

Garfield School District

Garfield County School District Board Meeting  
Escalante High School, 800 UT-12, Escalante, UT 84726  
Thursday, February 19, 2026

I. Regular Board Meeting

I.A. Welcome

The Board meeting was called to order with all board members present including April Lefevre, Myron Cottam, Ralph Perkins, Curtis Barney and attending remotely via Zoom was Jared Brems. Superintendent John Dodds and Business Administrator Lane Mecham were also present.

II. Consent Agenda Items

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda with the exception of hiring docs, which will be reviewed in executive session. This motion, made by Curtis Barney and seconded by Myron Cottam, Carried.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

April made a motion to approve the hirings in the consent agenda, conditioned upon classified coaching positions be consistent with the existing policy. This motion, made by April LeFevre and seconded by Ralph Perkins, Carried.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

II.A. Approve School Board Meeting Minutes

II.B. Approve Financial Reports

II.C. Approve Hiring Recommendations

II.D. Letters of Resignation

II.E. Enrollment Report

II.F. Home School Affidavits

Pierce & Sandoval  
Milby

II.G. Sports and Transportation Approvals

II.H. Other Travel Approval

II.I. Trust Lands/TSSA

III. Public Comment

<http://www.online-stopwatch.com/>

The Board cannot allow members of the public to talk about the deficiencies of others in a public meeting because the Board could be seen as facilitating the public in a slander setting. Remarks of this nature are inappropriate to bring up in the public comment and will not be allowed by the Board. If you have those concerns, you can address them up with the Superintendent.

#### IV. Reports

##### IV.A. Escalante High School Data Report

Adam Griffin presented on academic goals and performance against those goals.

##### IV.B. School Board Report

The Board gave their various updates on assignments and events from the past meetings.

##### IV.C. Superintendent Report

The superintendent provided updates to the Board on various matters.

##### IV.D. Business Administrator Report

Lane provided an update on the construction projects across the District.

#### V. Board Discussion

#### VI. Board Business

##### VI.A. Future Board Items

The Board discussed upcoming items and about having the agenda updated the week prior to the meeting.

##### VI.B. Set Upcoming Board Meetings

The Board confirmed meeting at the Heritage Center in Tropic on March 19th. The Board confirmed the regular meeting will be at 5:00.

#### VII. Public Comment

Andria Roghaar - Head Teacher at Boulder Elementary - she commented on earlier mentions of Boulder being excluded from participation in some district events, like LitJam in Escalante. She added that she was grateful for the work of those in Escalante and that there was still room for improvement.

#### VIII. Board Action Items

##### VIII.A. Second Reading of 2026-2027 School Calendar

April reported that she had some calls about coming back to school after one of the major holidays. Superintendent also asked some questions about graduation.

##### VIII.B. Weight Room Fees

A motion was made to approve the second reading of the school calendar. This motion, made by April LeFevre and seconded by Myron Cottam, Carried.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

A motion to approve this as a first reading. 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

#### VIII.C. 1st Reading of Fee Schedule

A motion was made to approve the fee schedule first reading. This motion, made by Myron Cottam and seconded by April LeFevre, Carried.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

#### VIII.D. Time and Effort Policy

The motion was made to approve the modifications to the SPED policy. This motion, made by Curtis Barney and seconded by April LeFevre, Carried.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

#### VIII.E. Adding 7th & 8th Grade to Garfield Online

A motion was made to approve adding 7th and 8th grade to Garfield Online. This motion, made by April LeFevre and seconded by Ralph Perkins, Carried.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

#### VIII.F. Approve Tropic Real Estate Purchase Agreement

A motion was made to approve the purchase of the tropic parcel. 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

### IX. 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 item 1. This motion, made by April LeFevre and seconded by Myron Cottam, Carried.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

A motion was made to leave executive session. The time was 6:36 PM. This motion, made by April LeFevre and seconded by Myron Cottam, Carried.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

X. Adjournment

Barney Curtis; Brems Jared; Cottam Myron ; LeFevre April; Perkins Ralph