



# UNAPPROVED MINUTES

## June 2025 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The regular board meeting of the Piute County School District Board of Education was held on **June 24, 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, Neccia Dalton and Rick Dalton. Also present was Superintendent Koby Willis and Business Administrator Dallas Sylvester. Guests at the meeting were: Shauna Bagley, Wade Fautin, and Russ Lee.

**Work Meeting:** The board met before the normal meeting to review the FY25 Final and FY26 Original Budget Book.

### Opening Remarks:

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

### Program Reports:

- Transportation Services**
  - Wade Fautin gave the board a report on transportation services in the district.
  - Wade mentioned that the district had to get a new drug and alcohol testing vendor.
  - Wade mentioned that the hydraulic lift has been installed in the bus garage.
  - Wade said the new school bus should be here by October this year.
  - Wade gave the board a report on the buses he is currently fixing.
  - Wade mentioned it has been nice to be able to work on buses in the new bus garage.

### Budget Hearing:

- FY25 Final Budget and FY26 Original Budget**
  - Dallas Sylvester presented the board with the FY2025 final budget and the FY2026 original budget.
  - The FY2025 final budget and the FY2026 original budget book was presented to the board that includes revenues and expenditures for each fund in the school district.
  - A copy of the budget book can be found on the school district website in the shared school board documents folder.
  - School Board President Teresa Morgan gave time for public comment.
  - No public comments were made.

- Jeremy Pearson made a motion to approve the 2025 final budget and the 2026 original budget as presented. Neccia Dalton seconded the motion. Roll Call voting as follows: Neccia Dalton Aye, Rick Dalton Aye, Teresa Morgan Aye, Jeremy Pearson Aye. Erin Jensen was absent.

## Public Comments

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

## Business Items:

- **Consideration of a resolution amending the property pledged to secure the Lease Revenue Bonds of the Local Building Authority of Piute County School District, Piute County, Utah and providing for related matters.**
  - Superintendent Willis presented the resolution to the board as follows:  
  
○ A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF PIUTE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, PIUTE COUNTY, UTAH, AMENDING THE RESOLUTION ADOPTED ON MARCH 11, 2025 WITH RESPECT TO THE ISSUANCE OF LEASE REVENUE BONDS BY THE LOCAL BUILDING AUTHORITY OF PIUTE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, PIUTE COUNTY, UTAH, BY GRANTING AN INTEREST IN THE ENTIRE REPLACEMENT OF OSCARSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL; APPROVING THE PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATED COSTS OF THE PROJECT TO BE FINANCED WITH A PORTION OF THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH BONDS; AND PROVIDING FOR RELATED MATTERS.
  - Neccia Dalton made a motion to approve the resolution as listed above. Rick Dalton seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote. Roll Call voting as follows: Neccia Dalton Aye, Rick Dalton Aye, Teresa Morgan Aye, Jeremy Pearson Aye. Erin Jensen was absent.
- **2025 Property Tax Rate Reduction**
  - Superintendent Willis presented the school board with the property tax rate reduction options. They are as follows:

#1 - Large Tax Cut: Cut \$55,000 of estimated revenue from the capital levy. Would cut 19.6% of the increase from 2024. Would bring the estimated capital levy revenue to \$429,099. This

would allow the bond to be funded entirely from the Capital Levy without pulling from other sources. It leaves a small buffer of \$5,372 assuming the 18 year bond option. This would give some space for years that the redemptions, penalties, interest, and commercial vehicle tax generate less revenue than estimated. This option could allow for an additional tax cut in 2027 when the high school bonds expire and all capital outlay foundation funds are available.

#2 - Larger Tax Cut: Cut \$100,000 of estimated revenue from the capital levy. Would cut 35.7% of the increase from 2024. Would bring the estimated capital levy revenue to \$384,099. The remaining \$39,628 needed to make payments on the 18 year bond option would come from the capital outlay foundation funds. This option ensures that every dollar generated by the capital levy is being used for the elementary school bond and then excess costs are covered by the capital outlay foundation funds. Still allows for a possible small additional cut in 2027.

#3 - Largest Tax Cut: Cut \$150,000 of the estimated revenue from the capital levy. Would cut 53.5% of the increase from 2024. Would bring the estimated capital levy revenue to \$334,099. The remaining \$89,628 needed to make payments on the 18 year bond option would come from the capital outlay foundation funds. This option provides the largest tax relief of the three options. This option could make the capital outlay funds available for school buses and smaller capital projects very tight for FY26 and FY27. Once the high school bonds expire that budget would again loosen. This option may cause less tightness in other budgets if the bond terms are extended to 20 years and the annual payment reduced.

