

Approved

October 8, 2025

South Sanpete School Board Meeting
39 S Main St
Manti, UT 84642

Open Meeting Start Time	3:30 PM
Open Meeting End Time	5:18 PM
Closed Meeting Start Time	5:19 PM
Closed Meeting End Time	6:00 PM
Meeting Adjourned	6:01 PM

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 PM by Board President Connor Thompson.

Reverence: David Warren

Patriotic Tribute: Connor Thompson led the Board and those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance

Board Members Present: Coleen Ogden, Connor Thompson, Mark Olson, David Warren, Loni Hammond

Others Present: Jake Hill, Ralph Squire, Trevor Powell, Karen Soper, John Gillett, Wes Mangum, Emily Mangum, Rebecca Carver, Danica Diaz, Carlee Adams, Kiana Hansen, Trisha Hyde, Braidie Hansen, Lloyd Call

RECOGNITION & ACHIEVEMENT

Library Grant—Assistant Superintendent Trevor Powell provided details about a \$3,000 library grant awarded to Manti Elementary to purchase books for the school's library.

Read-a-Thon—Assistant Superintendent Trevor Powell shared details about the annual GVMS Read-a-Thon, which successfully raised more than \$2,400 for the school's students.

Cool School of the Week—Assistant Superintendent Trevor Powell shared a newscast video highlighting GVMS as the Cool School of the Week.

CITIZEN DIALOGUE

Emily Mangum, a citizen, spoke on behalf of several MHS cheer team parents and expressed some concerns.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Minutes—The Minutes of the September 10, 2025, Regular Board Meeting were presented for approval. After discussion, David Warren moved to approve the minutes as written. Mark Olson seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Warrants—Warrants #00034237 - #00034365 for \$1,414,306.50 were presented for approval. After discussion, Mark Olson moved to approve the warrants as presented. David Warren seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Budget Report—Jake Hill, the Business Administrator, presented the Monthly Budget Report, which included a Year-To-Date Summary of Total Expenditures and Revenues, the Zions Bank Sweep Account, and the Utah Public Treasurers' Investment Fund. Business Administrator Jake Hill updated the Board on the completed audit, noting that the auditor is currently preparing the report. He indicated that everything went smoothly and that the state report has been completed and submitted.

After discussion, Loni Hammond moved to approve the budget report as presented. Coleen Ogden seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Connor Thompson—Reminder about Master Boards Certification

REPORTS

School Reports

- **Manti High School**—Principal Karen Soper provided an update on Manti High School's efforts and achievements. She expressed appreciation for the recent stadium upgrades and the additions to the wrestling and shop rooms. The school continues to prioritize support for ELL students, achieving a 100% graduation rate among this group. MHS also launched the *Latinos in Action* program to strengthen support for students and build connections with peers in other schools. Principal Soper also highlighted the school's new science teacher, noting their excellent performance and positive impact.
- **Ephraim Elementary**—Principal Gannon Jones provided a report on the ongoing efforts at Ephraim Elementary. He expressed appreciation for the new playgrounds and highlighted the school's focus on supporting the growing ELL student population. He shared that the staff is pleased with the progress shown in third-grade reading scores and outlined continued goals centered on strengthening Reading PLCs to further improve student achievement.
- **Ephraim Middle**—Principal John Gillett provided an update on Ephraim Middle School's progress and initiatives. He expressed appreciation for the recent campus improvements, including exterior updates, classroom remodels, and new window coverings. The school welcomed three new teachers who have been a great addition to the team. He highlighted several key programs and initiatives, including the GEAR UP Grant, Teen Center, AmeriCorps tutoring and after-school programs, Wellness Wednesdays, and Fabulous Faculty Friday. The school is also utilizing Binderly and continuing focused efforts to support ELL students.
- **Manti Elementary**—Superintendent Ralph Squire presented on behalf of Principal David Ipson, who was unable to attend the meeting. He expressed appreciation for the new playgrounds and shared that the faculty and staff have been studying *The Happiness Advantage* as part of their professional development. The school continues to focus on strengthening foundational reading and math skills to support student growth and achievement.

