



UNAPPROVED MINUTES

September 2024 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The regular board meeting of the Piute County School District Board of Education & meeting of the Local Building Authority Board of Directors was held on **September 10, 2024** at the Piute County Courthouse in Junction, Utah. President Jeremy Pearson called the meeting to order at **3:30 P.M.** Present was Jeremy Pearson, Teresa Morgan, Erin Jensen, Neccia Dalton, and Rick Dalton. Also present was Superintendent Koby Willis and Business Administrator Dallas Sylvester. Guests at the meeting were: Russ Lee, Sally James, Japheth Mcgee, Shauna Bagley, Eric Jessen, LeeAnn Smith, Shaylee Laws, Kristi Fautin, Robert Thomas, Jeri Sylvester, and Paul James. Present Online was Heather Fautin, Carson Westwood, and Natalie Remund.

Work Meeting: The board met before the normal meeting to hold a training on holding public meetings.

Opening Remarks:

- Jeremy Pearson welcomed everyone to the meeting. After the pledge of allegiance was recited, opening remarks were given by Jeremy Pearson.

Program Reports:

- **Counseling Services**
 - Eric Jessen presented the board with the program report for counseling services in the district.
 - Eric expressed to the board that he is thankful for everything the school board has done lately for the school district and the hard things they deal with.
 - Eric mentioned that there are 13 pathways that are available for our students to complete.
 - Eric mentioned which teachers in our district work with students on the pathways.
 - Eric explained that some of the students were able to visit Morgan Ranches to see how they use drones on their farm.
 - Eric said that just over 70% of graduates at Piute High School are completing pathways by the time they graduate.
 - Eric mentioned that the Alumni Career Fair has been very successful over the last several years.
- **Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA)**
 - Kristi Fautin gave the board the program report for HOSA.
 - Kristi explained that the HOSA club was formed due to a lot of students being interested in the medical field.

- Kristi spoke about the different competitions that the students can enter into.
- She mentioned that most of the competitions are tests that the students take.
- Kristi mentioned that she would like to get our students involved in more competitions and categories and expand the program.
- Kristi said that the first year of the program there were 10-12 students that went to state. This past year, there were 8 students who went to state.

- **Speech Services**

- Shaylee Laws presented the board with a program report for speech services in the district.
- Shaylee gave the board documents that show how she gauges speech sound development with students.
- Shaylee showed the board the process of articulation therapy that she uses in the district.
- Shaylee expressed how grateful she is to be able to be back in Piute County and working with the students in the district.
- Shaylee expressed to the board that she hopes that there will one day be a full-time speech language technician in the district.
- Shaylee mentioned that 7 students have been exited from the speech program in the last two years.
- Shaylee added that she does the hearing screening tests for the students in the district.

Public Comments

- Board President Jeremy Pearson turned the time over to the public to accept public comment.
- No public comments were made.

Recess From Board of Education Meeting and open Local Building Authority Board of Directors Meeting

- Erin Jensen made a motion to recess from the board of education meeting and open the Local Building Authority Board of Directors meeting. Rick Dalton seconded the motion. Roll call voting as follows: Neccia Dalton Aye, Erin Jensen Aye, Rick Dalton Aye, Teresa Morgan Aye, Jeremy Pearson Aye. Motion Passed by unanimous vote.

Business Items:

- **Business Item: Consideration of a resolution providing for the conduct of the November 5, 2024 local special bond election and providing for related matters.**
- Superintendent Willis presented the resolution that explains how the November 5, 2024 bond election for the two new elementary schools will be conducted.
- Rick Dalton made a motion to approve the resolution providing for the conduct of the November 5, 2024 local special bond election and providing for related matters. Teresa Morgan seconded the motion. Roll call voting as follows: Neccia Dalton Aye, Erin Jensen Aye, Rick Dalton Aye, Teresa Morgan Aye, Jeremy Pearson Aye. Motion Passed by unanimous vote.

- Superintendent Willis stated that the public hearing in connection with the bond election will be held on October 2, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.
- **Adjournment of meeting of the Local Building Authority Board of Directors and reconvene the regular meeting of the Board of Education**
- Erin Jensen made a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Local Building Authority and reconvene as the board of education. Neccia Dalton seconded the motion. Roll call voting as follows: Neccia Dalton Aye, Erin Jensen Aye, Rick Dalton Aye, Teresa Morgan Aye, Jeremy Pearson Aye.

Business Items:

- **Online School Staffing**
 - Superintendent Willis mentioned that there are 9 internal employees of the school district who are interested in working with the online school, Utah Peak Academy.
 - Superintendent Willis presented the following letter that contains the employment recommendations to the board in conjunction with the online school:
 - Recommend assigning Natalie Remund an additional 12 hours weekly to support UPA. This would make Natalie full-time 40 hour teacher the same as other full-time teachers. Natalie already qualifies for leave and retirement benefits, but would pick up health insurance through the school district. Natalie would continue with all duties assigned prior.
 - Recommend reassigning Sally James to be a .65 FTE for OES/PCSD and a .35 FTE for UPA. Sally would continue to provide all Special Education services for Oscarson Elementary School and Special Education Director services for the whole school district. Sally would take on doing Special Education services for UPA. I recommend Sally's duties as assessment director and instructional technology coach be reassigned to other teachers at the next meeting. There would be no change in Sally's compensation.
 - Recommend Jennifer Finn receive training to work with UPA and be utilized on an as needed basis. Jennifer's hourly rate would be based on the teacher schedule rather than the paraprofessional scale for up to 8 hours weekly working with UPA.
 - Note: In the process of collecting and reviewing the letters of interest it was determined that tech support should have been included in the needs assessment of UPA. The online school requires significant PowerSchool support and will need a web developer in the near future. A full-time position for tech support should be evaluated.
 - Teresa Morgan made a motion to approve the employment recommendations for the online school. Erin Jensen seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- **eSports Team Startup**

