

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 2, 2025

Board Meeting

The Murray City School Board met in a regular board meeting on October 2, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. In attendance were Kelly Taoalii, Jill Weight, Jaren Cooper, Kami Anderson, Elizabeth Payne, Jennifer Covington, Superintendent and Richard Reese, Business Administrator. 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 students from Horizon Elementary.

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes – September 11, 2025

Claims September 2025

Checks September 2025

Financial Reports

PS 424 Reporting Student Progress – 2nd Reading

PS 446 Murray High School Graduation Requirements – 2nd Reading

PS 416.1 Drug Testing of Students – 2nd Reading

PS 418 Bullying, Cyberbullying, Harassment, Hazing, Abusive Conduct, and Retaliation – 3rd Reading

Kami Anderson made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Elizabeth Payne seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Delegations

Horizon Elementary PTA – Rylee Hannan, President, spoke to the Board regarding the activities of the PTA at Horizon. These included the recently concluded Fun Run Fundraiser and upcoming events such as Reflections, Spelling Bee and Science Fair. She noted the need for more parent volunteers and thanked administration and teachers for their support of the PTA.

MEA – Courtney Averett, MEA Board Member, said that MEA is looking forward to an exciting year.

MAA – No comments.

MESPA – Thayn Burnett, President, said that MESPA is working to move the dues paying process from district payroll to an ACH model.

Foundation – Doug Perry, Director, said that school supplies from five different drives were delivered this week and that recipients were very pleased. Mr. Perry said that he is in talks with the Fashion Place Mall to support the MEA Angel Tree program. He also said that the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints’ “Giving Machine” kickoff begins on November 24, 2025. The Murray Education Foundation will be one of the options for donors to select. MEF is sponsoring a pickleball tournament that will run on November 29-30, 2025. Finally, he said that Pinnacle Award nominations will be accepted beginning December 1, 2025.

Patron Statements – No comments.

Report of the Board

Kami Anderson – No comments.

Kelly Taeoalii– Ms. Taeoalii said that she participated in the recent Attendance Committee meeting and they are doing amazing work in supporting families. Ms. Taeoalii attended the Viewmont Elementary Fun Run. She loves the culture being built at Murray High School in the fall sports programs. She also attended the USBA Fall Leadership academy and said it was a great training experience.

Jill Weight – Ms. Weight said that she also participated in the Attendance Committee meeting and congratulated the parents for their support of the committee’s efforts. She found the USBA Leadership Training conference to be very helpful.

Jaren Cooper – Mr. Cooper said that the drop off area at Murray High School is flowing more smoothly than at the start of school. He said that construction at Riverview Junior High school is progressing quickly.

Elizabeth Payne – Ms. Payne said that she hoped everyone will have a great fall break next week.

Report of the Staff

Bond Projects Update – Scott Taggart, Director of Auxiliary Services, said that slab on grade, masonry stem walls, underground electrical and plumbing have been completed at Murray High School. Ongoing activities include masonry walls, concrete, door frames and procurement of materials. The Riverview Junior High School has many ongoing activities included footings, foundation walls, underground plumbing and electrical, tilt wall uplift for Auditorium, masonry walls and structural steel columns.

Packets for Credit – Director Bruce Eschler presented the Packets for Credit developed by the District Primary Instructional Textbook and Non-Textbook Materials Committee and also presented the requirements of HB 191- High School Credit Amendments. Jaren Cooper made a motion to approve the recommended packets. Jill Weight seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Request for Leave of Absence – Director Darren Dean presented a one-year leave of absence request by Morgan Lami for the 2026-27 school year. Elizabeth Payne made a motion to approve the request. Jaren Cooper seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Positive Behavior Support Plans – Director Darren Dean presented all of the schools' positive behavior plans for the 2025-26 school year as a first reading.

LEA Specific License – Director Darren Dean presented an LEA specific license request for Jacob Mercer, Murray High School, while he works towards his College & Career Awareness and Digital Literacy endorsement. Kami Anderson made a motion to approve the request. Jaren Cooper seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT – Jennifer Covington, Superintendent

School Community Council Annual School Board Training – Superintendent Covington presented the required annual training to the Board of Education.

Program Planning – Superintendent Covington lead a discussion on a potential public/private partnership to fund a “Catalyst Center” at Murray High School. The “Health Care Career Academy” would involve Murray School District, Intermountain Health Care, Talent Ready Utah, and Salt Lake Community College. The Academy would provide certifications as nurse technicians, radiology technicians, and behavioral health technicians.

The Board was polled and was unanimous in holding a closed session for property purposes.

The Board meeting was then adjourned at 6:17 p.m.



Kelly Taeoalii – Board President



Business Administrator – Richard Reese