

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 14, 2025

Board Meeting

The Murray City School Board met in a regular board meeting on August 8, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. In attendance were Kelly Taeoalii, Jill Weight, Jaren Cooper, Kami Anderson, Jennifer Covington, Superintendent and Richard Reese, Business Administrator. Elizabeth Payne was excused. The meeting was held at the District office, located at 5102 South Commerce Drive, Murray, UT.

Pledge of Allegiance

The audience was led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Richard Reese, Business Administrator.

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes – June 12, 2025

Approval of Minutes _ June 26, 2025

Claims June 2025

Checks June 2025

Claims July 2025

Checks July 2025

GS 04 Board Hearings Repeal

Jaren Cooper made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Kami Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Delegations

MEA – Jessica DeMann, MEA Board Member, said that teachers loved seeing Board of Education members at the new teacher orientation.

MAA – Earl Kaufmann said that administrators are excited for the start of the new year.

MESPA – Thayn Burnett, President, said that support professionals are grateful for the hard work of Board of Education members.

Foundation – Doug Perry, Director, provided a handout that listed some upcoming August events including the Fox13 Back to School Blitz, School Clothes Drive, and Teacher Grants generated from the August22 Golf Tournament. Other upcoming activities include the Angel Tree Campaign, Pinnacle Awards, Laura Bake Scholarships, and Endorsement Grants.

Patron Statements – No comments.

Report of the Board

Kami Anderson – Ms. Anderson said that she attended the Fox News event and that she appreciates all of the community outreach.

Kelly Taeoalii– Ms. Taeoalii remarked that she loved participating in the July 4 parade and the community support for teachers. She made the comment she has been working on developing relationships with legislators. She also stated that she is grateful that MCSD did not seek a tax increase and for the new teachers and their excitement. She made the comment that SB37 will likely be brought back in the 2026 legislative session. She is on the “Partners for Prevention Committee” and said the meetings will be starting back up.

Jill Weight – Ms. Weight said that she enjoyed spending the summer out in the community.

Jaren Cooper – Mr. Cooper said that he enjoyed participating in the July 4 parade and that the Salt Lake County Recreation Advisory Board will resume meetings this month.

Report of the Staff

Bond Projects Update – Scott Taggart, Director of Auxiliary Services, provided an update on the two district projects.

Murray High School Addition – The sewer connection in Mr. Anderson’s office was connected this summer. The electrical chase was completed in the corner of the faculty lounge. Masons will begin work on site in mid-September. Underground, electrical, mechanical, and foundation work continue.

Riverview Junior High School Rebuild – Underground plumbing and electrical work is progressing and casting beds for the tilt-up walls have been built. The tilt-up walls for the auditorium and gym will likely be raised in September.

BU 708 School Lunch – 1st Reading – Scott Taggart, Director of Auxiliary Services, reviewed a change to this policy that lowered the reduced-price breakfast to \$.30 and lunches to \$0.00.

PS 417.3 Emergency Safety Interventions – 1st Reading – Emily Bird, Director of At-Risk Programs, presented this new policy as a first reading. The policy provides a list of definitions and sections on emergency safety intervention, physical restraint, seclusion, designated area for seclusion, and parental/guardian notice, ESI training, and ESI committee.

SP 965 Parental and Postpartum Recovery Leave – 1st Reading – Darren Dean, Director of Personnel and Student Services, reviewed this policy which was rewritten to be in compliance with State Code.

SP 920.1 Salary Supplement for Highly Needed Educators (SHINE) 2nd Reading – Darren Dean, Director of Personnel and Student Services, reviewed this updated policy as a second reading. No action was taken.

PS 418 Bullying 1st Reading – Darren Dean, Director of Personnel and Student Services, reviewed this updated policy as a first reading. The major changes to this policy include definitions of bullying and cyber bullying.

24-25 End of Year Attendance Data – Darren Dean, Director of Personnel and Student Services, reviewed the chronic absenteeism data with the Board of Education. Overall, the district realized a reduction in chronic absenteeism from 11.12 percent in FY24 to 10.72 percent in FY25.

24-25 End of Year PBIS Reports – Darren Dean, Director of Personnel and Student Services, reviewed the Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS) reports from each school in the District in FY25.

24-25 School Climate Data Report – Darren Dean, Director of Personnel and Student Services, provided an analysis of the FY25 Murray School District School Climate Survey comparing aggregated responses across five key populations: Staff, Students (Grades K-2), Students (Grades 3-5), Students (Grades 6-12), and Parents.

24-25 Exit Survey Data Report – Darren Dean, Director of Personnel and Student Services, provided a summary of exit survey questions and responses from the FY25 school year.

Fraud Risk Assessment – Richard Reese, Business Administrator, reviewed the annual Fraud Risk Assessment questionnaire with the Board. Board review and approval is required by the Utah State Auditors Office. Jaren Cooper made a motion to approve the assessment. Jill Weight seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT – Jennifer Covington, Superintendent

Fee Request JV Drill Club – 1st Reading – Jennifer Covington, Superintendent, presented the 2025-2026 JV Drill Club fee request of \$150.

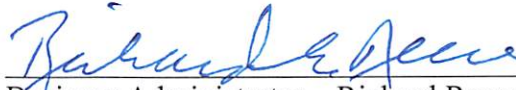
TSSA Amendment – McMillan Elementary - Superintendent Covington presented the proposed reallocation of TSSA funding. Kami Anderson made a motion to accept the request. Jaren Cooper seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

The Board was polled and was unanimous in holding a closed session for personnel issues at 6:43 p.m.

The Board meeting was then adjourned at 7:13 p.m.



Kelly Taoaoli – Board President



Business Administrator – Richard Reese

STATEMENT AFFIRMING THE PURPOSE OF A CLOSED MEETING

I, Kelly Taeoalii, 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 August 14, 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 August 28, 2025

Kelly Taeoalii
Kelly Taeoalii, Board President