

Garfield School District

Garfield County School District Board Meeting
The Heritage Center, 20 N Main St , Tropic, UT 84776
Thursday, March 19, 2026

I. Regular Board Meeting

I.A. Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM. Superintendent John Dodds and Business Administrator Lane Mecham were present along with Board Members Ralph Perkins, Myron Cottam, Jared Brems, and April Lefevre with Curtis Barney being absent.

II. Consent Agenda Items

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

II.G. Sports and Transportation Approvals

II.H. Other Travel Approval

II.I. Trust Lands/TSSA

III. Public Comment

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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. School Board Report

The school board members reported on their various assignments and meetings since the previous board meeting.

IV.A.1. Bryce Valley High School Data Report
Rowdy Miller presented to BVHS student data.

IV.B. Superintendent Report
Superintendent Dodds reported on legislative matters and other various reports since the previous meeting.

IV.C. Business Administrator Report
Lane reported on the various construction projects across the district and legislative matters.

V. Board Discussion

VI. Board Business

VI.A. Future Board Items
The Board reviewed the upcoming business items.

VI.B. Set Upcoming Board Meetings
The meeting was scheduled for Escalante on April 16th, at 3:00 and 5:00 PM for the work and regular meetings, respectively. They also moved the May meeting to the 28th in Panguitch.

VII. Public Comment

Luciene Syrett made comments

VIII. Board Action Items

VIII.A. 2nd Reading of Fee Schedule
A motion was made to approve the 2nd reading of the fee schedule. This motion, made by April LeFevre and seconded by Myron Cottam, Carried.
Curtis Barney: Absent, Jared Brems: Yea, Myron Cottam: Yea, April LeFevre: Yea, Ralph Perkins: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

VIII.B. 2nd Reading Weight Room Fees
A motion was made to approve the weight room fees with retired employees being free and as a final reading. This motion, made by April LeFevre and seconded by Myron Cottam, Carried.
Curtis Barney: Absent, Jared Brems: Yea, Myron Cottam: Yea, April LeFevre: Yea, Ralph Perkins: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

VIII.C. Start Dates for New Employees
A motion was made to allow new employees to start once a background check and hiring docs were complete and notice was sent to board members of the hiring for approval. This motion, made by Ralph Perkins and seconded by Myron Cottam, Carried.
Curtis Barney: Absent, Jared Brems: Yea, Myron Cottam: Yea, April LeFevre: Yea, Ralph Perkins: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Superintendent Dodds discussed the starting date of new employees and whether they should start prior to the Board giving formal approval.

VIII.D. DC Trip

Discussion of the topic was moved ahead in the agenda. The Board and Superintendent expressed their support for the trip, though how we do it might need to be addressed across the District. President Perkins opened the meeting for public comment on the matter.

Luciene Syrett made comments about the experience she had during the trip and expressed her support for the trip continuing. She expressed support for doing the trip every other year rather than every year. She made comments about running for school board and gave a report on community council as well.

Trista Rich made comments about the DC trip and suggested that it could be a 6th and 7th grade combined trip to make it every other year instead of every year.

Rowdy Miller made comments that going every other year is not a good idea. That going every year has some benefits.

Phoebe Wiseman made comments about going every other year. She commented that mixing 6th and 7th graders are at different maturity levels and expressed concerns about mixing the two grades.

The Board had some discussion about the matter. Trista Rich asked for clarity on whether the schools had to go together. Ralph commented that he did not want to require that, other board members expressed support for that position.

VIII.E. District Paid PD Policy

VIII.F. Superintendent Contract

VIII.G. Landscaping Project-EHS/BVHS

Motion to approve the stucco contract for \$38,000 from Rojo Construction and leave it open for further art negotiations in the future. This motion, made by Myron Cottam and seconded by Jared Brems, Carried.

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

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

VIII.H. Stucco

VIII.I. Architects Contract

A motion was made to approve the contract for the architect fees. This motion, made by April LeFevre and seconded by Ralph Perkins, Carried.

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

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

VIII.J. Purchase of Panguitch Lot

A motion was made to approve the purchase of the contract for the land. This motion, made by Jared Brems and seconded by Ralph Perkins, Carried.

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

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

VIII.K. Panguitch City Lot

A motion was made to approve the contract for the land. This motion, made by Jared Brems and seconded by Ralph Perkins, Carried.

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

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

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.

X. Adjournment

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