

NORTH SUMMIT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
65 S. Main Street
Coalville, Utah 84017

North Summit High Auditorium
Wednesday, September 10, 2025
7:30 P.M. Public Meeting

PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

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A. Administrative:

1. Vice President Richins called the meeting to order at 7:30PM, and excused President Williams
2. Vice President Richins led the Pledge of Allegiance

B. Information Items:

1. Vice President Richins introduces representatives from VCBO, Hughes Construction Brian Baker from Zions Bank, and our Bond Attorney Brandon Johnson.
Jesse Sherr from VCBO shared the journey of how we've arrived at the current plan, and how to be most cost effective.
Superintendent Murdock explained the purpose of the hearing and explained the opportunity for public comment.

C. Citizen's Participation:

Citizens were allowed to share their thoughts, ask questions during the meeting. The public was able to Watch the hearing via North Summit Live Stream you can find on www.nsummit.org . They were also invited to send public comment prior to the meeting to msargent@nsummit.org.

Citizens comments:

Kurt Goodman: Wondered why we are trying again. He is concerned about the shops, and their size. His question was if this new school would be bigger than the current one. Jesse Sherre answered that we will have new shops for tech and engineering/ woods, and welding. This new school will be bigger yes.

Walter Brock: Said he voted against the bond last year. He wants to know why now? Mr. Brock does not believe it will cost more in the future. He also did a study on growth, and believes the building is being built too big.

Cintia Fawcett- Understands the need for safety upgrades and feels the school will happen. Is this money enough to cover the actual costs? She does worry that the increased cost could hurt families, especially with the fire districts recent increase. She wants the community to help raise funds, because inflation is scary right now. Cintia was also upset that someone spoke to Yance after she made comments in the last meeting and felt like she has the right to speak for herself. She does not speak for her husband.

It was explained that we plan the costs to cover contingency and inflation.

Martin Bushman- will board go for a lease revenue? The best rate is a General Obligation Bond because we get the guaranteed rate. If the ballot fails the board can do a lease revenue bond, which would be more expensive. He recommends we share the cost difference. He also wants us to avoid a "Lamborghini" Can we do this cheaper?

Dentan Fawcett- he recommends the district keep the current plan in place. He works for a district that built too small and was full before they even got into the building. Thanked the board for their work. He asked the attorney about the voter pamphlet and ballot language. Which the attorney explained must meet the requirements of the law. The pamphlet states that the money is used for the high school and pool.

Merlyn Johnson- He said his kids and grandkids graduated from North Summit. Told the4 board they represent the voters; do you represent the people? Can we afford this? He stated that there are not any homes valued at 100,000 anymore, and that is a lost tax base. Which in turn makes people move out because it's too expensive to live here. He asked if we would have it paid for? He also states that he has never felt an earthquake here.

Brenna Hennefer- wanted to clarify that if she times \$123 by her roughly 700,000, she would be paying roughly 700-800ish dollars a month, which is around 70ish dollars a month. She might have to sacrifice eating out once a month or not by drinks at the restaurant. Her point was to show that it's not that much each month.

Kelly Ovard- lies in Coalville and is thankful for the district. He voted for it and will vote again. He said the building was shot back when he was in school, the basement of the pool was falling apart in 1985. If we wait too long, we will also need a bond for a new elementary. He predicts growth is coming, the moratorium in Henefer has been lifted. His son will graduate and won't be in the new school, but someone paid for us to get an education, and it is our turn to pay for someone else's education. He is willing to pay. He also mentioned that an earthquake will happen at some point.

D. Adjournment:

Vice President Richins thanked the public for their comments, and shared that our intent in this Bond Election is to do our best to support our students and staff, as well as what is best for the community. Building this school has been on the forefront of the board for several years, and we believe th3e time to build is now.

Mr. Bond made the motion to adjourn at 8:33PM Mr. Orgill seconded, motion passed 4-0-1 with President Williams absent.