m. Board Member Simmons seconded the motion that passed unanimously.**

**Board Member Staheli presented a motion to go out of the closed session at 12:15 p.m. Board Member Simmons seconded the motion that passed unanimously.**

**Board Member Simmons presented a motion to go into a closed session at 2:10 p.m. Board Member Cox seconded the motion that passed unanimously.**

**CLOSED SESSION**

Property and Personnel Items

*Present: Board President Becky Dunn, Board Vice President David Stirland, Board Member Craig Seegmiller, Board Member LaRene Cox, Board Member Terry Hutchinson, Board Member Burke Staheli, Board Member Nannette Simmons, Superintendent Richard Holmes, Business Administrator Brent Bills, Assistant Superintendent Nate Esplin, Executive HR Director Darin Thomas, Executive Director Amy Mitchell, Executive Director Steve Gregoire, Executive Director Rusty Taylor, Executive Director Wade Jensen, Technology Director Jeremy Cox, and Executive Secretary Kajsia Boyer.*

**Property**

**Legal**

**Personnel**

**Safety**

*Present: Board President Becky Dunn, Board Vice President David Stirland, Board Member Craig Seegmiller, Board Member LaRene Cox, Board Member Terry Hutchinson, Board Member Burke Staheli, and Board Member Nannette Simmons.*

**Personnel**

**Board Member Stirland presented a motion to go out of the closed session at 4:11 p.m. Board Member Seegmiller seconded the motion that passed unanimously.**

**Board Member Seegmiller presented a motion to go into a closed session at 4:12 p.m. Board Member Staheli seconded the motion that passed unanimously.**

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### **Personnel**

**Board Member Seegmiller presented a motion to go out of the closed session at 4:14 p.m. Board Member Simmons seconded the motion that passed unanimously.**

## **WORK SESSION**

### **Board PLC Training – Wade Jensen**

Wade Jensen said there are amazing things happening around the District. He shared a video from Hurricane High School showcasing the good things happening there. Their goal is to have 80% of the students engaged in the learning. Teachers have the learning target posted in in their classrooms for students to see. Faculty and parents are invited to visit classrooms and complete a feedback form for teachers to use to improve teaching. Teachers do daily learning checks to see what students need. Teachers have the students working together and walk around the groups to see what they are learning. Teachers feel that the climate of the school has changed for the better. The admin knows they need to be consistent in their message. Wade Jensen said the more students are engaged and take responsibility for their learning, the better they do.

### **Lava Ridge Intermediate Rebranding – Principal Launa Williams**

Launa Williams, Greg Bozarth, and Tonya Jesienouski presented their proposal for rebranding. Launa Williams said the vision is to align vision and community. Greg Bozarth reviewed the current colors and history at Lava Ridge. They were the first intermediate school. The school still looks new and is in good shape. Tonya Jesienouski said the reason to rebrand is to connect with the cone-site schools through colors, logo, and mascot. Launa Williams said the new colors would align with Snow Canyon and include Green, blue and gold. The mascot would be the Gila Warriors. Greg Bozarth mentioned how LRIS students advocated for the Gila Monster to become the state reptile. They want to retain the history of the Gila as their mascot. The warriors would align with Snow Canyon. Tonya Jesienouski said they did get community feedback from teachers, students, PTA and Community Council. The majority liked the Lava Ridge Intermediate Gila Warriors. Launa Williams said the cost for rebranding will be about \$3,500.00. There is no signage that needs to be changed. The flooring and paint would be the cost. Greg Bozarth said moving forward they feel it will bring better alignment, preserving tradition, and have community buy-in. Burke Staheli asked how many students participated in the survey. There were 452 students who completed the survey. Launa Williams felt there was not enough buy-in to change the school's name. The Board mentioned it was the cone-site request to build the cone-site having them work together. Tonya Jesienouski shared that the kids liked the logos. Richard Holmes mentioned that Fossil Ridge changed to Pine View Intermediate at Fossil Ridge. Becky Dunn mentioned it allows the kids to wear their shirt and connect with the schools. Greg Bozarth said the Community Council did not want to have the students growing up too fast. Tonya Jesienouski said she checked with the Paiute tribe and did not have concern with the head dress on the mascot.

