

**KANE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
KANAB CENTER – KANE DISTRICT BOARD ROOM
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KANAB, UTAH
FEBRUARY 18, 2025**

I. Board Work Meeting - 6:00 PM

A. Welcome

Board President Danny Little called this meeting to order at 6:00 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. Also, from Hughes Construction – Gene Madsen, Damon, & Justin and via remote, Audra Herriges with Naylor Wentworth.

B. Reverence – Taylor offered a reverence

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

D. VHS Update

Audra Herriges (Naylor Wentworth) and Gene Madsen (Hughes). Gene Madsen presented a power point presentation providing details to explain why costs for Valley High School phase #1 are higher than expected. Gene explained that phase #1 is a small project, therefore you lose the economy of scale. Due to the fact that we received a grant to fund the majority of phase #1 bidding and work on phase #1 had to proceed work and bidding. Also, Utah State HB 84 requires special safety film on windows. This added also of cost, approximately \$150,000. Also, the State Fire Marshall required special building separation fire rated walls. This added \$100,000 to the cost. Also, additional shoring is required because the phase #1 building is being located very close to the existing building. Also, the remote location causes sub-contractors to submit higher bids. Seismic requirements added a substantial additional cost. Gene also explained why in certain situations is not the low bid accepted. Gene explained that in some cases some subcontractors. Gene mentioned that anyone in the community with questions can contact Justin with

Audra with Naylor, Wentworth addressed the board with respect to fault line concerns at the VHS site. The State has determined that two fault lines could be under VHS. A Utah State Geologist will visit the VHS property within the next two weeks. Landmark will also do more testing on the fault line concerns. The fault line concerns do not affect phase #1 but only phase #2.

E. School Improvement Plan Presentation Discussion

Mr. Dan Trimble and Mrs. Sidney Hatch will present the KES school improvement plan.

Mr. Trimble reported on student enrollment over the past six years. Enrollment is continuing to decrease and may decrease by an additional 20 to 25 next year, due to a smaller kindergarten coming in and the current sixth grade moving out of KES. He reported on Acadience Reading scores, and Acadience Math scores.

These scores have been increasing substantially. Currently the kindergarten scores are at 72% for the middle of the year. These scores are above benchmark. Mr. Trimble next reviewed RISE scores for language arts and math. This is the first year using the new math program. KES is working to move 65% of students to the benchmark. KES has been working to find creative ways increase RISE scores. RISE Science scores are very good. KES met their goal of 62.4%. Dan next reported on that school trust land funds are used to pay for teacher aides, and instructional software. Title I funds mainly help cover salaries for kindergarten teachers. KES Assistant Principal Mrs. Hatch commented on various summer programs to help students stay engaged with reading and other areas. Hopefully this will help prevent what is referred to as, summer slide. This is where students seem to lose some learning during summer months. KES is planning to offer summer school. They are also working with students to increase daily time spent reading out loud. They call the program Read 55. This is to help students improve reading and comprehension, by reading out loud at least 55 minutes each day. Dan commented that student council is very active, law enforcement regularly comes into the school and interacts with students. KES consistently uses Binderly to communicate with parents. Also, students have a one on one with computers. If any students don't have a computer at home, the school checks out computers to take home. All access of these computers have to go through the school district secure network system. The board thanked Mr. Trimble and Mrs. Hatch for an excellent presentation.

Mrs. Flanagan will present the VES school improvement plan.

- F. KCSB Board Goals Discussion/Review
- G. Review Board Agenda

II. Regular Meeting - 7:00 PM

- A. Welcome

Danny called this meeting to order at 7:25 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.
- B. Valley Elementary Principal Mary Flanagan did not have time to report on the VES school improvement plan during school board work meeting, so she is presenting now. Mary Reported on test scores. She commented that teachers feel that teacher aides play a very important role in student achievement. Enrollment has dropped from 167 in 2022 and is down to 151 for 2025. She reported on Acadience Reading scores. School scores are higher than State average at the beginning of the school year, but mid-year and end of year scores are higher. RISE scores in Language Arts, Math, and Science. School results in all of these areas is higher than State average scores. Mary reported that TSSA and Trust Land funds are used to cover teacher aid salaries. Mary commented that all VES teachers are very strong advocates for students. VES had 74.2% reading at grade level, which is above the district goal. Mary also reported on an outdoor garden used by students. TSSA funds are used for afterschool tutoring, a math teacher aide, and a 3-D printer.
- C. Big Water School Principal Andy Roundy reported on the school improvement plan for his school. Teachers at BWS cover several different grades. He

commented that when kindergartners start in school, the beginning test scores are low, so teachers and aides work very hard to get students caught up. He reviewed school report cards showing typical for growth. Acadience Reading scores increased BOY 80% to EOY 85%. Acadience Math K-3 BOY 65% and increased at the EOY. Rise Assessment Data in math, ELA and Science show decrease in some areas and increase in other areas. He then reported on goals to increase scores math, language arts and science. They really focus on students who enter school at well below State average scores. Mr. Roundy reported that Trust Land and TSSA funds are mainly used to fund paraprofessionals. Some is also used to provide reading tutoring services from the U of U reading clinic. Mr. Roundy reported that the Teen Center is working great and is providing many physical needs for students in providing clothing, shoes, and food. They allow families to do confidential food pick up. Also, laundry services are provided for students. Attendance has been a problem. They have very high repeat absenteeism.

