

Garfield County School District Work
Meeting
Thursday, January 22, 2026 3:00 PM Mountain

Garfield County Courthouse
55 S Main St.
Panguitch, UT 84759

I. Work Meeting

I.A. Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 3:03 PM. All board members were present, including April Lefevre, Curtis Barney, Ralph Perkins, Jared Brems, and Myron Cottam. Also present were Superintendent John Dodds virtually and Business Administrator Lane Mecham.

II. Discussion Items

II.A. Music Program

Superintendent Dodds updated the group regarding adding a music program in Bryce Valley. He commented that there was an applicant for the position he was excited about and was looking for direction from the Board. The board asked questions about implementation and the program.

II.B. Extracurricular Activities

- Home School Student
- Full-time students

The Board discussed children participating in high school extracurricular activities who aren't enrolled in the school. The Board expressed a desire to charge the cost of the program to voucher recipients. There was discussion to follow up on the item by talking to the district attorney and developing policy for later approval.

II.C. State Request For Budget Priorities

The Board reviewed some of the programs being considered for cutting funding by the legislature. Their guidance was to start away from students first, but no specific funds that should be cut.

II.D. SPED Compliance Aide

Superintendent proposed a SPED Aide to help teachers across the district with their filings to maintain compliance. The board signaled their approval for the position. Superintendent discussed the funding for the position coming from deferred SPED revenues.

III. Review Board Agenda

The superintendent presented FTE calculations and there was discussion about the staffing levels across the district. The Board also reviewed the transfer policy as well ahead of the upcoming hiring season. There was more discussion about the upcoming agenda items as well.

IV. Executive Session

1. Discussion of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual.
2. Discussion regarding deployment of security personnel, devices, or systems.

3. Strategy to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation.
4. Strategy sessions to discuss collective bargaining.
5. Strategy to discuss the purchase, exchange or lease of real estate.
6. Investigative proceedings regarding allegations of criminal conduct.

A motion was made to go into executive session for items 1 and 5. This motion, made by Myron Cottam and seconded by Curtis Barney, Carried.

Curtis Barney: Yea, Jared Brems: Yea, Myron Cottam: Yea, April LeFevre: Yea, Ralph Perkins: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

V. Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. This motion, made by April LeFevre and seconded by Curtis Barney, Carried.

Curtis Barney: Yea, Jared Brems: Yea, Myron Cottam: Yea, April LeFevre: Yea, Ralph Perkins: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

The time was 4:50 PM.