### **School Fees – Brent Bills**

Brent Bills reported on meeting with the school finance secretaries on what is changing with school fees. You cannot charge general curricular fees. The state is rewriting the bill. Currently, schools can charge for supplies of projects that the students will be taking home. Students cannot be charged for consumable materials however they can be charged for band and instrument rentals. There will no longer be charges for general class fees, class change fees, or activity card fees. Schools could have an extracurricular activity card for students to purchase to enter the activity. He said that the principals are working together

to determine what they will do with activity cards. Brent Bills said there will be changes if the new bill passes. Schools would not be able to charge for anything that is required for a grade. Students can be charged for the replacement cost of equipment. Superintendent Richard Holmes feels it softens it for families. He is okay with charging for extracurricular activities. Brent Bills said fundraising will no longer be part of the school fees with the new law. David Stirland is concerned for families with multiple kids in extracurricular activities. Brent Bills said it will be just over \$1 million for our District to cover the classroom fees that we have been charging. Becky Dunn feels by increasing extracurricular fees, only a small percent of the students will end up paying it all. Brent Bills asked the Board to think options such as charging more for extracurricular or increasing truth-in taxation. We will have to change what we are doing in some of the classes and are working to figure it out. We will know more as we get into it. David Stirland feels they are taking away. Brent Bills said the Constitution talks about a free education and that is what the legislation is trying to do. Brent Bills said spend plans are being written to align with the current bill. If changes are made, schools will make the needed changes and then work to plug the holes. Becky Dunn suggested that the Board help keep the fundraising under control. Brent Bills said the fundraisers are no longer required on the spend plans. Superintendent Richard Holmes suggested secondary will need to watch to make sure there is not excessive fundraising for trips.

LaRene Cox asked about a cello instrument fee. It is a student who is having to change to a full-size cello. She will get more information for the administration to review.

### **Dress Code Update – Rusty Taylor**

Rusty Taylor reviewed the changes to Policy 2200 Student Dress Code. Under 3.1.2 it addresses apparel that resembles non-human characteristics. Becky asked if the first sentence is strong enough. It was suggested to change it to shall avoid. Section 3.1.2.2 addresses covering the abdomen. He shared a graphic showing what is acceptable. The policy does not allow tube tops and tank tops. The Board would also like the word “should” changed to “must.” Richard Holmes suggested changing it to state that clothes that show undergarments are not permitted. Rusty Taylor shared the summary sheet that will include the graphic. Becky Dunn asked if abdomen or midriff includes the back. Under section 3.1.2.4 Terry Hutchinson expressed concern with administrators determining if a student is wearing underwear. Becky Dunn suggested using acceptable under 3.1.2.4. Rusty Taylor said disciplinary action and suspension may be used for insubordination of directions. The same applies for teachers. Superintendent Richard Holmes suggested referencing the employee dress code under 3.4. or deleting it. Becky Dunn mentioned clarification under 3.1.2.1 on suggestive slogans, pictures or graphics. It was suggested to add suggestive slogans or pictures/graphics. She suggested under 3.1.2.8 adding headwear that doesn’t show the face. She also asked about sunglasses. Superintendent Richard Holmes suggested adding or using torso. Becky Dunn suggested adding see-through materials to the dress code. Becky Dunn stressed again that administrators need to know that the Board has their back as they follow the dress code policy.

### **Crack Seal Bid – Brent Bills**

Brent Bills said the bid is coming in tomorrow. They would like to do it over the Christmas break. He asked if the low bid could be accepted and move forward. He said we have worked with both companies who have put in bids.

### **Enrollment Update – Nate Esplin**

Nate Esplin reviewed the proposed boundary change to the Desert Color Area. He shared proposed enrollment numbers with the boundary change. With the boundary change, Desert Hills High will be 1162 by year 2029-30 and Dixie High will be at 1051. Without the boundary change, Desert Hills High will be 1205 and Dixie High will be 1008. These numbers do not include growth. He shared the number of students in the Desert Color area. He shared transportation for the students. They will need to add a bus. The cost to bus students to intermediate school will be about the same. David Stirland feels it causes angst with parents when their student is bused past another school. Nate Esplin said right now we have 500 more 5<sup>th</sup> grade students than kindergarten students. Superintendent Richard Holmes said previously the sediment from the legislators has been to hold us harmless during the downward trend. He said that is no longer the feeling.

