

**Uintah School District
Board of Education
Uintah County, Utah**

Approved Business Meeting Minutes

Date: February 12, 2025
Time: 6:07 p.m. – 6:57 p.m.
Location: 826 South 1500 East, Naples, Utah

Board Members Present:

- Dave Chivers, President
- Tawnya McKee, Vice President
- Robin McClellan
- Todd Massey
- Denise Maynard
- Wilson Liesik, Student Board Representative

Executive Staff Present:

- Dr. Rick Woodford, Superintendent
- Troy Timothy, Business Administrator

1. Introduction

A. Welcome/Call to Order

Troy Timothy welcomed the audience, and President Chivers called the Business Meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

B. Reverence

The reverence was offered by Tawnya McKee.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Member Todd Massey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. Student Board Member Report

President Chivers introduced Uintah High School student board member Wilson Liesik, who shared updates on recent achievements and events at UHS. Wilson reported that the student council recently returned from a trip to Chicago. To celebrate Valentine's Day, students placed foam hearts after school so that every student would receive a valentine. He provided an update and review of the drill team, as well as details about the upcoming co-ed dance. In the FCCLA regional competition, all 11 participating students qualified for the state competition in March, with several earning medals. In athletics, 15 swimmers qualified for the state competition, with

three setting new school records. The girls' basketball team won their first playoff game against Stansbury, while the boys' basketball team is set to play tonight at 7:00. In wrestling, Uintah High School has a commanding 144-point lead in the state competition, securing the state title. Michael Alexander has the opportunity to become the school's first four-time state champion if he wins his next match. Wilson also highlighted upcoming events, including the DECA competition starting next Wednesday, which will determine national qualifiers. Additionally, the school's theatre production of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* is set to begin soon, with ticket links available on the school website.

E. Celebrations

1. Madison Young, UAEA Elementary Art Educator of the Year

2. Necia Colotzi, UAEA Middle School Art Educator of the Year

District Arts Coordinator, Jim Munford, recently attended the Utah Arts Education Conference in which two Uintah teachers were nominated as UAEA Art Teachers of the Year. He announced Madison Young, who is the Elementary nominee, and Necia Collotzi as the Middle School nominee. The teachers approached the front of the room to share their awards with the audience.

3. Traysen Clyde – Winner of the Fall 2024 Stock Market Game Competition

4. Denton Martin – Winner of the Fall 2024 Stock Market Game Competition

Principal Aaron Olsen introduced Brian Ottley, Business & Marketing Teacher of Vernal Middle School, to recognize Traysen Clyde and Denton Martin (absent) for their efforts in learning how to navigate the stock market. The boys' team took 2nd place out of 137 middle school teams across the state of Utah.

5. Students of the Month

The following students were recognized as Students of the Month by their teachers and/or administrators:

- Riley Specht (Central Cove Preschool);
- Max Blankenagel (Ashley Elementary);
- Parker Foster (Davis Elementary);
- Amelia Wright (Discovery Elementary);
- Loretta Murray (Eagle View Elementary);

- Sili Maile (Lapoint Elementary);
- Logan Addaikai (Maeser Elementary);
- Houston Kail (Naples Elementary);
- Eliza Mathis (Uintah Middle School);
- Ruby Foster (Vernal Middle School);
- Angel Fernandez (Uintah High School); and
- Teaglenn Cook (Ashley Valley Education Center/Uintah Online)

F. School Reports

1. Uintah Middle School – Christina Viar-Jolliff

Principal Christina Viar-Jolliff outlined key goals in her school improvement plan, emphasizing the importance of maintaining focus on priorities and accountability. The primary objectives are to enhance student success in Tier 1 instruction and increase positive daily interactions on campus. She discussed the lead measures within their control to achieve these goals, including celebrating achievements, using positive reinforcement, and implementing the Instructional Framework. She highlighted the background images in her slides, which were submissions from UMS students in a recent contest titled “What It Means to be a Hawk.” The themes—Inclusive, Moving Collectively, Service-Minded, Accountable, Continually Learning, and Intentional—represent the core values of UMS. Accountability is being reinforced through Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) and school-wide acts of service. Christina presented benchmark data comparing UMS student performance to district and state averages. By maintaining a strong focus on Tier 1 instruction, test scores have improved, with students performing at or above average in all but two areas. More students are achieving at grade level, and learning gaps are narrowing. She also shared data on absenteeism and disciplinary actions, noting that collective efficacy has led to increased attendance and a significant reduction in disciplinary incidents.

Board Member Massey commended the school’s progress and thanked Christina for providing the data. She also addressed additional board questions, including the challenge of increasing student attendance on Fridays. President Chivers concluded by thanking her for her presentation.

G. Patron Input

No items have been received in accordance with Board Policy 002.0720.

2. Business/Action Items

A. Consent Calendar

- 1. Minutes (January 8, 2025, Work Session and Business Meeting)**
- 2. Contracts Needing Board Approval**
- 3. Monthly Board Financial Update**
- 4. Amended 2024-2025 Vernal Middle School Trust Lands Plan**

Member Maynard made the following motion: “I motion to approve the consent calendar, including minutes from the January 8, 2025, Work Session and Business Meeting, the Monthly Board Financial Update, and the Amended 2024-2025 Vernal Middle School Trust Lands Plan.” Member Massey seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Policies for Approval on First Reading

- 1. 007.0505, School Fee Policy**

Member McKee made a motion to approve 007.0505, School Fee Policy, on 1st reading. Member Massey seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Policies for Approval on Second Reading

- 1. 010.0600, Acceptable Use Policy for Electronic Device Use and Network Access**

Member McKee made a motion to approve policy 001.0600, Acceptable Use Policy for Electronic Device Use and Network Access, on 2nd Reading. Member Maynard seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

- 2. 007.0235, Sexual Harassment of and by Students**

Member Maynard made a motion to approve 007.0235, Sexual Harassment of and by Students on second reading. Member Massey seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

D. Personnel Changes

Vice President McKee made a motion to approve the Personnel Changes, and Member Maynard seconded. Curriculum Director Jayme Leyba approached the Board in place of Dr. Leis, who is traveling, to answer any questions related to the personnel changes. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Informational/Discussion Items

A. Purchases Over \$50,000

Troy Timothy announced there are no purchases over \$50,000 this month.

B. Calendar Items

C. Superintendent and/or Board President Follow-Up or Clarification on Items Discussed During the Meeting

For the sake of time, as tonight's Uintah High School Boys' Basketball playoff game begins shortly, Dr. Woodford asked the Board to review the calendar privately and contact him after the meeting with any questions regarding its contents, or anything else that was discussed tonight.

4. Adjournment

A. Meeting Adjourned

Member Massey made a motion to close the meeting, and Vice President McKee seconded. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.