



# APPROVED MINUTES

## April 2026 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The regular board meeting of the Piute County School District Board of Education was held on **April 14, 2026** at the Piute County Courthouse in Junction, Utah. Teresa Morgan called the meeting to order at **3:30 P.M.** Present was Teresa Morgan, Neccia Dalton, Erin Jensen, Rick Dalton, and Jeremy Pearson. Also present was Superintendent Jason Strate and Business Administrator Dallas Sylvester. Guests at the meeting were: Tyrel Ivie, Priscilla Morgan, Lynn Morgan, Russ Lee, Janette Lee, LeeAnn Smith, Lisa Allan, Jeri Sylvester, Shauna Bagley, Heather Fautin, Hunter Tanner, Amy Bunker, Craig Bunker, Marty Gleave, Paul James, Matt Wilbur, and members of Piute FBLA Club.

**Work Meeting:** The board met before the normal meeting for a work meeting at 2:30 p.m to review policy #2053.

### Opening Remarks:

- President Teresa Morgan welcomed everyone to the meeting. After the pledge of allegiance was recited, opening remarks were given by Erin Jensen.

### Program Reports:

- **Performing Arts**
  - Tyrel Ivie gave the board a report on the performing arts in the school district.
  - The All-American Rock and Roll concert will be next week on April 25th at 7 p.m. in the PHS auditorium.
  - Tyrel mentioned that the high school musical will be performed in May.
  - Tyrel mentioned that he has seen an increase in students in Choir class this year.
  - Tyrel gave an update on the high school podcasts that have been created by the students this year.
- **Recognition**
  - The board took time to recognize high school students who have excelled in sports, clubs, and other programs. Each student was presented with a certificate from the school district to congratulate them on their accomplishments.
- **Preschool**
  - LeeAnn Smith gave a report on the preschool program at Oscarson Elementary school.
  - LeeAnn showed the board what they have been focusing on and learning this school year.
  - Lisa Allan gave a report on the preschool program at Circleville Elementary School.

- Lisa showed the board a document that shows what skills are focused on in preschool to help students prepare for kindergarten.
- **Assessments**
  - Principal Lee gave the board a report on assessments in the school district.
  - Principal Lee mentioned what tests are administered in the district. They are: WIDA, ACADIENCE, UTAHASPIRE, RISE, and ACT
  - Principal Lee showed the school board members how the Piute students compare to the state averages for each test that is administered in the district.

### **Public Comments**

- President Teresa Morgan turned the time over to the public for public comment.
- No public comments were made.

### **Business Items:**

- **FBLA Nationals Travel & Donation**
  - The FBLA students presented to the board and gave an update on the FBLA program.
  - 26 students competed at state FBLA.
  - 13 students will be competing at Nationals FBLA in San Antonio.
  - The FBLA students requested approval to travel out of state to San Antonio and also asked for a donation from the school district to help pay for the trip.
  - Erin Jensen made a motion to approve out-of-state travel for the FBLA students to travel to Nationals FBLA in San Antonio and also provide a donation of \$300 per student to attend the conference. Rick Dalton seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- **SRO MOU Examples**
  - The school district is looking to partner with the Piute County Sheriff's Office to provide a school resource officer in the district. The SRO would work for the school district during the school year and for the Sheriff's department during the summer.
  - Superintendent Strate presented the board with the SRO MOU examples. The MOU's show examples of how other school districts have partnered with law enforcement to provide a school resource officer in schools.
  - Sheriff Marty Gleave spoke with the board about the possibility of partnering with the school district to provide a school resource officer in the schools.
  - Superintendent Strate mentioned what some of the responsibilities of the school resource officer would be.
  - Dallas Sylvester mentioned that the school district would cover roughly 60-70% of the position while the sheriff's department would cover the other portion.
  - Dallas also mentioned that the school resource officer would be an employee of the Piute County Sheriff's Office.
  - Neccia Dalton made a motion to form a committee to pursue creating a school resource officer position with the school district and county sheriff's office and appoint Erin Jensen to be on the committee. Rick Dalton seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

- **Softball Field Construction Update**
  - Superintendent Strate mentioned that the concessions/bathroom building has been designed.
  - The work will begin on the sidewalks and concessions/bathroom building will begin once school is out.
  
- **Elementary Construction Update**
  - Superintendent Strate and Dallas Sylvester gave the board an update on the elementary school construction.
  - Dallas Sylvester gave the school board an update on the school construction budgets.
  - The overall budget for the new elementary schools is \$25.5 million. That includes \$18 million from the small schools capital grant, \$5 million from the revenue bond, \$2 million that has been earned in interest on the \$18 million grant, and \$500,000 from the school safety grant.
  - Dallas went over the planned expenses and what the school district might have funding to do if the budget allows.
  - The elementary school projects are currently within budget and on track.
  
