

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 12, 2026

Board Meeting

The Murray City School Board met in a regular board meeting on February 12, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. In attendance were Kelly Taelii, Jill Weight, Kami Anderson, Elizabeth Payne, Jennifer Covington, Superintendent and Richard Reese, Business Administrator. Board member Cooper was excused. The meeting was held at the District office, located at 5102 South Commerce Drive, Murray, UT.

Pledge of Allegiance

The audience was led in the Pledge of Allegiance by students from Viewmont Elementary School.

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes – January 15 and January 22, 2026

Claims December 2025

Checks December 2025

Financial Reports

Kami Anderson made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Elizabeth Payne seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Delegations

Liberty Elementary PTA – Lindsey Wilcox, PTA President, spoke to the Board regarding the activities of the PTA at Liberty. She said that the PTA has recently supported the Book Fair and Teacher Dinners during Parent Teacher Conferences. The PTA has also sponsored other activities such as the Holiday Gift Shop, Turkey Trot, and the Carnival.

Viewmont Elementary PTA – Taryn McDonough, PTA President, told the Board of PTA activities at Viewmont including Family Movie Night, the Bubble Run, the Color Run and monthly programs such as the Eagle Store and the Temp Tattoo Parlor.

MEA – Mark Allred, MEA Board, said that the MEA is monitoring the Utah Legislative Session closely including HB 150 – School Counselor Funding. He thanked the Board for their thoughtful discussions on grade and boundary configurations.

MAA – Earl Kauffman, President, said that the administrators appreciate the support of the Board of Education.

MESPA – No comments.

Foundation – Doug Perry, MEA Director, said that the recently concluded Pickleball Tournament was a great success and met the fundraising goal to support Unified Sports next year in MCSD. He said that the Pinnacle Award winners were notified and that the Gala is set for March 5, 2026.

Patron Statements – No comments.

Report of the Board

Kami Anderson – No report.

Jill Weight – Ms. Weight said that her family loved the MEF Pickleball tournament and that they look forward to playing in next year's tournament. She also thanked the PTA organizations for all they do. Ms. Weight said that she appreciates the opportunity to serve on the Attendance Committee.

Kelly Taoalii– Ms. Taoalii said that she has been attending the Friday Joint Legislative Committee Meetings at the Capitol. She said that she felt that Legislators are interacting more with the education community. She is thankful for the Sources of Strength activities and for community support of the program and for the community support of the sports programs at Murray High School.

Elizabeth Payne – Ms. Payne said that she had attended the Joint Concert with Riverview and Hillcrest Junior High Schools and Murray High School and said it was the best concert yet. She thanked the various PTA organizations for their support of teachers during Parent Teacher Conferences. Ms. Payne said that she is looking forward to the Pinnacle Awards.

Report of the Staff

President Taoalii turned the time over to Richard Reese, Business Administrator, who announced that he had submitted his notice of retirement with an expected retirement date of December 15, 2026.

CTE Month – Scott Wihongi, Assistant Superintendent, and Chantel Olsen, CTE Director at Murray High School made a presentation to the Board regarding the CTE activities and offerings in MCSD.

Mental Health Screenings – Sierra Marsh, Prevention Coordinator, shared the results of the recent screening of 154 students which showed that 42% of students were at an optimal/satisfactory level with 36% at a level of slight concern and 22% may need some assistance. The screenings are all parent initiated. Elizabeth Payne made a motion to expand future screenings to include K-2 grades. Jill Weight seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

School Nutrition Program – Gwen Haycock, Program Manager, showed the Board the online menu program in MCSD which provides menus and nutrition information at each school in the district.

Bond Projects Update – Scott Taggart, Director of Auxiliary Services, said that the Murray High addition is progressing well and is currently on schedule and dried in. The roofing, exterior structure, interior framing and ductwork on the 1st floor are fully complete.

The Riverview Junior High School is currently on schedule and work is progressing at different stages in different parts of the building. Ongoing activities include the slab in the shop area, masonry in classroom area 2nd floor, exterior envelope in the office area, and decking in the auditorium.

LEA Specific Licenses – Darren Dean, Director of Human Resources and Student Services, provided a list of four teachers that need an LEA Specific license for Mathematics Endorsement 3 as well as one LEA Specific License for College and Career Awareness. Jill Weight made a motion to approve the licenses. Elizabeth Payne seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

PS448: Standards for Acceptance & Reciprocity of Credits Earned by Students – 2nd Reading – Scott Wihongi, Assistant Superintendent, presented this updated policy to include the State Online Education Program (SOEP) and other changes. Elizabeth Payne made a motion to approve the updated policy. Jill Weight seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT – Jennifer Covington, Superintendent

TSSA Amendment – Viewmont Elementary - Superintendent Covington presented the amendment which allows for the purchase of \$1,700 of math software. Jill Weight made a motion to approve the amendment. Elizabeth Payne seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Overnight Travel Request – Murray High School Track and Field - Superintendent Covington presented this request due to a unexpected and recent invitation to participate in a Cedar City Track meet on March 20-21, 2026. Elizabeth Payne made a motion to suspend the rules and approve the request on a first reading. Jill Weight seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The Board was polled at 6:13 p.m. and was unanimous in holding a closed session for personnel purposes.

The Board meeting was then adjourned at 6:43 p.m.



Kelly Taeoalii Board President



Business Administrator – Richard Reese

STATEMENT AFFIRMING THE PURPOSE OF A CLOSED MEETING

I, Kelly Taeoalii, certify that I am the member of the Board of Education of the Murray City School District who presided at the closed meeting of the board held on February 12, 2026. I hereby affirm, pursuant to Utah Code § 52-4-206(6), that the sole purpose of holding this closed meeting was to discuss personnel issues.

I certify under criminal penalty of the State of Utah that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on March 12, 2026

Kelly Taeoalii
Kelly Taeoalii, Board President