## **2026-2027 Calendar – Rusty Taylor**

Rusty Taylor shared an update for the 2026-2027 calendar. The first day of school would be on August 13<sup>th</sup>. Teachers would come back on August 6<sup>th</sup>. The Teacher Prep day originally scheduled for March 29<sup>th</sup> was moved to April 15<sup>th</sup> and a no school day was added on April 16<sup>th</sup> to give some time off in April. The March teacher prep day was moved to the Friday before Spring Break. Rusty Taylor and Superintendent Richard Holmes shared a plan to change secondary A/B days so all A days will be on Monday and Wednesday and all B days will be on Tuesday and Thursday. Fridays will rotate A/B days. Graduations will be on Tuesday and Wednesday. It helps to balance out the semester days. Becky Dunn asked if we need to change next year's calendar to make it similar. Rusty Taylor said the admin is still looking at it.

## **OPEN DISCUSSION OF THE BOARD**

### **Board Committee Discussions**

#### **ITEMS FOR BOARD REVIEW**

1. Enrollment
2. Safe Schools
3. GRAMA Requests
4. Department Reports

*A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Washington County School District was held after due, legal, and timely notice being given to all members and interested parties. Board President Becky Dunn called the meeting to order and welcomed all visitors. Board members present were David Stirland, Craig Seegmiller, LaRene Cox, Terry Hutchinson, Burke Staheli, and Nannette Simmons. Staff members present were Superintendent Richard Holmes and Business Administrator Brent Bills.*

#### **OPEN MEETING – 4:30 p.m.**

1. Reverence by Board Member Seegmiller
2. Welcome – Board President Dunn
3. Pledge of Allegiance by Board Member Simmons

#### **PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED BOUNDARY CHANGE**

**The Washington County Board of Education is proposing a boundary change to the following:**

**Affected Schools: Desert Canyons Elementary School, Secondary Desert Hills Cone Site (Sunrise Ridge Intermediate, Desert Hills Middle, Desert Hills High), Secondary Dixie Cone Site (Tonaquint Intermediate, Dixie Middle, Dixie High)**

**Proposed Change:**

**Students living in the area South of Enterprise Drive (industrial park) and along River Road (West of River Road) to the southern parkway and west to I-15. It also would include the developed area of Desert Color (East of I-15) to the Arizona border and to the exit/on ramp of River Road. The students living in this area would attend the Dixie Cone Site beginning in August 2025.**

**Students currently enrolled in grades 6 through 12 would have the option to remain in the Desert Hills boundary (Desert Hills High, Desert Hills Middle, and Sunrise Ridge Intermediate), however, no bus transportation would be provided.**

**Please visit the link to view the proposed boundary change:**

**<https://www.washk12.org/transportation/boundaries-and-routes/>**

Nate Esplin shared the proposed boundary change to Desert Canyons Elementary, Desert Hills cone-site, and the Dixie cone-site. The change would begin August 2025. Students currently enrolled in grades 6-12 in the Desert Hills cone-site could remain there, but no transportation will be provided.

No public comments were given.

## **BOARD ACTION ITEM**

### **Proposed Boundary Change for Desert Canyons Elementary School, Secondary Desert Hills Cone Site (Sunrise Ridge Intermediate, Desert Hills Middle, Desert Hills High), Secondary Dixie Cone Site (Tonaquint Intermediate, Dixie Middle, Dixie High)**

Craig Seegmiller said his neighborhood is landlocked and every school needs growth areas for revitalization. This boundary change provides the Dixie cone-site with growing areas. It is difficult but it helps to balance the schools over the next few years. Desert Hills is open for enrollment if families in grades 6-12 want to stay in the cone-site. Superintendent Richard Holmes said boundary changes are very hard, especially for secondary. He views all of our schools as outstanding and feels Dixie and Desert Hills are both amazing schools. They offer equal programs and some specialty classes at each of the schools. Both are tremendous schools with outstanding programs. They have years of strong tradition, school spirit, and community involvement. They are led by amazing administrators and teachers.

Patty Johnson asked if the Board came to the meeting already knowing what they are going to do. She asked if the comments have meant anything. She lives in an area designed for Desert Hills. She moved there because it was a good school as any parent would want. She feels the Board is now coming and telling them they are going to take her kids from a good school and put them in an average or below average school. She was frustrated feeling that they are supposed to be okay with that.

