

Approved

February 11, 2026

South Sanpete School Board Meeting
39 S Main St
Manti, UT 84642

Open Meeting Start Time	3:30 PM
Open Meeting End Time	4:15 PM
Closed Meeting Start Time	4:16 PM
Closed Meeting End Time	4:30 PM
Meeting Adjourned	4:32 PM

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 PM by Board President Connor Thompson.

Reverence: Loni Hammond

Patriotic Tribute: Connor Thompson led the Board and those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance

Board Members Present: Connor Thompson, David Warren, Loni Hammond, Coleen Ogden, Mark Olson

Others Present: Jake Hill, Trevor Powell, Leslie Taysom

RECOGNITION & ACHIEVEMENT

Master Boards Award 2025—Assistant Superintendent Trevor Powell recognized the South Sanpete Board of Education for achieving the Master School Boards Award for 2025.

MHS Cheer 2nd Place at State—Assistant Superintendent Trevor Powell recognized the MHS Cheer Team for earning 2nd place at State. Board members congratulated the team on their accomplishment.

SSSD Adult Ed Graduation—Assistant Superintendent Trevor Powell reported on his attendance at the Adult Education graduation held at GVHS, where nine students participated in the ceremony. He commended the graduates on their achievement.

ELL Proficiency—Assistant Superintendent Trevor Powell presented information on the ELL Proficiency Award, highlighting achievements and efforts toward improving ELL proficiency.

UHSAA Spirit of the Sport Award—Assistant Superintendent Trevor Powell recognized Ramiro Mendoza of GVHS as the recipient of the Spirit of the Sport Award. The UHSAA Spirit of Sport Award seeks to recognize those individuals who exemplify the ideals of the positive spirit of sport that represent the core mission of education-based activities. This honor is limited to one person each year.

MHS Wrestling—Assistant Superintendent Trevor Powell recognized the MHS Wrestling team for their achievements at the state competition, highlighting Keely Hansen for taking 1st place, and Summer Rowley and Durke Larsen for earning 2nd place in their respective classes.

Academic All-State Winter Sports—Assistant Superintendent Trevor Powell recognized the students that achieved Academic All-State for winter sports. Board members commended these students on their hard work and dedication to both academics and athletics.

CITIZEN DIALOGUE

None

BUSINESS ITEMS

Minutes—The Minutes of the December 10, 2025, Regular Board Meeting were presented for approval. After discussion, Loni Hammond moved to approve the minutes as written. David Warren seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Warrants—Warrants #00034784 - #00035029 for \$1,605,612.33 were presented for approval. After discussion, Mark Olson moved to approve the warrants as presented. Coleen Ogden seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Budget Report—Jake Hill, the Business Administrator, presented the Monthly Budget Report, which included a Year-To-Date Summary of Total Expenditures and Revenues. Business Administrator Hill also reported on the mid-year meeting with financial administrative assistants. He also reported that the District will transition from TES for school-level accounting to My School Cash with KEV Group because TES was bought out by KEV.

After discussion, David Warren moved to approve the budget report as presented. Loni Hammond seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

REPORTS

Gardner Institute Early Literacy—Assistant Superintendent Trevor Powell shared The Gardner Institute's report showing only about half of Utah's K–3 students read at grade level, putting the state behind its 70% proficiency goal. The report stresses the need for strong early literacy instruction, interventions, and consistent state policy implementation.

US News Report Celebrating Successes—Assistant Superintendent Trevor Powell noted that Utah consistently ranks high nationally in reading and math despite low per-pupil funding. Early results from SB 127 literacy reforms are promising, highlighting the need to sustain efforts and recognize the state's strong education system.

State of the District—Assistant Superintendent Trevor Powell presented the State of the District Document, which outlines the District's overall operating trends and highlights key programs and initiatives, including facility improvements, standardized test scores, grants awarded, and student scholarships.

INFORMATION

Spring Sports Coaches—Assistant Superintendent Trevor Powell presented a list of coaches for Spring Sports.

Construction Project Updates—Business Administrator Jake Hill presented updates on construction projects throughout the District, including plans to update the MES front office and kindergarten rooms for security and functionality.

