



# UNAPPROVED MINUTES

## February 2025 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The regular board meeting of the Piute County School District Board of Education was held on **February 11, 2025** at the Piute County Courthouse in Junction, Utah. Teresa Morgan called the meeting to order at **3:30 P.M.** Present was Teresa Morgan, Jeremy Pearson, Erin Jensen, Neccia Dalton and Rick Dalton. Also present was Superintendent Koby Willis and Business Administrator Dallas Sylvester. Guests at the meeting were: Jason Strate, Japheth Mcgee, Heather Fautin, Jeri Sylvester, Russ Lee, Janette Lee, Paul James and Shauna Bagley.

**Work Meeting:** The board met before the normal meeting to review the preliminary negotiations agreement for FY26.

### Opening Remarks:

- President Teresa Morgan welcomed everyone to the meeting. After the pledge of allegiance was recited, opening remarks were given by Teresa Morgan.

### Program Reports:

- Central Utah Educational Services (CUES) Annual Report**
  - Jason Strate presented the annual report for CUES to the school board.
  - He mentioned that CUES just had its annual report to the Utah School Board, which he and Superintendent Willis attended.
  - Jason mentioned that Superintendent Willis has been serving as the CUES board chair this year and his work has been appreciated.
  - Jason mentioned what CUES is doing to protect data privacy for the school districts in the region.
  - Jason spoke about the CUES school psychologist and what services are available to the district.
  - Jason spoke about the CUES Early Learning Coach and what work she has been doing in the districts.
- Oscarson Elementary Principal Report**
  - Heather Fautin gave the school board the principal report for Oscarson Elementary School.
  - She explained what the Oscarson Elementary's theme and motto are for this year. The theme is "Be all you can be".
  - She showed the school board a video that showed some of the activities connected to the "Be all you can be" theme.

- She explained to the board how the school's new character development plan works.
- She mentioned that the school has implemented both a new math and reading program this year.
- Heather spoke about the new employees at the school district and what their job duties are.
- She showed the school board a video that the students made about the new employees in the school.

- **Circleville Elementary Principal Report**
  - Russ Lee presented the Circleville Elementary Principal Report to the school board.
  - He gave the board a school activities schedule that explains what activities the school has done this year and plans to do.
  - He mentioned that the reading goal for the school is that every student is reading every day and they are reading at grade level.
  - He explained that the school designates the time between 8:00 and 10:00 as math and reading time.
  - He mentioned that one of the biggest hurdles this year for the school has been attendance.
- **Piute High School Principal Report**
  - Shauna Bagley presented the Piute High School Principal Report to the school board.
  - She showed the board a video that the high school made last year. The video is about everything that is offered at Piute High School.
  - Shauna mentioned that the video goes along with the school's goal for this year. The goal is to have 100% of all students participate in a co-curricular or extracurricular activity.
  - She mentioned that there is currently 96% participation.
  - Shauna mentioned that there are a lot of junior high students participating in theater this year.
  - Shauna mentioned that the Teen Center has been a big success this year and is used even more than anticipated.
  - She explained that the high school hopes to add an automotive class next year.
  - Shauna gave an update on the 4-day school week and mentioned that the school has seen an improvement with tardies.
  - Shauna invited the school board to the alumni career fair that will be held on March 27th.

## **Public Hearing**

- School Fees Schedule 2025 - 2026
  - Superintendent Willis presented the school fees schedule for 2025-2026 to the public.
  - The school board reviewed the fee schedule and deliberated changes that could be made to the schedule.
  - Superintendent Willis mentioned that Eric Jessen would like to double the pay to play fee amount for sports from \$25 to \$50. This would make it so the students wouldn't have to pay for additional fees like hotels and apparel throughout the season.
  - The school fees schedule will be presented and reviewed again before approving it.

## **Public Comments**

- President Teresa Morgan turned the time over to the public for public comment.
- No public comments were made.

**Business Items:**

**• Options For Revenue Bond Terms**

- Japheth Mcgee presented the school board with different options for issuing the lease revenue bonds for the new elementary school's construction.
- He explained that there is no school board action that needs to be taken at this point.
- He explained that the district can pursue issuing bonds to only one investor, which would be a simpler process. This is known as a direct purchase.
- The other option would be to sell the bonds to different investors. It would be more complicated, but could result in a better interest rate. This would involve doing a presentation to a bond-rating agency.
- The options he presented each had different term lengths, par amounts, and call features.
- The school board deliberated the different options and will revisit the options at next month's meeting.

**• Cheer Safety Clinics**

- Superintendent Willis presented the board with the UHSAA letter in regards to cheer safety clinics.
- The letter explains that Risk Management will no longer provide the training for LEA's.
- Each district will now be responsible for covering the costs of the clinic, which is mandatory for cheer teams.
- The school district will look into the cheer safety clinics and see how it will be handled in the future.

