

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
December 11, 2025

Board Meeting

The Murray City School Board met in a regular board meeting on December 11, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. In attendance were Kelly Taeoalii, 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 Richard Reese, Business Administrator.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes
2. Claims Checks over \$10,000 November Check Register
3. Financial Reports
4. School Calendar 2027–2028 - 2nd Reading
5. PS 923 Educator Evaluation - 2nd Reading
6. SP 965 Parental and Postpartum Recovery Leave - 2nd Reading
7. SP 947 Education Support Personnel Sick Leave and Bereavement - 2nd Reading
8. SP 927 Special Provisions - Sick Leave Article 4 - 2nd Reading
9. IN 304 Instructional Materials Selection and Review - 2nd Reading
10. PS 446.1 Early Graduation - 2nd Reading
11. PS 438 Home Centered Education Policy - 2nd Reading
12. FY 26 Fraud Risk Assessment

Jaren Cooper made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Jill Weight seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Delegations

MEA – Crystal Norman, MEA Board Member, thanked the Board for their planning and boundary assessments, for the Christmas lunches at schools, and for their support of teachers.

MAA – No comments.

MESPA – No comments.

Foundation – Doug Perry, Director, said that MEF has secured angel tree gifts for more than 600 students and that another pickleball tournament fundraiser will be held in January 2026.

Patron Statements – No comments.

Report of the Board

Kami Anderson – No comments.

Jill Weight – Ms. Weight said that she has enjoyed attending the school holiday lunches and conversations with staff. She is also excited for the Utah School Boards Conference in January 2026.

Kelly Taeoalii– Ms. Taeoalii said that she loves seeing comradery in the schools. She has been involved in the Partners for Prevention program and said that it is starting to take off. Ms. Taeoalii also commended the Sub for Santa programs at MHS and HJHS and said it is wonderful to see the students take leadership roles. She also said it is amazing to see the community partnerships with our schools.

Jaren Cooper – Mr. Cooper said that he has also enjoyed the holiday lunches at the schools and looks forward to attending a few more. He is also looking forward to the January 2026 USBA conference.

Elizabeth Payne – Ms. Payne said that she had will be attending the Hillcrest Junior High Holiday concert later that evening and wished all a happy holidays.

Report of the Staff

FY2025 Audit Report – Richard Reese, Business Administrator

Matt Geddes of Squire and Company, made a short presentation regarding the audited financial statements for the 2025 Fiscal Year.

He indicated that a meeting had been held previously with the audit committee. Mr. Geddes said that Squire and Company offered an “unmodified opinion” on the financial statements which is the highest opinion possible. They also offered an “unmodified opinion on the Federal “Single Audit”. Finally, Squire and Company offered an “Unmodified Opinion” on the State Compliance Audit. Mr. Geddes said that there were no audit findings or deficiencies in internal controls.

Bond Projects Update – Scott Taggart, Director of Auxiliary Services

The Murray High addition is progressing well and is currently on schedule with structure work being nearly complete on the third floor. The masonry walls are near completion and the framing has been completed on the first floor and is moving to the second floor.

The Riverview Junior High School is currently on schedule and work is progressing at different stages in different parts of the building. The structural steel and decking arrived this week. Masonry work has topped out in the classroom area D and the framing of the office area is underway.

Food Service Update – Gwen Haycock, Sodexo, said that a third party conducted a food and physical safety audit at Longview Elementary. The physical safety audit scored a perfect 100 and the food safety scored a 97. Ms. Haycock shared the results of the Food Service fall survey which included parents, students, and faculty. She said the results of the survey were “heavy” and that there was a lot of information to process.

Elementary Book Recommendations – Becky Te‘o, Director of Elementary Education, presented a list of 4 books that were reviewed. The committee unanimously recommended three for use in the schools. The fourth book, A Long Walk to Water, was not recommended for use in grades 3-5. Jaren Cooper made a motion to approve the three books for use. Elizabeth Payne seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

Secondary Book Recommendations – Bruce Eschler, Director of Secondary Education, presented a book, The Small and the Mighty, for approval in English 11. The committee unanimously recommended it for use. Kami Anderson made a motion to approve the book for use in English 11. Jaren Cooper seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT – Jennifer Covington, Superintendent

Murray City/MCSD Interlocal Agreement: Mutual Use of Facilities – Superintendent Covington presented this agreement which governs the use of facilities in the City and in the District. The Murray City Council had previously approved the agreement. Jaren Cooper made a motion to approve the agreement. Elizabeth Payne seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Murray City/MCSD Interlocal Agreement: School Resource Officers – Superintendent Covington presented this agreement which governs the allocation of police resource officers in the secondary schools. The Murray City Council had previously approved the agreement. Kami Anderson made a motion to approve the agreement. Jaren Cooper seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

The Board was polled at 5:39 p.m. and was unanimous in holding a closed session for personnel purposes.

The Board meeting was then adjourned at 6:40 p.m.


Kelly Taeoali – Board President


Business Administrator – Richard Reese