**Board Member Seegmiller presented a motion to approve the boundary change as proposed.**

**Board Member Hutchinson seconded the motion. Board members voted as follows:**

Member Cox - Yea

Member Staheli - Yea

Member Hutchinson - Yea

Member Simmons - Yea

Member Seegmiller - Yea

Member Stirland - Yea

Member Dunn - Yea

**The motion passed unanimously.**

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

### **1. Minutes**

- a. November 11, 2024 Meeting of the Board of Education**
- b. November 25, 2024 Special Meeting of the Board of Education**

### **2. Financial Report**

### **3. Personnel and LEA Specific License Items**

### **4. Coral Canyon Elementary TSSA Plan Change**

### **5. Diamond Valley Elementary TSSA Plan Change**

**Board Member Stirland presented a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items #1, #2, #4, and #5.**

**Board Member Cox seconded the motion that passed unanimously.**

Superintendent Richard Holmes recommended the selection of Brett Gifford for the principal position at Pine View High Principal. He would begin for the 2025-2026 school year.

**Board Member Hutchinson presented a motion to approve the selection of Brett Gifford as the principal for Pine View High School. Board Member Staheli seconded the motion that passed unanimously.**

Superintendent Richard Holmes announced that Amy Mitchell has announced her retirement plans. He expressed appreciation for all she has done in our District.

## **WHAT'S RIGHT IN WCSD SCHOOLS**

**Sandstone Elementary School – Principal Melissa Dietzel**

Principal Melissa Dietzel shared some of the good things happening at Sandstone Elementary School. She said the mission statement at Sandstone Elementary is to create high levels of learning for all students by providing tools for success through high expectations and increasing learning capabilities. She shared the rise in proficiency RISE scores at the school. In English Language Arts the students scored 46% proficient last year with was 13 points higher than when she came to the school three years ago. In Math they scored 37% which is an 8% increase and in Science they scored 47% which is also an 8% increase. When she came in, 1% of the students were proficient in writing. Last year they scored eight out of ten which is right where the state and District are, so she is really proud of the work their teachers have done. She shared another representation of the RISE growth from last year showing they are following right along the trend with the District for growth. She shared the Acadience typical and above typical growth for Math and Language Arts which was 73% from beginning to middle of the year and 79% from the beginning to end of the year. In Language Arts the proficiency growth went from 34% proficient at the beginning of the year to 58% proficient at the end of the year which is a 24% increase. In Math they had consistent gains from 17% to 24% improvement across all of the checkpoints. Some key takeaways in looking at the data show that Sandstone Elementary remains competitive within the Title I schools in our state ranking in the top 25%, they had notable growth in Language Arts and Science and the proficiency reflects their focused efforts in those areas, and they have an opportunity for improvement with strengthening Math proficiency and want to align that with state and District averages. She said looking forward they are going to continue their emphasis on foundational growth with Math and Language Arts. They are going to continue targeted interventions. They are going to continue to engage staff in data driven strategies. She shared some school highlights including being accepted to receive the I3 grant through the state which will provide up to \$1.5 million over 3 years to support students with disabilities. They were originally offered this opportunity as a TSI School for students with disabilities. Last year they were able to get off that but were still allowed to remain which will help enhance resources, train educators, and help implement innovative strategies to help improve outcomes for students with disabilities. Because they were able to get off that list, they have offered them more of a leadership position, with 10-12 other schools, to help other schools who are still on the list throughout the state. They have also partnered with Playworks. Playworks is a program that helps promote healthy inclusive play. It helps foster social and emotional development, teamwork, and physical activity for all students. The goal is to create a positive active school culture that supports student well-being and success. They are seeing a lot of fantastic results from that and feel it was well worth the money. This year they are implementing Rising Raptors. It is a student group designed to give students a voice in shaping the school community. The group invites students from all grade levels to provide feedback, share ideas, and engage in school improvements. They aim to empower students and encourage leadership collaboration and school pride. Currently they have sixty students K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade who have joined. She also shared a short video of some highlights at Sandstone Elementary. Students work hard, play hard, and treat others with respect. They value the students and families.

