

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 19, 2026

Board Meeting

The Murray City School Board met in a board meeting on March 19 2026 at 5:00 p.m. In attendance were Kelly Taoalii, Jill Weight, Jaren Cooper, Kami Anderson, Jennifer Covington, Superintendent and Richard Reese, Business Administrator. Elizabeth Payne, Board Member, was excused. 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

Gifted and Talented Program Review – Jessica DeMann, Gifted and Talented Coordinator, reviewed the first-year implementation of the new cluster model and the number of students tested compared to previous years. No Board action was taken.

Catalyst Center Planning – Scott Taggart, Director of Auxiliary Services, reviewed the five design layouts for the catalyst center that were created by VCBO Architects. The Board directed Mr. Taggart to move forward with design 1B which is the single-story plan consisting of eight teaching spaces and the mechanical room at the “back of house.” The Catalyst Center is being funded by a state legislative grant and will include programs for radiation technicians, nursing, and behavioral technicians.

SB 295: Intellectual Diversity in Education and Government – Dr. Bruce Eschler, Director of Secondary Teaching and Learning, reviewed the potential impacts of this legislation on sponsored clubs at the secondary level. No action was taken.

Study of School Fee Requests for 2026-27 School Year – Superintendent Covington presented the proposed school fee schedules for the 2026-27 school year. The fees will be presented in the April 2, 2026 Board of Education meeting as a first reading. No action was taken.

Study of Overnight Educational Travel Requests for 2026-27 School Year – Superintendent Covington presented the proposed travel request for the 2026-27 school year. The requests will be presented in the April 2, 2026 Board of Education meeting as a first reading. No action was taken.

Facility Planning – Superintendent Covington led a discussion on potential school closures/boundary changes. The Board reviewed heat maps for the potential closing of four different schools; Grant Elementary, Liberty Elementary, Parkside Elementary, and Longview Elementary. After a significant discussion, the board focused on two potential maps with either Liberty Elementary or Longview Elementary being closed. No Board action was taken.

The Board was polled at 7:10 p.m. and was unanimous in holding a closed session for property issues.

The Board meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.



Kelly Taoalii – 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 March 19, 2026. I hereby affirm, pursuant to Utah Code § 52-4-206(6), that the sole purpose of holding this closed meeting was to discuss property issues.

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

Executed on April 2, 2026

Kelly Taeoalii
Kelly Taeoalii, Board President