- Robert Thomas explained that eSports will be sanctioned by the state and hold competitions next school year.
 - Robert explained that the high school wants to start the eSports Club this year and compete against other school's clubs.
 - Robert emphasized that the club isn't just focused on video games, rather on being part of a team and developing other skills.
 - He added that students will need to be eligible to participate in the club.
 - The three competitions available are: Rocket League, Mario Kart, and Super Smash Brothers Ultimate.
 - Robert mentioned that the club will need funding to get equipment to start with.
 - Teresa Morgan made a motion to provide the eSports Club with \$1,500 for equipment startup costs. Rick Dalton seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- **Policy #4019 Dress And Grooming Standards Revision 2nd Reading**
 - Superintendent Willis presented policy #4019, Dress and Grooming Standards Revision for the 2nd reading.
 - The board reviewed the revision and deliberated over the changes to the policy and decided to table the policy until the next board meeting and bring it back for the third reading.
- **Bus Garage & High School Remodel Update**
 - Superintendent Willis gave the board an update on the progress of both the bus garage and high school remodel projects.
 - Wade Fautin has been working on the insulation in the bus garage and is collecting bids for electrical work.
 - The weight room is open again as part of the remodel of the high school.
 - The total remodel project is almost completed.
- **Bell to Bell Cell Phone Policies Discussion**
 - Superintendent Willis explained that the state may soon ban cell phones in schools.
 - If the legislation is passed, cell phones would not be allowed in schools unless a school district creates a policy that allows them.
- **District Committees Membership**
 - Superintendent Willis presented the board with the committee members for each of the three district committees. They are as follows:

Finance & Internal Audit Committee

Draft Meeting Dates:

Meetings are expected to be held at 3:30 PM at the district office

1. Dallas Sylvester - Chair
2. Shane Millett
3. Shauna Bagley
4. Neccia Dalton
5. Rick Dalton
6. Kami Gass
7. Brandi Kennedy
8. Stacie Gass

Policy Committee

Draft Meeting Dates:

Meetings are expected to be held at 3:40 PM on Zoom

1. Erin Jensen - Chair
2. Jeremy Pearson
3. Koby Willis
4. Heather Fautin
5. Holly Nowers
6. Kelcie Dastrup
7. Steve Hoagland
8. Sally James

Vision Committee

Draft Meeting Dates:

Meetings are expected to be held at 3:40 PM at Circleville Elementary School

1. Koby Willis - Chair
2. Teresa Morgan
3. Neccia Dalton
4. Russ Lee
5. Priscilla Morgan
6. Carrie Davis
7. Eric Jessen

- **Computer Science Education Grant**

- Superintendent Willis presented the school board with the Computer Science Education Grant plan.
- He mentioned that the total overall budget of the grant is \$80,000.
- Neccia Dalton made a motion to approve the budget for the Computer Science Grant. Erin Jensen seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

- **School Land Trust Council Exceptions**

- Superintendent Willis explained that the school district can request an exemption to some of the rules regarding elections for community councils for School Trustlands.
- He mentioned that the district can exempt the three schools from having to hold a formal election for the community councils for School Trustlands.
- Neccia Dalton made a motion to exempt the school district from holding formal elections for School Land Trusts community councils for Oscarson Elementary School, Circleville Elementary School, and Piute High School. Teresa Morgan seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

- **Annual Fraud Risk Assessment**

- Superintendent Willis and Dallas Sylvester presented the Annual Fraud Risk Assessment to the board.
- The Fraud Risk Assessment must be completed each year and is done to determine how at risk the school district is for fraud to occur within the organization.
- The score this year was 350/395, which is in the low risk category.
- Rick Dalton made a motion to approve the FY2025 Annual Fraud Risk Assessment. Erin Jensen seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

- **2024-2025 Substitute List**
 - Superintendent Willis presented the school board with the 2024-2025 substitute list.
 - Teresa Morgan made a motion to approve the 2024-2025 substitute list. Erin Jensen seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- **District Title I Plan 2024-2025**
 - Superintendent Willis presented the board with the District Title I plan for 2024-2025.
 - Neccia Dalton made a motion to approve the district Title I Plan for 2024-2025. Teresa Morgan seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- **District TSSA Framework & School TSSA Plan 2024-2025**
 - Superintendent Willis presented the school board with the District TSSA Framework & School TSSA Plan for 2024-2025.
 - Rick Dalton Made a motion to approve the District TSSA Framework & School TSSA Plan for 2024-2025. Teresa Morgan second the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- **Approval of Minutes and Vouchers**
 - Rick Dalton made a motion to approve the August Truth in Taxation Meeting Minutes, the August 2024 board meeting minutes, the August payroll, and district vouchers and 25000029-25000134. Neccia Dalton seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- **New Hires, Assignments, and Reassignments**
 - None

Information Items: None

Executive Session : None

Adjournment

- At **5:37 P.M. Teresa Morgan** made a motion to adjourn the **September 10, 2024** meeting of the school board. Rick Dalton seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.