### **Tonaquint Intermediate School – Principal Desirae Roden**

Principal Desirae Roden shared some of the good things happening at Tonaquint Intermediate. She said school spirit is going on each Friday with students wearing the school shirts. The school PTA comes in and gives the kids some treats to get that school spirit going. The school theme this year is *Soaring to Excellence*. They use the SOAR acronym quite a bit which stands for Safety, Ownership, Attendance, and Respect. They use it all over the school and believe that those things are not just exemplified in behavior but also in academics. She highlighted her CCA team who are exemplary collaborators. They have been creating buttons/badges the last couple of years. When students take the assessment to determine what CCA Pathways are best for their interests and attributes they get a button/badge to align with results. It has been a fun thing to see the kids around the school wearing them. The kids are so excited about them and wear them on their backpacks. CCA Teachers are also making relevant connections for life as they practice reading techniques such as reading to young children. The students had opportunities to go through some rotations where they learned about childcare and how to care for a baby, hold a baby, and other healthcare related things with first aid, taking blood pressure, wrapping knees and ankles, and even cosmetology. They have also been great at bringing in some local businesses and creating partnerships with the high school. They had an FFA Day where the Dixie FFA brought

some animals for the kids to interact with and learn about. They learned some veterinary skills such as how to wrap up puppy paws if they get injured. She shared a video clip of students talking about what they enjoy about their CCA Class. Desirae Roden shared how teachers are doing some cross curricular collaboration to focus on literacy support in the school. The intermediate school may be the last time that students get intensive reading support that they need. That is part of their whole reading plan. The most important thing is the collaborative effort between the language arts teachers and the social studies teachers. One new thing that they started this year is a smaller class with graphics to help students who are really struggling to keep up with literacy. They are hoping to see some great results from that. One thing they are very proud of at Tonaquint is their Veterans Day Assembly. It is a collaborative effort between the Fine Arts department. Band, orchestra, and choir groups all perform. The visual arts teacher has students create beautiful visuals and posters. They invite veterans from the community to come. She said they have heard that their assembly is one that you have to see. She said they definitely love the veterans and are going to continue to do that. Another new thing this year is their Counseling Resource Center. They have an unoccupied classroom that counselors are able to do groups with students and have meetings. They want to provide additional support and resources to students and families in need, so they are able to focus on learning when they are at school. She shared that they have given 200 bags of food this year. There are 25 students and families that are regular customers of their food pantry. They have given out 41 backpacks with school supplies and other separate school supplies to dozens of students needing them. They have also provided 27 students with clothing items so far this year. She also reported on their Excel Class which is helping to build leaders with students that maybe haven't learned what to do with leadership skills. They learn about leadership skills, teamwork, communication, conflict resolution, and any other skills the teacher identifies that the students need. In turn, the students then do service for the school. One thing they do is to create arcade games for the students with disabilities to come and participate with. She thanked the Board for all of the support they give to her school.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT ON BOARD ACTION ITEMS**

No public comments were given on Board Action Items.

### **BOARD ACTION ITEMS**

#### **2025-2026 Insurance Renewal Timeline – Tammara Robinson**

Tammara Robinson said the timeline for our insurance renewal was discussed last month and now she would like Board approval. She briefly reviewed the timeline with the Insurance Committee meeting in January to go through the renewals for medical, dental, and other supplemental life insurances. In February she will bring it to the Board for review and to look at the budget for increases. The approvals would be done by March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Open Enrollment information will then be shared with employees and Open Enrollment would begin in April. The plan would begin on August 1<sup>st</sup>. LaRene Cox recognized the Insurance committee and Tammara Robinson for all they do.

**Board Member Cox presented a motion to approve the 2025-2026 Insurance Renewal Timeline.**

**Board Member Stirland seconded the motion that passed unanimously.**

#### **Policy 1905 Paid Professional Hours for Educators – Wade Jensen**

Wade Jensen said the proposed policy is what we have done for the past several years and we now need to have it in policy. He shared a quick summary of the proposed policy which gives addresses the extra 32 professional hours for every qualified employee. Educators must let their principal know at the beginning of the year what they're going to do with those 32 hours and then then they meet with their principal at the end of the year to share completion and sign off. Becky Dunn asked about the timeline for the June 1<sup>st</sup> date with payroll. Wade Jensen said it is not hard for educators and most complete it much earlier. Most all of the educators participate. It gives them 32 hours above and beyond their contract for professional learning.

