

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 26, 2026

Board Meeting

The Murray City School Board met in a board meeting on February 26, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. In attendance were Kelly Taoalii, Jill Weight, Jaren Cooper, Kami Anderson, Elizabeth Payne, Jennifer Covington, Superintendent and Richard Reese, Business Administrator. The meeting was held at the District office, located at 5102 South Commerce Drive, Murray, UT.

Welcome

Board President Kelly Taoalii welcomed those in attendance.

Board Study Items

Study of Board of Education Meeting Schedule 2026-27 School Year – Superintendent Covington presented the preliminary schedule for the Board to review. No Board action was taken.

Study of BU 705: Regulation and Rental of Buildings and Grounds – Superintendent Covington presented this updated policy. There was additional discussion on the field usage data by the Murray Soccer Club and Murray Ute Football and the financial impact of this new policy. No Board action was taken.

Study of SB 119: Public Education Hotline – Superintendent Covington presented a new policy on the Public Education Hotline that complies with Utah State Board Rule. No Board action was taken.

Middle School Model – Dr. Bruce Eschler, Director of Secondary Teaching and Learning, presented an updated draft of 6th, 7th, and 8th grade courses for the Board to review. The course listing was developed with input from district office and school personnel. No Board action was taken.

Facility Planning – Superintendent Covington led a discussion on potential school closures/boundary changes. She distributed a map showing the physical location of each school in the district and the populations of each elementary school with the sixth grade removed. After a significant discussion, the board directed the Superintendent to move forward with the concept of closing one elementary school. Superintendent Covington will have Murray City create a heat map for the potential closing of four different schools; Grant Elementary, Liberty Elementary, Parkside Elementary, and Longview Elementary. The Board will then study those maps and determine which of the four schools will be closed. No Board action was taken.

The Board was polled at 6:52 p.m. and was unanimous in holding a closed session for personnel and legal purposes.

The Board meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.



Kelly Taoalii – Board President



Business Administrator – Richard Reese

STATEMENT AFFIRMING THE PURPOSE OF A CLOSED MEETING

I, Kelly Taoalii, 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 26, 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 and legal issues.

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

Executed on March 12, 2026

Kelly Taoalii
Kelly Taoalii, Board President