

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 2, 2026

Board Meeting

The Murray City School Board met in a regular board meeting on April 2, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. In attendance were Kelly Taeoalii, Jill Weight, Kami Anderson, Jaren Cooper, 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.

Pledge of Allegiance

The audience was led in the Pledge of Allegiance by students from McMillan Elementary.

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes – March 12 and March 19, 2026
Claims March 2026
Checks March 2026
Financial Reports

Jaren Cooper made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Elizabeth Payne seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Delegations

McMillan Elementary PTA – Ashley Dunkelberger, PTA President, spoke to the Board regarding the activities of the PTA at McMillan Elementary. Several students shared their favorite things about school including the teachers, 1st Grade Nutcracker program, assemblies, recess, and field day.

MEA – Amy Roberds, MEA Board, said that the MEA is planning on sharing negotiation packages on April 15 and that negotiations are scheduled for May 7.

MAA – No comments.

MESPA – Thayn Burnett, President, recognized that the Board has to make difficult decisions and thanked them for their thorough deliberations. He said that “Para-Professionals Day” was the following day.

Foundation – Doug Perry, MEF Director, said that the “Fill Our Truck Food and Supply Drive” sponsored by FFKR Architects and BHB Engineering will be held on April 16, 2026. He reported that the “Giving Machine” donations to Murray Education Foundation totaled \$372,416!

Patron Statements – No comments.

Report of the Board

Kami Anderson – Thanked the Murray Education Foundation for their efforts and that they directly affect students.

Jill Weight – Ms. Weight said that she is mindful of all of the time and effort involved in providing information leading to the decision on school closures and boundary changes and thanked district administration for their efforts.

Kelly Taeoalii– Ms. Taeoalii said that she is on the Partners for Prevention committee where community stakeholders review the district Sharp data. She is also on the district Attendance Committee which is making efforts to help families in need. She thanked Murray City for their help in generating maps for the school closure/boundary change discussion and also thanked the para-educators in the district.

Elizabeth Payne – Ms. Payne said that she is looking forward to the opportunity to learn at the upcoming National School Boards Association in San Antonio on April 10-13, 2026.

Jaren Cooper – Mr. Cooper said that the decisions on facilities will be difficult for everyone.

Report of the Staff

APEX (Catalyst) Center and Future Field House Design Services - Scott Taggart, Director of Auxiliary Services, recommended that VCBO architects be directed to start the design of the APEX Center to include the potential of adding a future fieldhouse in proximity to the APEX Center. Kami Anderson made a motion to accept the recommendation. Jaren Cooper seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Comprehensive Guidance Report – Jimmy LeBlow, Hillcrest Junior High School Counselor, provided an update on counseling and student services at Murray High School, Hillcrest Junior High School, and Riverview Junior High School.

Bond Projects Update – Scott Taggart, Director of Auxiliary Services, said that the Murray High addition is currently on schedule and that the exterior and roof are complete. The interior structure work is ongoing.

The Riverview Junior High School is currently on schedule and work is progressing at different stages in different parts of the building. Ongoing activities include the masonry in the locker room and shop wing, masonry walls throughout, exterior envelop in office and classroom areas, drywall on the 1st floor and many others. Upcoming activities include the underground water storage in front of campus.

Secondary Book Recommendations: Instructional Materials, Non-Textbook 1st Reading – Bruce Eschler, Director of Secondary Education, said that the Secondary Book Review Committee has recommended nine books for adoption as a first reading. No action taken.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT – Jennifer Covington, Superintendent

School Fees Requests 2026-27 - Superintendent Covington presented the fees requests to the Board as a first reading. Board approval is required by June 1, 2026.

Overnight Travel Requests 2026-27 - Superintendent Covington presented the travel requests to the Board as a first reading.

School LAND Trust Plans 2026-27 – Superintendent Covington presented the proposed School LAND Trust plans to the Board as a first reading. The Board made the following assignments for review of the School LAND Trust and TSSA plans:

Grant Elementary – Kami Anderson
Horizon Elementary – Kelly Taoalii
Liberty Elementary – Elizabeth Payne
Longview Elementary – Jaren Cooper
McMillan Elementary – Jill Weight
Parkside Elementary – Jill Weight
Viewmont Elementary – Kami Anderson
Hillcrest Junior High – Elizabeth Payne
Riverview Junior High – Kami Anderson
Murray High School – Jaren Cooper

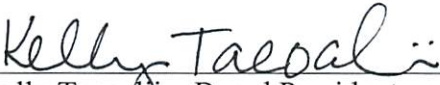
2026-27 School Improvement Student Success Plans (TSSA) – Superintendent Covington presented the proposed TSSA plans to the Board as a first reading.

BOARD BUSINESS

Announcement of Business Administrator Posting – Superintendent Covington informed the Board that the job posting for the Business Administrator position was released and is available on the District and USBA websites.

Elementary Closure and Boundary Realignment Timeline – Superintendent Covington presented the statutory timeline for this process.

The Board meeting was then adjourned at 6:14 p.m.



Kelly Taoalii – Board President



Business Administrator – Richard Reese