

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 23, 2025

Board Meeting

The Murray City School Board met in a board meeting on October 23, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. In attendance were Kelly Taeoalii, Jill Weight, Jaren Cooper, Elizabeth Payne, Jennifer Covington, Superintendent. Richard Reese, Business Administrator 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

2027-28 School Calendars – Darren Dean, Director of Personnel and Student Services, presented two calendars, A and B, with 177 school days each. The primary difference being that Calendar B has a later spring break and later fall break. Calendar B will be brought to the Board in the November Board meeting as a first reading.

Positive Behavior Support Plans – Darren Dean, Director of Personnel and Student Services, asked the Board if there were any questions regarding the school plans. The plans are to be approved in November.

Gifted and Talented Programming – Becky Te’o, Director of Elementary Teaching and Learning, provided an update on the G&T Program. The program is a transitional process from the magnet school model and parents may not be seeing a major difference this year however, progress is being made.

Employee Dress Code – President Taeoalii led a discussion on the issue and said that actual practice may not be lining up with current policy. Superintendent Covington said that a rewrite of the policy will be made for the November board meeting.

Student Input – President Taeoalii said that a lot of ideas have been presented for student involvement. She suggested that this issue be placed on the agenda of a regular board meeting to get the ball rolling. Board member Payne suggested that discussions be held at Murray High to assess the best method of securing student representation.

Facility Planning – Superintendent Covington said that the “Catalyst Center” application is not yet available. She said that it has been a challenge to know what facilities will fit on the Murray High School campus and suggested that the District move forward with an architect RFP to complete an analysis of the Murray High school site. The board was favorable to moving forward with the RFP process.

Superintendent Covington gathered information on grade reconfiguration and looked at the functional capacity of every school building in the district. The capacity could be increased if the “specials” at each school moved from room to room. Six elementary schools would result in a population of 400 students at each school. The Dual Immersion program works best with two regular education classes and two dual immersion classes. She previewed some possible boundary changes and school capacities for elementary schools in the district. She also talked about some possible “right-sizing” of the two middle schools.

USBA Leadership Conference – Superintendent Covington said that registrations need to be submitted for the conference which will be held on January 8-10, 2026.

Master Board Certification – Superintendent Covington said that the certification must be completed by November 30, 2025.

The Board was polled at 6:51 p.m. and was unanimous in holding a closed session for property, and legal issues.

The Board meeting was then adjourned at 7:38 p.m.



Kelly Taoalii Board President



Superintendent – Jennifer Covington

STATEMENT AFFIRMING THE PURPOSE OF A CLOSED MEETING

I, Kelly Taeoalii, certify that I am the member of the Board of Education of the Murray City School District who presided at the closed meeting of the board held on October 23, 2025. I hereby affirm, pursuant to Utah Code § 52-4-206(6), that the sole purpose of holding this closed meeting was to discuss property and legal issues.

I certify under criminal penalty of the State of Utah that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on November 13, 2025

Kelly Taeoalii
Kelly Taeoalii, Board President