Student Enrollment—Superintendent Ralph Squire presented the official October 1 enrollment report. Overall, the count is down by approximately 70 students, a trend observed both in the state and nationwide.

Reading to Succeed—Superintendent Ralph Squire shared information on the Reading to Succeed efforts for students in the state of Utah.

INFORMATION

None

ACTION ITEMS

150 Mile/Overnight Requests—Superintendent Ralph Squire presented the following 150 Mile/Overnight Travel request:

School	Sport/Program	Date(s)	Destination	Reason	Travel
MHS	Girls Wrestling	12/20/25	Riverdale	Tournament	Suburbans
MHS	Choir	11/14-11/15/25	SUU	Honor Choir	Suburbans
MHS	Band	12/5-12/6/25	Price	Honor Band	Suburbans
MHS	Band	1/9-1/10/26	SUU	Honor Band	Suburbans
MHS	Drill Team	12/12-12/13/25	UVU	Competition	Suburbans
MHS	Drill Team	1/9-1/10/26	Alta High	Competition	Suburbans
MHS	Drill Team	1/28-1/30/26	UVU	Competition	Suburbans

After discussion, Loni Hammond moved to approve the 150 Mile/Overnight Requests as presented. Mark Olson seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

AASA Conference—Superintendent Ralph Squire shared a letter from CUES regarding the AASA Conference for Superintendents. CUES has offered to cover the conference registration fee, while the District would be responsible for any additional expenses if the Board approves Superintendent attendance.

After discussion, David Warren made a motion to approve attendance at the AASA conference. Loni Hammond seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

LEA Specific License Approval—Assistant Superintendent Trevor Powell provided an overview of the 23 LEA-specific licenses currently held within the District.

After discussion, David Warren made a motion to accept the LEA-Specific Licenses. Coleen Ogden seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Policies—

Superintendent Ralph Squire presented the following policies for approval

- *GBCB Code of Conduct/Appropriate Behavior Policy*

After discussion, David Warren moved to approve Policy GBCB as presented. Mark Olson seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Director Leslie Taysom presented the following policy for approval:

- *GCBC Professional Employee Benefits*

After discussion, Loni Hammond moved to approve GCBC as presented. David Warren seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Superintendent Ralph Squire presented the following policies for approval:

- *GHCD Drug Abuse by Employees*

After discussion, David Warren moved to approve Policy GHCD as presented. Coleen Ogden seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Assistant Superintendent presented the following policy for approval:

- *JD Drug Abuse by Employees*

After discussion, Coleen Ogden moved to approve Policy JD as presented. David Warren seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Motion for Closed Meeting—David Warren moved to adjourn into Closed Session at 5:18 PM to discuss items outlined in Utah Code, Section 52-4-5. The items were: the character and professional competence of several employees. Coleen Ogden seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the following Board Members voted in favor: Connor Thompson, Coleen Ogden, Mark Olson, and David Warren. Motion passed.

The following items were discussed in Closed Session: the character and professional competence of employees. David Warren moved to adjourn from Closed Session at 6:00 PM. Mark Olson seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the following Board Members voted aye: Connor Thompson, Coleen Ogden, David Warren, and Mark Olson. Motion passed.

Hire Recommendations—David Warren moved to approve the following individuals for employment.

1. New Teacher Recommendations

a. Kayla Shelley	SPED	MES
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2. Para-educator Recommendations

a. Rachel Christensen	Americorps	GVES
b. Chloe Hansen	SPED	EMS

3. Transfer Recommendations

a. None

4. Other Hire Recommendations

a. Hazel Dyreng	Student Custodian	GVMS
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5. Resignations/Retirement

a. None

Mark Olson seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Adjourn

Loni Hammond moved to adjourn the South Sanpete School Board Meeting. David Warren seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 12, 2025, at 3:30 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 6:01 PM.

President

Business Administrator