**Board Member Staheli presented a motion to approve Policy 1905 Paid Professional Hours for Educators. Board Member Simmons seconded the motion that passed unanimously.**

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

There were no discussion items.

## INFORMATION ITEMS

There were no information items.

## REPORTS

### Superintendent

Superintendent Richard Holmes shared a little piece of a presentation he gave to the principals at the first of the year on the role of leaders and the mark they leave and recognized Terry Hutchinson and Becky Dunn for their service over the past eight years. The other Board Members also took a moment to recognize Becky Dunn and Terry Hutchinson and expressed appreciation for the work they have done over the years.

### Board

Burke Staheli reported on the UHSAA. All our schools fall in the 4A classification. Cedar is getting a little smaller and will now be 3A. One of the reasons we do boundary changes is to keep our schools all in the same region. All six schools will be in the region. Water Canyon and Enterprise will be 1A schools.

### Association

Jake Shewmake, WCEA, recognized Andrew White from Tonaquint Intermediate School and Heather Skaggs from Sandstone Elementary. He shared, and had some students share, what administrators, parents, and students said about these two teachers being recognized.

### PTA/PTO/Community Council

Kim McKone, PTA, said they have divided into five councils in the region. Brittnie Bonham reported on the Snow Canyon Council. She shared some of the things that PTA is doing in the Snow Canyon schools. Arrowhead Elementary did a two-week readathon as a fundraiser. They were able to raise \$10,000 to help in the school. They also held a *Beat the Street* assembly and a Walk and Bike to School Day. The Southwest Public Health Department helped with that and set up a bicycle obstacle course. They had some great participation. They also do a mileage club that helps promote healthy living with walking and biking. They do that one week in the fall and one week in the spring. They have spent a lot of hours building a new decodable take home library for the younger grades. The Santa Clara Elementary PTA was able to provide new school shirts to all students and staff this year. At Halloween, they did a school carnival instead of individual classroom parties which was a big success. Another activity they do is called *Doughnuts and a Date* where each student can bring one of their grown-ups to have a doughnut for breakfast with them. They invited first responders to come help hand out the doughnuts and let their student council welcome and thank the first responders. Sunset Elementary had a great turn out in their PTA Reflections Contest. They also did a Swig fundraiser that was a great success. Students at Sunset Elementary can earn horseshoes, which is like money, and the PTA runs a school store once or twice a month and students can use the horseshoes to purchase things. Paradise Canyon Elementary also did a big Halloween carnival instead of individual parties. They had so many parents show up to help out. It was a huge win for everyone, and the kids loved it because they got to interact with kids in other classrooms. They also had great success with their fundraiser. They did a readathon and made \$9000 which is pretty exciting for Paradise Canyon. They had a Harry Potter theme. One of the coolest things that they do is their Christmas store. They do this every year as a service. They encourage the students to earn money and every item costs \$1. They have volunteers that come help the kids shop and then wrap their gifts. It is so fun and rewarding to be a part of and the children feel so empowered being able to wrap Christmas gifts for their families. PTA has a different involvement in the secondary schools. It's not quite as fun but is still awesome. Lava Ridge, Snow Canyon Middle, and Snow Canyon High have lots of opportunities to help with teacher appreciation, provide birthday gifts, and meals and snacks for parent teacher conferences. They also had really great participation in reflections this year and Snow Canyon Middle had 130 entries which is pretty exciting. She also shared that the last several years, the PTA from elementary to high school all get together to plan Red Ribbon Week and White Ribbon Week, which focuses on drug safety and Internet safety. They get really great feedback from families and

administration with all kids getting the same message. This year the theme was, “Let’s talk about it.” Each day they had a different message the families could talk about focusing on drinking, drugs, vaping, and healthy living. The PTA sent home videos and other messages each day for parents to talk about with their kids. They are also trying hard in the cone-site to make sure all PTA messages are going home in English and Spanish so they can reach more families. She expressed gratitude for all the parents, staff, and teachers at the schools and is grateful for the Board support of PTA.

**PUBLIC OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD – 3 minutes each**

No public comments were given.

**Board Member Stirland presented a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:37 p.m. Board Member Simmons seconded the motion that passed unanimously.**

**ADJOURNMENT**