**• Elementary Schools Design Update**

- Superintendent Willis gave the school board an update on the elementary school designs.
- He mentioned that there will be another online design meeting tomorrow , Wednesday the 12th at 3:00 p.m.
- The board debated whether or not to include backup generators in the new schools.
- The board decided to plan a space for a generator in the new schools in case they are needed in the future.
- Superintendent Willis showed the board the proposed cabinetry designs for the new schools.

**• Softball Field Drawings**

- Superintendent Willis provided the school board with the latest draft of the high school softball field design.
- Teresa Morgan mentioned that she would like plumbing taken out to the field for a future restroom.
- The school board debated the orientation of the field.
- The school board decided that the current design orientation will be used. The current design has the field with the same orientation as the baseball field with home plate in the southeast corner of the lot.

**• UPA Trustlands Program Participation**

- Superintendent Willis presented the board with the Trustlands program estimates for next year, which includes Utah Peak Academy.

- If the district elects to include UPA in Trustlands, it would result in more overall funding for the district, but less funding for the in person schools in the district.
- Neccia Dalton made a motion to exclude Utah Peak Academy from the Trustlands program for next school year. Erin Jensen seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- **Draft 4 Day School Week Surveys**
  - Superintendent Willis presented the school board with a draft of the 4 day school week surveys.
  - The board reviewed the draft and deliberated on how to distribute the survey to the community.
  - The school district will send the survey out before spring break.
- **Policy #4007 Parent Rights & Academic Accommodations Revision 2nd Reading**
  - Superintendent Willis presented the board with the revision for policy #4007, Guardian Rights HB122 for the second reading.
  - The policy has been reviewed by the policy committee and the school principals.
  - Rick Dalton made a motion to suspend the third reading of the revision of Policy #4007, Parents Rights & Academic Accommodations and approve it on the second reading. Erin Jensen seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- **Policy #4003 Revision 1st Reading - Merging policies #4004, #4008, and #4021**
  - Superintendent Willis presented the revision of policy #4003 for the first reading.
  - The policy has been reviewed by the policy committee.
  - Jeremy Pearson made a motion to suspend the second and third readings of policy #4003 and approve it on the first reading. Rick Dalton seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- **Policy #5065 Wellness Policy Annual Review**
  - The school board reviewed policy #5065, Wellness Policy for annual review.
  - Rick Dalton made a motion to approve the annual review of policy #5065, Wellness Policy. Jeremy Pearson seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- **Repeal Policy #4073 Homework**
  - Superintendent Willis explained that the policy committee recommends that policy #4073 be repealed.
  - Jeremy Pearson made a motion to repeal policy #4073, Homework. Erin Jensen seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- **Combined Food Services Director Position With Garfield School District**
  - Superintendent Willis presented the school board with the proposed combined food services director position with Garfield School District.
  - The position would be the food services director for both Piute and Garfield, but would be the lead cook at Piute High School.
  - The current proposal has the director spending 80% of time in Piute and 20% in Garfield.
  - The position would be full time with benefits.
  - Garfield School District has approved the proposal.
  - The school board will review the position again next month.

- **Oscarson Preschool Modular**
  - Superintendent Willis mentioned that the district needs to decide what to do with the preschool modular in Marysville. The modular needs to be removed before the new school is constructed.
  - The board decided that the modular will be auctioned off on public surplus.
- **School District Calendar 2025-2026**
  - Superintendent Willis presented the board with the most recent draft of the school district calendar for 2025-2026.
  - The board and those in attendance gave input on the calendar.
  - Neccia Dalton made a motion to approve the school district calendar as presented. Jeremy Pearson seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- **SB173 Teacher Master Award Presentation**
  - Superintendent Willis mentioned that 6 teachers have expressed interest in being on the SB173 committee.
  - The school board discussed the possibility of implementing SB173 in the school district.
  - The school board expressed that they would not like to pursue implementing SB173 in the school district.
- **Employee SY26 Statement of Intent Update**
  - Superintendent Willis presented the school board with the employee statements of intent for next school year.
  - Superintendent Willis mentioned that Meri Vasquez will be retiring after this school year, so the district will need to hire a new language arts teacher at the high school.
- **Approval of Minutes and Vouchers**
  - Rick Dalton made a motion to approve the January meeting minutes, the January payroll, and district vouchers and 25000473-25000564. Neccia Dalton seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- **New Hires, Assignments, and Reassignments**

#### **New Hires**

- No new hires to approve.

#### **Information Items: None**

**Executive Session :** At : **6:34 p.m.** Rick Dalton made a motion to move into executive session for the Discussion of the Character, Professional Competence, or Mental Health of an Individual. Jeremy Pearson Seconded the motion. Each individual board member was in favor of moving into executive session. Erin Jensen voted aye, Teresa Morgan voted aye, Rick Dalton voted aye, Neccia Dalton voted aye, and Jeremy Pearson voted aye.

- The school board entered the executive meeting at **6:34 P.M.**
- The school board left the executive meeting at **7:51 P.M.**

## **Adjournment**

- At : **7:51 P.M.** Rick Dalton made a motion to adjourn the **February 11, 2025** meeting of the school board. Jeremy Pearson seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.