

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 15, 2026

Board Meeting

The Murray City School Board met in a regular board meeting on January 15, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. In attendance were Kelly Taeloalii, 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 a student at Riverview Junior High School.

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes – December 11 and December 18, 2025

Claims December 2025

Checks December 2025

Financial Reports

Elementary Book Recommendations: Instructional Materials, Non-Textbook 2nd Reading

Secondary Book Recommendations: Instructional Materials, Non-Textbook 2nd Reading

Superintendent Contract Renewal July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2028

Adoption of Hearing Officer Recommendations

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

Delegations

Riverview Junior High PTA – Lisa Sheffield, PTA President, spoke to the Board regarding the activities of the PTA at RJH. She said that the PTA has focused on activities to provide social activities for students. The PTA has planned end of term activities as well as the science fair, spelling bee, and thank you notes.

MEA – Jessica DeMann, MEA Board, said that two MEA Board members were able to attend the national Urban/Suburban Conference and that the MEA is preparing for the legislative session.

MAA – No comments.

MESPA – Thayn Burnett, President, shared his appreciation for the support of the Board of Education.

Foundation – Doug Perry, Director, said that the “Giving Machines” were a great success. The Pickleball Tournament is scheduled for January 29-20, 2026 and there is a lot of participation this year. The Pinnacle Awards are on March 5, 2026.

Patron Statements – No comments.

Report of the Board

Kami Anderson – Ms. Anderson commended Doug Perry, Foundation Director, for his work in supporting students during the holidays. She loved attending the USBA Conference and enjoys being a part of a great team.

Jill Weight – Ms. Weight said that she also attended the USBA Conference and has a greater appreciation for living in Murray City School District. She complimented the attendance team for their presentation at the conference.

Kelly Taoalii– Ms. Taoalii said that she enjoyed the keynote speaker at the USBA Conference, Kim Lear. She said that all MCSD participants completed their “Master Board” Certification. She said there was a lot of “magic” at Christmas time due to all of the efforts to support needy families. She also said that the legislative session is going to create a difficult budget year. Ms. Taoalii was impressed with the “Spartan Summit” and Murray High and she has been involved with the Partners for Prevention committee.

Jaren Cooper – Mr. Cooper said that the Salt Lake County Recreation discussed shutting down four day-care centers. He enjoyed the Leadership, AI, and Attendance sessions at the USBA Conference.

Elizabeth Payne – Ms. Payne said that she had attended the USBA Conference the prior week. She particularly enjoyed the sessions on connecting youth to Workforce Services, current legal issues and student school board members.

Report of the Staff

Bond Projects Update – Scott Taggart, Director of Auxiliary Services, said that the Murray High addition is progressing well and is currently on schedule with structure work on the 2nd and 3rd floors progressing and interior work starting on the first floor. The structure should be dried in with 10 days.

The Riverview Junior High School is currently on schedule and work is progressing at different stages in different parts of the building. The tilt-up panels are complete and the masonry work has now shifted to the arts and commons areas

SHARP Survey Report – Sierra Marsh, Prevention Coordinator, shared the results of the recent Student Health and Risk Prevention (SHARP) survey.

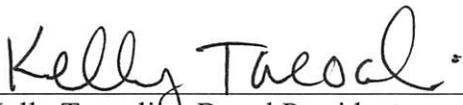
PS 448: Standards for Acceptance & Reciprocity of Credits Earned by Students – 1st Reading – Assistant Superintendent Wihongi presented this updated policy which added language regarding the State Online Education Program (SOEP). This was a first reading.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT – Jennifer Covington, Superintendent

Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statements - Superintendent Covington reminded the Board of the need to file their statements.

The Board was polled at 5:57 p.m. and was unanimous in holding a closed session for personnel and legal purposes.

The Board meeting was then adjourned at 6:38 p.m.



Kelly Taeoali Board President



Business Administrator – Richard Reese

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 January 15, 2026. I hereby affirm, pursuant to Utah Code § 52-4-206(6), that the sole purpose of holding this closed meeting was to discuss personnel and legal issues.

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

Executed on February 12, 2025

Kelly Taeoalii
Kelly Taeoalii, Board President