Mr. Roundy and Mrs. Flanagan both commented that teachers are not just teaching to the tests but are working hard to just help students improve in reading and in other areas.

Taylor Glover questioned if we are losing students to home schooling. Several principals commented that yes, more and more parents are home schooling. Mrs. Hatch commented that we need to work with parents to get kids into our school system. Several board members commented that our school district may need to do things to help parents understand that our school system in Kane District does provide excellent education. VHS Principal Health commented that he believes that our schools need to keep the learning bar at a high level.

- D. Education Articles
The board packet contains various articles dealing with Education.

III. Consent Agenda

- A. Approve Minutes from January and February 2, 2026 Meetings
Approve the minutes from the January 13, January 26, and February 2 board meetings.
- B. Approve Check Registers for January 2026
Accounts Payable check register check numbers 309451-309632 (manual 1/29/26) totaling \$1,034,340.37. Payroll check registers A&B total \$875,239.19.
- C. Letters of Recognition -
- D. Approve Hiring Recommendations Pending Successful Background Check
Jubal Schneider- substitute teacher
Becki Sorensen- substitute
- E. Resignation Letters
Bridget Burrow- VHS Cheer Coach
Shaelyn Lamb- VES Teacher
Sarah Stout-para-educator
Chelsea Howells – KMS Teen Center Coordinator
Sarah Esplin- VHS Teacher

- F. Home School Affidavit
Jarad moved and Marc 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. Delaney Matheson asked if any board members would be available to help with mock interviews to help students prepare for Sterling Scholar competition. Danny may be available to help.

V. Reports

- A. School Board Reports – no board reports tonight.
- B. Superintendent Report
Superintendent reported on issues in following items C through K.
- C. Kane District Enrollment
Student enrollment at the end of January was 1378, which is a decrease of three students from the December count of 1381.
- D. Legislative Update
Supt reported on various education related bills that are being considered by the legislature.
- E. USBE Update
USBE is currently taking feedback from parents on various topics.
- F. Catalyst Center Grant Update
Our district applied for and was notified recently that we will receive over \$400,000 to partner with industry leaders. This will allow our students to become certified in various areas. Some areas will be to work with the BLM on wildfire certification and other areas. Also, training can be given in electrician, working with Best Friends, Pharmacy Tech training.
- G. IHC Rural Health Grant Update
Supt has been working with IHC to bring Telehealth into our Teen Centers to provide health services to our students.
- H. Utah Rural Health Grant Updates
- I. KCSD Process Update
- J. KCSD Grant Summary
- K. Business Administrator Report
Cary will report on issues under other sections
- L. Monthly Budget Report
Cary reviewed a current budget report with the board. Things are on track for this time of the year.

VI. Board Action Items

- A. KCSD AI Policy and Data Privacy Notice Approval
Taylor moved and Jarad seconded a motion to approve this policy. This motion passed.
- B. Approve KHS Early Graduation Students
Mitchell moved and Marc seconded a motion to ap

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.
- B. Statement by the Local Building Authority of Kane County School District, Utah of its intent to issue a Lease Revenue Bond.
- 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.
- D. School Fee Public Comment Discussion for March Board Meeting
In March will be required to hold two public comments dealing with school fees.
- E. KCSD Committee Assignment Review/Discussion
- F. VHS and KHS Construction Discussion and Update
- G. VHS and KHS Capital Project Update
- H. 2024-2025 Utah School District Teacher Compensation Analysis
- I. VHS Accreditation Report Discussion
- J. Declining Student Enrollment Discussion
- K. Sterling Scholar
Sterling Scholar is on March 26th at Utah Tec. Two representatives from the school district will be needed. Jarad may be able to attend.
- L. KCSD Capital Projects 10-year Plan Discussion
- M. KCSD Capital Projects Discussion
Cary mentioned that capital projects approved by the board several months ago are well underway.
- N. Lake Powell School Graduation
Supt commented on a date in May for LPS graduation.
- O. School Community Council Elections Discussion

Supt. reported that he touched base with our district Tech director who stated that electronic voting can be done.

- P. KES Old School Property Discussion
The school district and Kane County have entered into a MOU for Kane County to use our old KES property for a few events each year.
- Q. Future Board Items –
- R. School Board Meeting Dates Review -

Marc moved and Taylor seconded a motion to move into executive session for the purpose of discussion of the Character, Professional Competence, or Mental Health of an individual.

Roll Call Vote:

Marc – yes
Mitchell – yes
Danny – yes
Taylor – yes
Jarad – yes

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 move back into regular session.
Roll Call Vote:
Marc – yes
Mitchell – yes
Danny – yes
Taylor – yes
Jarad – yes

- X. **Adjourn** – Board meeting adjourned at 9:36 PM

Agenda details and attachments can be viewed at:

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