- **June Board Meeting change date to June 16, 2026**
  - Erin Jensen made a motion to change the June school board meeting to Tuesday June 16th, 2026. Jeremy Pearson seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
  
- **CES Mascot**
  - The school board talked about the possibility of changing the mascot at Circleville Elementary School from the Stallions to the Junior T-birds.
  - Feedback has been received from community members, parents, and school district staff.
  - Rick Dalton made a motion to continue with the Stallion as the mascot and have the Stallion logo in the center of the gym and in the commons area of the new school. Jeremy Pearson seconded the motion. Erin Jensen voted aye, Teresa Morgan voted aye, Rick Dalton voted aye, Jeremy Pearson voted aye, Neccia Dalton voted nay. Motion passed.
  
- **School Land Trust Plans 2026-2027 for CES, OES, PHS, and UPA**
  - The School Land Trust plans for 2026-2027 were presented for CES, OES, PHS, and UPA.
  - The plans will be reviewed again in the May school board meeting next month.
  
- **School Land Trust Final 2024-2025 for CES, OES, & PHS, and UPA**
  - The final school Trustlands plans for 2024-2025 for CES, OES, PHS, and UPA were presented to the board.
  - Jeremy Pearson made a motion to approve the final Trustlands plans for 2024-2025 for CES, OES, PHS, and UPA. Rick Dalton seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
  
- **School Land Trust Amendment 2025-2026 for UPA**
  - Hunter Tanner presented the board with the amendment for the Trustlands plan for UPA for this school year.
  - Rick Dalton made a motion to approve the amended plan. Erin Jensen seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
  
- **Repeal Policy #5052 - Employee Acceptable Use - Policy Replaced with #3076**

- Policy #5052 has been replaced with policy #3076 and needs to be repealed.
- Erin Jensen made a motion to repeal policy #5052. Rick Dalton seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
  
- **Amend Policy - 4006 FBAA - Admission and Attendance Foreign Exchange Student**
  - The revision of policy #4006 was presented to the board for the first reading.
  - The policy has been reviewed by the policy committee.
  - Jeremy Pearson made a motion to suspend the second and third readings of the revision of policy #4006 and approve it on the first reading. . Erin Jensen seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
  
- **Policy 2053 - Retirement Incentive**
  - Policy #2053 was presented to the board and reviewed for the second reading
  - The school board reviewed the policy and will bring it back for the third reading.
  
- **UPA 2026-2027 Staffing Proposal**
  - Superintendent Strate presented the school board with the UPA 2026-2027 staffing proposal.
  - The staffing proposal is based on Utah Peak Academy reaching 250 students.
  - As of right now, 125 students have enrolled in Utah Peak Academy for next year.
  - It is expected that a lot more students will enroll by the end of July.
  - The staffing proposal includes adding an additional employee who would be a principal/teacher and taking a part-time teacher to full-time.
  - Neccia Dalton made a motion to approve the staffing proposal for UPA for 2026. Rick Dalton seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
  
- **Health Curriculum Annual Approval**
  - The school board reviewed the Health curriculum in the school district.
  - Jeremy Pearson made a motion to approve the Health curriculum. Erin Jensen seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
  
- **Board Meeting Schedule SY27**
  - The proposed board meeting schedule for SY27 was presented to the school board.
  - Rick Dalton made a motion to approve the school board meeting schedule for SY27 as presented with the amendment that the meetings will start at 3:30 p.m. and that the NSBA conference in April may be added later once the dates are known. Neccia Dalton seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous.
  
- **Approval of Minutes and Vouchers**
  - Jeremy Pearson made a motion to approve the March meeting minutes, the March payroll, the March revenues, and district vouchers 26000717-26000801. Neccia Dalton seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
  
- **New Hires, Assignments, and Reassignments**

#### **New Hires**

- Sage Nowers- Substitute  
Daniele Weldert- Substitute

### **Resignations & Retirements**

- Kimberly Blood - Assistant Cheer Coach
- Cedar Jewkes - Oscarson Elementary Secretary
  
- Neccia Dalton made a motion to approve the new hires and resignations as presented. Erin Jensen seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

### **Information Items:** None

**Executive Session :** at **5:41 P.M.** Neccia Dalton made a motion to move into executive session for the Discussion of the Character, Professional Competence, or Mental Health of an Individual. Erin Jensen seconded the motion. Each individual board member was in favor of moving into executive session. Erin Jensen voted aye, Teresa Morgan voted aye, Rick Dalton voted aye, Neccia Dalton voted aye, Jeremy Pearson voted aye.

- The school board entered the executive meeting at **5:41 P.M.**
- The school board left the executive meeting at **6:12 P.M.**

### **Adjournment**

- At **6:12 P.M.** Erin Jensen made a motion to adjourn the **April 14, 2026** meeting of the school board. Neccia Dalton seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.