

**KANE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
KANAB CENTER – KANE DISTRICT BOARD ROOM
20 NORTH 100 EAST
KANAB, UTAH
JANUARY 13, 2025**

I. Board Work Meeting - 6:00 PM

A. Welcome

Board Member Jarad Brinkerhoff called this meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Other board members present were Marc Grow, Mitchell Glazier, and Taylor Glover. Danny Little is excused from tonight's meeting. Others present were Superintendent Dalton and Business Manager Cary Reese. VHS Principal Heath, KHS Principal Stewart, KMS Principal Bateman, and KHS teacher Delaney Matheson were also in attendance. Danny Little arrived at 6:43 PM.

B. Reverence – Taylor offered a reverence

C. Pledge of Allegiance – The board joined in a pledge to the Flag.

D. Construction Update

Hughes Construction Gene Madsen and Terance White (Naylor, Wentworth) attended tonight's board meeting. Gene Madsen addressed the Board to update them on the Valley High projects. He reported that last week he met with a State Security official and with the State Fire Marshall and toured Valley High. Several school district officials were also in attendance. Gene also commented that we received excellent coverage in bids for VHS phase #1. He believes that phase #2 bids should also come in good. Gene updated the board on details with respect to phase #1 cost break down and allowance or contingency amounts. The board packet contains detailed information on bid and contingency amounts. Terance White also commented on several issues. Gene commented on H.B. 84 State security requirements and also on possible future amendments to H.B. 84. At this point in time the total estimated cost for phase #1 is \$2,997,735.

Comments on Phase #2 Gene commented for phase #2: at this point in time, they are not sure whether they will be required to bring in fully new electrical service to meet the needs of expanded space and needs of the VHS additions.

E. School Improvement Plan Presentation Discussion

VHS Principal Health first addressed the board. VHS recently updated their vision and mission statement. This information is contained on posters throughout the school facilities. This mission statement contains many things that will help students be prepared for life after high school. Currently there are 153 students enrolled at VHS. He also commented on procedures in place to help students who may be struggling. Mr. Health also explained how the VHS goals, mission, and vision tie into Kane School District goals. The total school average GPA is 3.625. The board packet contains detailed information on the VHS improvement plan.

KHS Principal Stewart and KHS teacher Mrs. Matheson addressed the board and presented details on the KHS school improvement plan. KHS scores in various areas look very good. KHS scores are in the high rating in several areas. Mrs. Matheson commented on high scores in Language Arts, Math, and Science. KHS had increases in test scores in most areas. Science scored highest in our region and received an award for this. KHS has also made good progress on improving reading scores. They are also working to decrease student absenteeism. KHS is also having excellent success in concurrent enrollment and CTE pathways.

Kanab Middle School Principal Bateman addressed the board and covered his school improvement plan. He provided information on test scores for various subjects as compared to other schools of similar size. He also commented on elective offerings, parental involvement, extra tutoring for students who are struggling. KMS is using TSSA funds to pay teacher aides to provide extra help to students. Test scores in Language Arts, Math, and Science are all above State averages. Mr. Bateman also commented on services provided to help improve reading proficiency for students. They are also working to improve attendance.

He reviewed and explained how KMS is doing with respect to each of the Kane School District goals. He thanked the Superintendent and board for providing funds to hire a full-time counselor at his school. Braxton reviewed his school goals for Rise scores in Language Arts, Math, and Science. He reported on the Read 180 class. KMS rotates students through this class to provide extra help in reading as needed. He also reported that attendance is currently at near 91%. Wellness issues are also being taught to help students avoid vaping and other issues. He reported that the Teen Center has been working excellently and has been providing needed services.

F. KCSD Board Goals Discussion/Review

G. Review Board Agenda

II. Regular Meeting - 7:00 PM

A. Welcome

Danny Little called this meeting to order at 7:35 PM. Other board members present were Marc Grow, Mitchell Glazier, Taylor Glover, and Jarad Brinkerhoff. Others present were Superintendent Dalton and Business Manager Cary Reese. All three Kane County Commissioners were also in attendance as was the Kane School District Reading Director, April Riddle and KHS teacher Delaney Matheson.

B. Education Articles

III. Consent Agenda

A. Approve Minutes from December 2025 Meeting

B. Approve Check Registers for December 2025

Accounts Payable check register check numbers 309311-309450 (manual 12/10/2025) totaling \$615,217.79. Payroll check registers A&B total \$615,217.79.

C. Letters of Recognition

- D. Approve Hiring Recommendations Pending Successful Background Check
Cora Shakespear- substitute teacher
- E. Resignation Letters
- F. Home School Affidavit

Marc moved and Taylor seconded a motion to approve all items on the consent agenda. This motion passed.

IV. Public Comment

- A. Public Comment
Danny opened the meeting for public comment. There was none.

