



UNAPPROVED MINUTES

February 2026 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The regular board meeting of the Piute County School District Board of Education was held on **February 10, 2026** at the Piute County Courthouse in Junction, Utah. Teresa Morgan called the meeting to order at **3:34 P.M.** Present was Teresa Morgan, Neccia Dalton, Erin Jensen, Rick Dalton, and Jeremy Pearson. Also present was Superintendent Jason Strate and Business Administrator Dallas Sylvester. Guests at the meeting were: Russ Lee, Janette Lee, Shauna Bagley, Heather Fautin, Hunter Tanner, Dustin Shakespear, and Jennifer Christensen.

Work Meeting: The board met before the normal meeting to review the book reading of “How to Win Friends and Influence People” and review the business administrator contract.

Opening Remarks:

- President Teresa Morgan welcomed everyone to the meeting. After the pledge of allegiance was recited, opening remarks were given by Neccia Dalton.

Program Reports:

- **Career & Technical Education Program Report**
 - Jennifer Christensen and Dustin Shakespear presented the board with the CTE program report for the district.
 - February is CTE month.
 - There is a 100% graduation rate for concentrators and completers.
 - Youscience pass rate for end of course exams is 65% in FY26 vs 55% in FY25.
 - There are 15 students in the automotive program this year.
 - 13 of the 15 students passed the Youscience exam.
 - The goal moving forward will be an introduction to automotive service class that will be beneficial for all students.
 - CTE pathways has implemented a new tracking system.
 - Dustin Shakespear gave the board an update on the CTE Pathways program.
 - Dustin complemented the admin at Piute High School for helping improve the CTE Pathway Program.
 - Dustin gave the board an update on the changes in the CAPS program.
- **Piute High School Principal Report**
 - Principal Shauna Bagley presented the school board with the Piute High School Principal report.

- Principal Bagley mentioned that the new “bell to bell no cell” phone policy has been very positive at the high school. She mentioned that overall, mental health and discipline issues have both improved at the high school due to the new policy.
- Principal Bagley mentioned that the school has put a lot of emphasis on the “Every Day Counts” Attendance Incentive. She mentioned that there are still 6 students who have perfect attendance this year.
- The high school started the school year with 136 students. There are now 134 students at the high school. The projected enrollment for next year is 120.
- Principal Bagley presented the PHS school report card to the school board.
- One of the critical needs for the district is English Language Learner Progress.
- There are currently 37 concurrent enrollment students at the high school.

- **Circleville Elementary School Principal Report**
 - Principal Russ Lee presented the school board with the Circleville Elementary School Principal report.
 - Principal Lee mentioned there are 117 students currently at the school.
 - Principal Lee gave an update on the staffing at CES.
 - Principal Lee presented the board with the CES Reading and Math scores.
 - Principal Lee reported on how the school focuses on character and culture.
 - Circleville Elementary School has a PBIS Stars program which allows students to earn stars for positive behavior.
 - Principal Lee shared some of his recent accomplishments at the school with the school board.

- **Oscarson Elementary School Principal Report**
 - Principal Heather Fautin presented the school board with the Oscarson Elementary School Principal report.
 - The OES motto this year is “The Road to Success is Always Under Construction.
 - Principal Fautin talked about the programs that are implemented at the school.
 - Principal Fautin mentioned that the students really enjoy the “Bulldog Buddy” program.
 - Principal Fautin talked about the service projects that the students are involved in throughout the year.
 - Principal Fautin explained what each teacher has been focusing on this year in the classroom.
 - Principal Fautin mentioned that the school is focusing on the USBE attendance campaign this school year.

Public Hearing/ Public Comments

- **School Fees Schedule 2026-2027**
 - Superintendent Strate presented the school fees schedule for 2026-2027 to the public.
 - The school board reviewed the fee schedule.
 - President Teresa Morgan turned the time over to the public for public comment.
 - No public comments were made.
 - The school fees schedule will be presented and reviewed again before approving it.

Business Items:

- **Elementary Construction Update**
 - Superintendent Strate gave the board an update on the elementary school construction progress.
 - Insulation and drywall are nearing completion at Circleville.
 - The water is hooked up at Circleville Elementary.
 - The current water lines surrounding the school in Marysvale have been approved by the state fire marshal to be able to be used.
 - Superintendent Strate and Dallas Sylvester have been working with Michael Kelly to put together an asbestos abatement RFP for the old schools that will be demolished.
 - The school district will begin to look into the playground budget and what funding will be available.
 - The school district is also looking into what the furniture and equipment needs are for the new schools.