- Rick Dalton made a motion to approve option 2 of the tax cut options, which would be to cut \$100,000 of estimated revenue from the capital levy and would cut 35.7% of the increase from 2024. Jeremy Pearson seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote. Roll Call voting as follows: Neccia Dalton Aye, Rick Dalton Aye, Teresa Morgan Aye, Jeremy Pearson Aye. Erin Jensen was absent.
- **Circleville Elementary Mascot**
  - The school board discussed the option of changing the Circleville Elementary School mascot from the Stallion to the mini T-Bird.
  - The school board decided not to change the mascot for now, but will continue to look into it.
- **PHS Bird Feeder Operations 2025-2026**
  - Shauna Bagley mentioned that last year there were 30 home sporting events.
  - 10 different sports teams worked in the concessions.
  - \$4,700 was earned and split up amongst the 10 sports teams.
  - Next year there will be 42 home events.
  - Shauna mentioned that some of the coaches have expressed that they don't want to participate in the bird feeder next year.
  - The school board deliberated different options for running the bird feeder next year.
  - The school board and high school will continue to look into options for running the bird feeder next year.
- **Softball Field Construction Updates**
  - Superintendent Willis gave the school board an update on the construction of the softball field.

- Construction has started on the field and the excavation work has been completed.
- The goal is to be able to lay sod on the new field in August.

- **Elementary School Construction Updates**
  - Superintendent Willis gave the school board an update on the construction of the new elementary schools.
  - The Architects and Contractors would like to start OAC (Owner, Architect, Contractor) meetings on July 16th.
  - Construction fences will be installed on July 7th.
  - Superintendent Willis mentioned that asbestos testing must be done in the Oscarson Elementary gym before it can be demolished.
  - If asbestos is found, then an asbestos abatement crew will need to come in and remove it before the gym can be demolished.
- **PHS Devices Policy 2025-2026 Frequently Asked Questions**
  - Superintendent Willis presented the school board with the PHS Devices Policy frequently asked questions and the document was reviewed by the board.
  - The frequently asked questions are as follows:
    1. When will this policy begin?  
The cell phone ban will be implemented at the beginning of the 2025-26 school year.
    2. Where is the cell phone stored during the day?  
Preferably, students DO NOT bring their phones to school. If they choose to bring a phone, students will keep their phones in the locking pouch provided by the school. The school will take possession of the phone if/when the student chooses not to follow the expectations.
    3. What if there is an emergency at school?  
Every classroom will have an unlocking device and students will be allowed to unlock and use their phones during an emergency.
    4. What if my student has a 504 or IEP that requires the use of a cell phone?  
Each student is given a Macbook Pro laptop. Most accommodations can be satisfied with this device.
    5. Which schools will enforce the cell phone ban?  
All schools have a ban on cell phone use during school hours. Piute High School, Oscarson Elementary and Circleville Elementary.
    6. What happens if I cannot pick up my student's phone on the same day it was turned into the office?  
The school will keep the phone in your student's individual signed envelope and will store it in a locked safe until you are able to pick it up. Phones will not be returned to students.
    7. Will my students be allowed to use their phone when they are not in class?  
Students will not be allowed to use their phones during the school day including lunch and between classes. If a student is leaving early for the day and a parent checks them out, their phone will be unlocked.
    8. Can my student use a cell phone while on an extracurricular trip?  
Students will be allowed to use their phones when they are participating in extracurricular activities.
    9. Does this include Bluetooth headphones and Apple Watches?

Yes. Only corded headphones are allowed.

10. What if I need to contact my student during the school day?

Call the school office. A message will be delivered to your student immediately.

11. How will the pouches be locked and unlocked?

Students will lock and unlock their pouches themselves. There will be unlocking devices placed around the school for students to use at the end of the day.

There will be unlocking devices in the office at all times to accommodate check-outs.

12. The following disciplinary action will occur if a student chooses to not follow the policy:

- First Offense- Phone taken and placed in a sealed envelope.

Returned to student after school. Parents notified.

- Second Offense- Phone taken and placed in sealed envelope.

Parents/student conference after school. The phone is returned to the parents only.

