



# UNAPPROVED MINUTES

## August 2025 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The regular board meeting of the Piute County School District Board of Education was held on **August 12, 2025** at the Piute County Courthouse in Junction, Utah. Teresa Morgan called the meeting to order at **3:33 P.M.** Present was Teresa Morgan, Jeremy Pearson, Neccia Dalton, Erin Jensen and Rick Dalton. Also present was Superintendent Koby Willis and Business Administrator Dallas Sylvester. Guests at the meeting were: Shauna Bagley, Morgan Hoyt, Tyrel Ivie, Priscilla Morgan, Heather Fautin, and Russ Lee.

**Work Meeting:** The board met before the normal meeting to go over school district goals and talk about the book, *How To Win Friends & Influence People* that district faculty and staff will be reading this school year.

### Opening Remarks:

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

### Program Reports:

- **Summer Agriculture Program/FFA Program**
  - Morgan Hoyt presented the school board with the Summer Agriculture and FFA Program Reports.
  - He gave the board a handout that showed a three circle model for Ag. The three circles include: Classroom Instruction, FFA Leadership, and Supervised Ag Experience.
  - He explained that the FFA program is based on those three topics.
  - Morgan explained what an SAE project is and how students complete the projects. He mentioned that SAE projects are like work-based learning projects.
  - Morgan explained how some ag projects help students with projects in other classes and clubs.
  - Morgan showed the school board a graph of student enrollment numbers in Ag since 2016.
- **Sterling Scholar Program**
  - Priscilla Morgan presented the school board with the Sterling Scholar and National Honor Society Program reports.
  - Priscilla mentioned that she had 7 students in the sterling scholar program last school year.
  - She mentioned that she is hoping to have a lot of students participate and do well in the program this year.
  - Priscilla explained that the national honor society program is for juniors and seniors.

- She mentioned that she would like to allow all students in grades 9-12 to participate in the program.
- Priscilla explained that some students don't participate in the National Honors Society because they don't see the value of the scholarships due to receiving other academic scholarships.

### **Public Comments**

- President Teresa Morgan turned the time over to the public for public comment.
- Tyrel Ivie shared with the school board that UEN's video that was done at Piute High school last school year will be aired on August 31st on a national broadcast on the education channel. The video features PHS Choir and Dance students.
- No other public comments were made.

### **Business Items:**

- **Elementary Schools Construction Update**

- Superintendent Willis gave the board an update on the elementary school's construction.
- Superintendent Willis mentioned that school construction is underway for both schools.
- School district officials meet with the contractors and the architects every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. A field report of each school is then generated each week.
- Superintendent Willis mentioned that the asbestos is being removed from the gym in Marysville and then the gym will be demolished soon.
- Superintendent Willis mentioned that the contractors might have Circleville Elementary completed before Oscarson Elementary due to being able to start sooner.
- The contractors will start pouring cement for the footings for Circleville Elementary this week.

- **Softball Field Construction Update**

- Superintendent Willis gave the board an update on the softball field construction.
- The high school students will be laying sod on the softball field this Friday.
- Neccia Dalton mentioned that she has had a lot of community members tell her that they would like to see a restroom and also a concessions stand built by the fields.
- Superintendent Willis mentioned that the school district will be applying for the rural athletic facilities grant in November in order to be able to build a restroom and concessions stand in between the softball and baseball fields.
- The grant would be for \$500,000 and only certain rural school districts can apply for it.

- **CES - 2026 NAEP Participation (4th Grade)**

- Superintendent Willis mentioned that Circleville Elementary School 4th grade students will be taking the NAEP test this year.
- The school district is required by the federal government to administer the test and the test helps to determine how students in the United States compare to those in other countries.

- **2025-2026 Professional Development Incentive Program**

- Superintendent Willis presented the school board with the proposed professional development incentive program for this school year.

- Superintendent Willis mentioned that the only change to the plan was that instead of meeting with an instructional coach, the teachers will meet with a mentor teacher 3 times a year.
- Neccia Dalton made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 professional development incentive plan for 2025-2026. Erin Jensen seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- **America250**
  - Superintendent Willis explained what the schools and other government entities will be doing to recognize the 250th year of the United States in 2026.
  - Superintendent Willis mentioned that the school district has encouraged the teachers to include something in their curriculum to honor America's 250th birthday.
- **2025-2026 School Curriculum Adoption**
  - Superintendent Willis presented the board with the 2025-2026 curriculum adoption.
  - Jeremy Pearson made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 school curriculum adoption. Neccia Dalton seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- **2025-2026 Early Learning Plan**
  - Superintendent Willis presented the school board with the 2025-2026 Early Learning Plan.
  - Rick Dalton made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 Early Learning Plan. Erin Jensen seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- **Highly Needed Educators Salary Supplement Policy 1st Reading**
  - Superintendent Willis presented the school board with the Highly Needed Educators Salary Supplement policy for the first reading.
  - Superintendent Willis mentioned that the school board can decide which subject areas qualify for the extra stipend and what the amount will be.
  - Superintendent Willis mentioned that the school district will be receiving about \$120,000 for the program this year.
  - He explained that this would allow the district to pay each teacher \$3,000 each out of the program. This would be justified by the argument that all teacher positions in the school district are difficult to fill.
  - Teachers who have historically received TSSP funding would still get \$4,100.
  - New hire teachers would receive \$5,000.
  - The policy will be revisited again in the September board meeting before it is approved.
- **Safe Schools Model Policies 1st Reading**
  - Superintendent Willis presented the school board with the Safe Schools model policies for the first reading.
  - The school board read through the policy and compared it to the state board model policy.
  - The policy will be revisited again in the September board meeting.
- **Approval of Minutes and Vouchers**
  - Neccia Dalton made a motion to approve the June meeting minutes, the June and July payroll, the June revenues, and district vouchers and 25000886-25001042 and 26000001-26000089. Erin Jensen seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

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

#### **New Hires**

- Hire Kelton Price as a paraprofessional at Piute High School
- Hire Jakayla Millett as a paraprofessional at Piute High School
- Hire Sarah Bagley as a paraprofessional at Oscarson Elementary School.
- Hire Taunya Pearson as a custodial sweeper at Circleville Elementary School.
- Hire Kalece Spencer as an assistant volleyball coach at Piute High School
- Hire Kieran Mooney as an assistant volleyball coach at Piute High School

#### **Resignations & Retirements**

- Clint Randall resigned as head wrestling coach
- Tammy Jenkins resigned as CES custodial sweeper
  
- Erin Jensen made a motion to approve the new hires and reassignments in the school district. Jeremy Pearson seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

**Information Items:** None

**Executive Session :** None

#### **Adjournment**

- At **5:00 P.M.** Jeremy Pearson made a motion to adjourn the **August 12, 2025** meeting of the school board. Neccia Dalton seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.