

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 28, 2025

Board Meeting

The Murray City School Board met in a board meeting on August 28, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. In attendance were Kelly Taeoalii, Jill Weight, Jaren Cooper, Elizabeth Payne, Jennifer Covington, Superintendent and Richard Reese, Business Administrator. Board member Kami Anderson was excused. The meeting was held at the District office, located at 5102 South Commerce Drive, Murray, UT.

Welcome

Board President Kelly Taeoalii welcomed those in attendance.

Board Study Items

2025-26 Enrollment – Superintendent Covington reviewed the preliminary enrollment numbers for the 2025-2026 school year. The current district enrollment totals 5,424 compared to 5,537 for the same time period in 2024-25 or a decrease of 113 students.

Elementary Schedules – Becky Te’o, Director of Elementary Teaching and Learning, presented a 3-year comparison of elementary school schedules for the 2024-25, 2025-26, and proposed for 2026-27. The comparison of total minutes and hours by year is as follows:

	Total <u>Minutes</u>	Total <u>Hours</u>
2024-25	59,815	996
2025-26	58,220	970
2026-27	59,315	988

HB 104 Firearms Safety Training - Becky Te’o, Director of Elementary Teaching and Learning, and Bruce Eschler, Director of Secondary Teaching and Learning, discussed the safety training required under HB104. They suggested that the required training happen in the 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, and 12th grades.

PS 418 Bullying, Cyberbullying, Hazing, Abusive Conduct, and Retaliation – Darren Dean, Director of Personnel and Student Services, presented a revised draft of this policy which will be discussed further in the September 11, 2025 board meeting.

PS 416.1 Drug Testing of Students – Superintendent Covington presented this policy for discussion. It will be brought back for the September 11, 2025 board meeting.

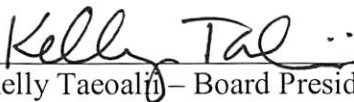
PS 416 Safe Schools Policy - Darren Dean, Director of Personnel and Student Services, directed a short discussion of this policy and the current length of student suspensions under this policy. It will be brought back for a more detailed review in the near future.

Teacher Attendance – Superintendent Covington informed the Board that school administrators have been meeting with teachers that have excessive absences and discussed the current policy with them.

Facility Planning – Superintendent Covington discussed some potential boundary changes in east Murray. This would require coordination with the Granite School District. She also talked about the current functional capacity of each school.

The Board then had a discussion on the possibility of building a fieldhouse and a “Catalyst Center”. This would include a possible partnership with Intermountain Health Care and would provide education to students in the health sciences. Doug Perry, Public Information Officer and Foundation Director, informed the Board of the expanding interest in a “Catalyst Center” at Murray High School. The center would focus on health industry related student training potentially including CNA, behavioral health, imaging/radiology technology, lab technology, and surgical technology. There is a growing interest from Intermountain Health Care, State Senator Ann Milner, Talent Ready Utah, Salt Lake Community College President Peterson, and Excel in Education, a national charitable organization. Potential funding for the center could come from state “Catalyst” funding, UHEC, and Excel in Education. No action was taken.

The Board meeting was then adjourned at 7:34 p.m.



Kelly Taoal – Board President



Business Administrator – Richard Reese