

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 12, 2025

Board Meeting

The Murray City School Board met in a regular board meeting on June 12, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. In attendance were Jaren Cooper, Kami Anderson, Elizabeth Payne, Jill Weight, Jennifer Covington, Superintendent and Richard Reese, Business Administrator. President Kelly Taeoalii was excused. The meeting was held at the District office, located at 5102 South Commerce Drive, Murray, UT.

Budget Hearing

Business Administrator – Richard Reese, Business Administrator

2025-26 Budget

Richard Reese presented the 2025-26 budget to the Board. Mr. Reese shared a presentation with the Board by first reviewing the legal requirements necessary to prepare and approve a school district budget. He then shared some budget assumptions including a 6.2% increase in assessed valuation, WPU increase of 4% to \$4,674, and a 13.63% health insurance premium increase.

Murray City School District has the second lowest property tax rate in Salt Lake County behind Salt Lake City School District with Tooele School District having the highest tax rate in the state and North Summit School District having the lowest tax rate.

Mr. Reese presented the revised General Fund budget for 2024-25 of \$75.4 million and the 2025-26 proposed budget of \$75.8 million. He also presented proposed 2025-26 budgets of \$2.4 million for the Student Activities fund, \$1.3 for the Non-K12 Fund, \$3.25 million for the RDA fund, \$5.2 million for the Debt Service Fund, \$73.9 million for the Capital Outlay fund, \$3.9 million for the School Lunch fund and \$295,000 for the Lifetime Insurance Fund.

Budget Hearing

A budget hearing was held and the meeting was opened for public comments. No public comments were made. Jaren Cooper then made a motion to approve the Revised Budget for FY2024-25 and the Proposed Budget for FY2025-26 and approve the certified tax rate when available that is necessary to fund the FY2025-2026 budget. Kami Anderson seconded the motion which was approved with a 4-0 vote.

Pledge of Allegiance

The audience was led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Jennifer Covington.

Administrative Appointment

Superintendent Covington presented Tyler Horne as the new Principal for Longview Elementary School. Kami Anderson made a motion of support for his appointment. Elizabeth Payne seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda included Approval of Minutes – May 8, 2025 and May 22, 2025, Claims, Financial Report, FY 2026 Employee Compensation and Benefit Package: IN 335.1 Private and Home School Student Participation in State Assessments – 2nd Reading: PS 417.2 Interfering and Electronic Communication Devices – 2nd Reading: SP 968 Time and Effort Policy – 2nd Reading: and PS 428 Fees, Textbooks, and Supplies – 2nd Reading. Jaren Cooper made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Elizabeth Payne seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Delegations

MEA – No comments.

MAA – No comments.

MESPA – No comments.

Foundation – Doug Perry reminded the Board of the upcoming golf tournament on August 22, 2025.

Patron Statements –No comments.

Report of the Board

Elizabeth Payne – Ms. Payne said that she attended a school musical at Hillcrest Junior High School and a choir concert at Liberty Elementary and thanked the choir director. She also attended the USBA Delegate Assembly.

Kami Anderson – Ms. Anderson said that it was another great year and expressed concerns over the level of education occurring during the last few weeks of school.

Jill Weight – Ms. Weight said that she enjoyed the Murray High graduation ceremony.

Jaren Cooper – Mr. Cooper thanked Ms. Payne for her work representing the district at the USBA delegate assembly. He said the Salt Lake Advisory meeting was canceled.

Report of the Staff

Elementary Wellness Curriculum – 2nd Reading – Sierra Marsh, District Prevention Specialist, presented the Elementary Wellness Curriculum as a second reading. Elizabeth Payne made a motion to approve the curriculum. Jaren Cooper seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Sodexo Food Service Management Contract Amendment (Year 2 of 5) – Scott Taggart, Director of Auxiliary Services, presented a contract amendment that would pay Sodexo an additional \$0.09 per meal served. Jaren Cooper made a motion to approve the contract amendment. Kami Anderson seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT – Jennifer Covington, Superintendent

April 9, 2025 Board Meeting Conflict – Superintendent Covington presented a proposal to move the scheduled April 9, 2025 due to the NSBA National Conference. Kami Anderson made a motion to move the board meeting to April 2, 2025. Elizabeth Payne seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

The Board was polled at 5:37 p.m. and was unanimous in holding a closed session for personnel and legal.

The Board meeting was then opened and adjourned at 6:10 p.m.



Jill Weight – Board Vice-President




Business Administrator – Richard Reese

STATEMENT AFFIRMING THE PURPOSE OF A CLOSED MEETING

I, Jill Weight, certify that I am the member of the Board of Education of the Murray City School District who presided at the closed meeting of the board held on June 12, 2025. I hereby affirm, pursuant to Utah Code § 52-4-206(6), that the sole purpose of holding this closed meeting was to discuss personnel and legal issues.

I certify under criminal penalty of the State of Utah that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on June 26, 2025



Jill Weight, Board Vice-President