V. Reports

- A. School Board Reports
Board members were very impressed with the KHS XPress choir performance at the recent Utah School Board Convention in Salt Lake City. Danny also commented on his visit to the VHS shop class and was impressed with the learning that was occurring.
- B. Superintendent Report
Supt. Dalton reported on topics contained under item C through L.
- C. Kane District Enrollment
Student enrollment at the end of December was 1,381, which is a decrease of five students from the November count of 1,386.
- D. Catalyst Center Grant Update
BLM
Best Friends Animal Society
Snow College- Nail Tech
Southwest Technical College- Pharmacy Tech Certificate
- E. JLC Update
- F. KCSO Concurrent Enrollment Update
Superintendent reported on the number of students enrolled in concurrent enrollment courses.
- G. U Policy Institute Early Literacy Report
Supt Dalton provided a graph showing that Kane School District K-3 literacy scores are among the highest in the entire State.
- H. School Land Trust Distribution Estimates 2026-2027
The board packet contains information showing that our school district will receive over \$500,000 from school trust lands.
- I. USBE Update
- J. UHSAA Update

Supt commented on recent changes in UHSAA rules. These changes will increase the moratorium time during the summer.

- K. KCSD Process Update
- L. KCSD Grant Summary
The board packet contains information on grants obtained by KCSD staff.
- M. Business Administrator Report
Cary will report on items under other sections of this board meeting agenda.
- N. Monthly Budget Report
The board packet contains a current budget summary report as of January 13, 2026. Cary mentioned that things are on track for this time of the fiscal year.
- O. School District Local Tax Effort Comparison FY26
Cary reviewed a chart showing total property tax levy rates for all 41 school districts in Utah. The total levy rate charged by Kane School District is 8th from the bottom and is substantially below the State average. The Kane School boards over the years have made it a high priority to keep property tax rates as low as possible.

VI. Board Action Items

- A. KCSD AI Policy and Data Privacy Notice Approval
Supt Dalton requested that this issue be tabled to allow him to gather more information. Jarad moved and Mitchell seconded a motion to table this issue until the February meeting. This motion passed.

VII. Board Business

- A. Consideration for adoption of a resolution authorizing the issuance and sale by the Local Building Authority of Kane County School District, Utah of not more than \$25,000,000 aggregate principal amount of its Lease Revenue Bonds; and related matters. This issue will be covered in a later board meeting, closer to the time when bond funds will be needed for the phase #2 project at VHS.
- B. Statement by the Local Building Authority of Kane County School District, Utah of its intent to issue a Lease Revenue Bond. This issue will be covered in a later board meeting, closer to the time when bond funds will be needed for the phase #2 project at VHS.
- C. Consideration for adoption of a resolution adopting Bylaws and a Tax and Disclosure Compliance Procedure for the Local Building Authority of Kane County School District Utah; and related matters. This issue will be covered in a later board meeting, closer to the time when bond funds will be needed for the phase #2 project at VHS.
- D. KCSD Committee Assignment Review/Discussion
- E. VHS and KHS Construction Discussion and Update

During the work meeting earlier tonight, Gene Madsen with Hughes Construction updated the board on the VHS phase #1 and phase #2 projects.

- F. VHS and KHS Capital Project Update
Cary updated the board on the status of these projects.
- G. UOS Discussion
Supt. commented that he would like the board to consider allowing our district to enter into an MOU with Washington School District to provide our students when needed with access to the Utah On-line School. This option would keep the WPU in one of our schools. The board would like this issue moved up for approval for the February board meeting.
- H. KCSD Capital Projects 10-year Plan Discussion
The board packet contains a 10-year capital projects plan for Kane School District.
- I. KCSD Capital Projects Discussion
Cary commented that the board packet contains a link to a schedule of annual capital outlay projects that were recently approved by the school board.
- J. KCSD School Fees Discussion
Supt commented that school fees for next school year will come before the board for final approval prior to April 1st. The board packet contains a link to fee schedules in our district. This information will be sent out to parents and must be available for public comment in two different meetings.
- K. School Community Council Elections Discussion
Jarad would like to look into allowing electronic elections.
- L. KES Old School Property Discussion
Cary reviewed a proposed agreement for Kane County to use this property. The board gave verbal approval for District staff to sign this agreement.
- M. School Enrollment Discussion
Supt. reported that we are considering what to do about our school in Bullfrog. Currently we only have seven students. We are looking at options.
- N. Discuss BA Screening and Interview Timelines
January 21st is the deadline for applications. January 26th the board will meet to screen applications. This will need to be done in executive session. Interviews can be done in public meeting or in executive session. Supt. will share a google drive with all board members, containing all applications.
- O. Future Board Items
Elementary School Principals will come in February to present their school improvement plans. Marc commented that he feels we need to allow more time for principals to present their school improvement plans.
- P. School Board Meeting Dates Review

VIII. Executive Session

- A. Discussion of the Character, Professional Competence, or Mental Health of an Individual

IX. Return to Open Meeting

- A. Motion to Move Out of Executive Session
Taylor moved and Jarad seconded a motion to adjourn. This motion passed and board meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

X. Adjourn – Board meeting adjourned

Agenda details and attachments can be viewed at:

<http://www.boarddocs.com/ut/kane/Board.nsf/>