ACTION ITEMS

150 Mile/Overnight Requests—Assistant Superintendent Trevor Powell presented the following 150 Mile/Overnight Travel request:

School	Sport/Program	Date(s)	Destination	Reason	Travel
EMS	USU GEAR UP	6/1-6/2/26	USU	Biotech Camp	Charter Bus
GVHS	Baseball	3/5-3/7/26	Kanab	Tournament	Bus
GVHS	Baseball	3/13-3/14/26	St. George	Tournament	Bus
GVHS	Track	5/1-5/2/26	Cedar City	Meet	Bus
MHS	Boys Tennis	3/24/26	Roosevelt	Match	Suburbans
MHS	Boys Tennis	4/30/26	Moab	Match	Suburbans
MHS	Track & Field	3/7/26	Moab	Meet	Bus
MHS	Track & Field	3/20/26	St. George	Meet	Bus
MHS	Track & Field	4/17-4/18/26	St. George	Meet	Bus
MHS	Track & Field	5/1-5/2/26	SUU	Meet	Bus
MHS	Boys Volleyball	3/20-3/21/26	Provo	Tournament	Suburbans
MHS	Boys Volleyball	3/26-3/28/26	Roosevelt	Tournament	Suburbans

After discussion, David Warren moved to approve the 150 Mile/Overnight Requests as presented. Coleen Ogden seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Construction Projects—Business Administrator Jake Hill presented the bid from Westlund Construction to complete the GVES and EES classroom addition construction projects. After discussion, Mark Olson moved to approve the cost of the Westlund Construction project as stated in the Board Packet. Dave seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Real Estate Purchase Contract—Business Administrator Jake Hill presented an offer from a private buyer to purchase the District-owned bus lot in Gunnison. After discussion, Mark Olson made a motion to approve the land sale. Coleen Ogden seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Pavement Management Work—Business Administrator Hill presented the pavement maintenance projects throughout the District. This is an ongoing annual project to ensure the maintenance on the pavement. After discussion, David Warren made a motion to approve the pavement maintenance cost for this year. Mark Olson seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Policies—

Assistant Superintendent Trevor Powell presented the following policy update for approval:

- *BC Board Conduct, Ethics, Conflicts of Interest (Nepotism)*
- *GBCA Staff Conflicts of Interest (Nepotism)*

After discussion, David Warren moved to approve Policies BC and GBCA as presented. Loni Hammond seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Business Administrator Jake Hill presented the following policy update for approval:

- *DD Facilities Rental*

After discussion, Coleen Ogden moved to approve Policy DD as presented. Mark Olson seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Motion for Closed Meeting—Loni Hammond moved to adjourn into Closed Session at 4:15 PM to discuss items outlined in Utah Code, Section 52-4-5. The items were: the character and professional competence of several employees. David Warren seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the following Board Members voted in favor: Connor Thompson, Coleen Ogden, Mark Olson, Loni Hammond, and David Warren. Motion passed.

The following items were discussed in Closed Session: the character and professional competence of employees. David Warren moved to adjourn from Closed Session at 4:30 PM. Coleen Ogden seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the following Board Members voted aye: Connor Thompson, Coleen Ogden, David Warren, Loni Hammond, and Mark Olson. Motion passed.

Hire Recommendations—Mark Olson moved to approve the following individuals for employment.

1. New Teacher Recommendations

- a. None

2. Para-educator Recommendations

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| a. Gina McInelly | SPED | EES |
| b. Karlie Ludvigson | SPED | GVES |
| c. Lydia Ferguson | SPED | EES |
| d. Audrey Morris | SPED | GVMS |
| e. Indiana Cox | Trustlands | MHS |
| f. Amadi Castro | SPED | EES |
| g. Emily Johnson | SPED | EES |
| h. Taya Crowther | SPED | EES |
| i. Cali Bevell | SPED | MES |
| j. Abby Barnes | TSSA | EMS |
| k. Kennade Westover | SPED | EMS |

3. Transfer Recommendations

- a. Blain Van Leeuwen Teacher/Asst. Principal GVMS

4. Other Hire Recommendations

- a. Madelyn Daniels Student Custodian EMS
- b. Sarah Harris Student Custodian EMS

c. Mary Walker		Custodian	EES
d. Dalton Ray		Site Specialist	EMS
e. Addilyn Jorgensen		Student Custodian	MES
f. Ella Morley		Student Tutor	MHS
g. Jessica Jackman		Cafeteria Worker	GVHS

5. Resignations/Retirement

a. Diane Johnson	Retirement	Computer Science Instructor	GVHS
b. Lars Johnson	Retirement	Science Teacher	GVHS
c. Mark Otten	Retirement	Math Teacher	GVHS
d. Troy Olsen	Retirement	Art Teacher	GVHS
e. Steve Mabey	Retirement	5 th Grade Teacher	EES

Coleen Ogden seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Career Status Recommendations—Mark Olson moved to approve the following educators for career status starting the 2026-27 school year.

1. Margaret Grindstaff
2. James Nelson
3. Carolyn Smith
4. Cordie Hunt
5. Easton Wright
6. Hannah Alder

Loni Hammond seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Adjourn

Loni Hammond moved to adjourn the South Sanpete School Board Meeting. David Warren seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 11, 2026, at 3:30 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 4:32 PM.

President

Business Administrator