- Third or more Offense- Parent/student conference. Following the third offense, the phone must be turned into the office everyday for the remainder of the school year. If the phone is not turned in and the student is caught with it during the school day, the student will be sent home for the remainder of the day.

- **In Lieu of Insurance Incentive**

- The school board revisited the in lieu of health insurance proposal that was discussed at the last meeting.
- Superintendent Willis mentioned that he and Dallas Sylvester have been discussing the possibility of increasing the in lieu of health insurance amount that is offered to employees who decline the school district's health insurance.
- The school district currently offers \$500 a month (\$300 payroll and \$200 into 401k)
- The single insurance rate for FY26 will be \$8,772 or \$731 a month.
- It is proposed that the school district raise the in lieu of insurance amount to \$700 a month with \$350 on payroll and \$350 into the employee's 401k.
- Neccia Dalton made a motion to approve the proposal to increase the in lieu of insurance amount from \$500 a month to \$700 a month, \$350 into 401k and \$350 on payroll. Rick Dalton seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

- **School Guardians Compensation**

- Superintendent Willis led the board in discussion of school guardians compensation.

The state is providing a \$500 stipend to school guardians. Every school is required to have an armed guardian. Very few people can know who the school guardians are (School Safety Specialist, District Safety Specialist, Sheriff, State Safety Director).

The sheriff's office believes some of the guardians will need different or new firearms. The \$500 may just cover the cost of a new firearm. The sheriff's office will be providing training this summer for the guardians and will bill the school district for the cost of the training and Ammunition.

Most school districts are providing compensation beyond the \$500 stipend but no standard amount has been established. We recommend starting at least at \$15/day (\$2,250) plus the \$500 stipend from the state for the cost of the firearm.

The district would also need to consider reimbursing the cost of holsters and biometric safes that can be placed under a desk. Firearms can not be left in a building overnight, but a guardian could place the firearm in a safe for a short time during the day.

- Rick Dalton made a motion to approve the school guardians compensation as a \$570 stipend, which will cover the cost of the firearm and a holster, as well as \$15 a day throughout the school year. Jeremy Pearson seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

- **LEA Specific Licenses**

- Neccia Dalton made a motion to approve an LEA specific license for Koby Willis for an administrative endorsement for 3 years. Jeremy Pearson seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

- **National Shooting Sports**

- Superintendent Willis mentioned that the national sports team is traveling to Nebraska for the national shooting sports competition and needs out of state travel approval.
  - Neccia Dalton Made a motion to approve out-of-state travel for the shooting sports club to travel to Nebraska. Rick Dalton seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

- **Marysville Road Vacation Ordinance**

- Superintendent Willis presented the board with the Marysville Road Vacation Ordinance that will need to be approved by the Marysville Town Council. The ordinance is for the town to abandon two old roads that go through the location of the new elementary school.

- **Transportation Drug & Alcohol Plan**

- Superintendent Willis presented the school board with the transportation drug & alcohol plan.
  - Neccia Dalton made a motion to approve the Transportation Drug & Alcohol Plan. Jeremy Pearson seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

- **Policy Repeals**

- The school board reviewed the following policies that need to be repealed:

- Repeal Policy #4098 School Choice
- Repeal Policy #4081 School Junior High Remediation
- Repeal Policy #4082 School Credit Recovery And Intervention
- Repeal Policy #4102A Student Use of Controlled Substances
  - Rick Dalton made a motion to repeal policies #4098, 4081, and 4082. Neccia Dalton seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

- **Approval of Minutes and Vouchers**

- Jeremy Pearson made a motion to approve the May meeting minutes, The June 4th and June 5th special board meetings, the May payroll, and district vouchers and 25000802-25000885. Rick Dalton seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

- **New Hires, Assignments, and Reassignments**

**New Hires**

- Hire Matthew Wilbur as a Technology Specialist
- Hire Clay James as a substitute custodian

### **Assignments**

- Assign Hunter Tanner as the UPA principal for the 2025-2026 school year
- Jeremy Pearson made a motion to approve the new hires and reassignments in the school district. Rick Dalton seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

**Information Items:** Teresa Morgan presented a letter from CUES that thanked Superintendent Willis for serving as the CUES chair for the past year.

**Executive Session :** None

### **Adjournment**

- At 5:47 P.M. Neccia Dalton made a motion to adjourn the **June 24, 2025** meeting of the school board. Rick Dalton seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.