- **Softball Field Construction Update**
 - Dallas Sylvester gave the board an update on the softball field project.
 - The backstop is nearing completion.
 - The remaining gates are on the way.
 - The dugout benches have arrived and will be assembled by Dan Springer.
 - The poles and railings have all been painted.
 - The infield dirt is complete.
 - The field will be ready for the first day of practice on February 23rd.
 - There will be a design meeting tomorrow, Wednesday February 11th to go over the plans for the concessions/restroom building that will be constructed with the Rural Athletic Facilities grant funding the district received.

- **Policy 1112-Revision Board Compensation**
 - Dallas Sylvester presented the board with the first reading of the revision of policy #1112-Board Compensation.
 - The only change to the policy is a recommended change from Utah Retirement Systems. The policy will now have an additional paragraph to specify that appointed officials who are full-time are eligible to receive a URS retirement benefit.
 - Erin Jensen made a motion to suspend the second and third readings of the revision of policy #1112 and approve it on the first reading. Rick Dalton seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

- **Policy #5008 Nonadopted Teaching Materials Review Revision 1st Reading**
 - Superintendent Strate presented the board with the first reading for the revision of policy #5008.
 - Neccia Dalton made a motion to suspend the second and third readings of the revision of policy #5008 and approve it on the first reading. Erin Jensen seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

- **Policy #5004 Visitors To Schools Revision 1st Reading**
 - Superintendent Strate presented the board with the first reading for the revision of policy #5004.
 - The board reviewed the policy and discussed some of the potential changes to the policy.
 - The board will bring the policy back to the next board meeting for a second reading.

- **Policy #4079 Graduation Requirements 1st Reading**
 - Superintendent Strate presented the board with the first reading for the revision of policy #4079.
 - Erin Jensen made a motion to suspend the second and third readings of the revision of policy #4079 and approve it on the first reading. Rick Dalton seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

- **Employee SY27 Statement of Intent Update**
 - Superintendent Strate presented the board with the SY27 employee statement of intent update.
 - The statements of intent are responses from district employees as to whether they plan on returning to work for the school district next school year.

- **UPA Update**
 - Superintendent Strate gave the school board an update on Utah Peak Academy.
 - The district hopes to increase enrollment to somewhere between 225 to 300 students for next year.
 - Superintendent Strate mentioned that the district will not pursue expanding UPA into high school at this time.
 - The board reviewed the UPA budget for this school year and discussed different line items on the budget.

- **Appointment of Business Administrator**
 - A draft of the business administrator contract for fiscal years 2027-2028 was presented to the board.
 - Neccia Dalton made a motion to approve the appointment of Dallas Sylvester as the business administrator for Piute County School District for fiscal years 2027-2028, which will be from July 1st, 2026 to June 30, 2028. Rick Dalton seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

- **Appointment of Superintendent**
 - A draft of the Superintendent contract for fiscal years 2027-2028 was presented to the board.
 - Rick Dalton made a motion to approve the appointment of Jason as the Superintendent Piute County School District for fiscal years 2027-2028, which will be from July 1st 2026 to June 30, 2028. Erin Jensen seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

- **Approval of Minutes and Vouchers**
 - Neccia Dalton made a motion to approve the January meeting minutes, the January payroll, the January revenues, and district vouchers 26000537-26000628. Erin Jensen seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

- **New Hires, Assignments, and Reassignments**

New Hires

- Kelby Jessen as a substitute
 - Abby Jessen as a substitute
 - Yadira Chavez as a substitute
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- Neccia Dalton made a motion to approve the new hires as presented. Erin Jensen seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Information Items: None

Executive Session : at **5:54 p.m.** Jeremy Pearson made a motion to move into executive session for the Discussion of the Character, Professional Competence, or Mental Health of an Individual. Erin Jensen seconded the motion. Each individual board member was in favor of moving into executive session. Erin Jensen voted aye, Teresa Morgan voted aye, Rick Dalton voted aye, Neccia Dalton voted aye, Jeremy Pearson voted aye.

- The school board entered the executive meeting at **5:54 P.M.**
- The school board left the executive meeting at **6:32 P.M.**

Adjournment

- At **6:32 P.M.** Rick Dalton made a motion to adjourn the **February 10, 2026** meeting of the school board. Neccia Dalton seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.