



APPROVED MINUTES

May 2026 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The regular board meeting of the Piute County School District Board of Education was held on **May 12, 2026** at the Piute County Courthouse in Junction, Utah. Teresa Morgan called the meeting to order at **3:35 P.M.** Present was Teresa Morgan, Neccia Dalton (virtually present), Erin Jensen, Rick Dalton, and Jeremy Pearson. Also present was Superintendent Jason Strate and Business Administrator Dallas Sylvester. Guests at the meeting were: Jennifer Finn, Shauna Bagley, Shaylee Laws, Russ Lee, Janette Lee, Heather Fautin, Kelcie Dastrup, Jeri Sylvester, Dan Springer, and members of the high school 4H shooting sports club.

Work Meeting: The board met before the normal meeting for a work meeting to review the preliminary budget.

Opening Remarks:

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

Program Reports:

- **School Behavior Plans 2026-2027**
 - Stacie Gass gave an update on the school behavior plans for the current school year for Oscarson Elementary and Circleville Elementary School.
 - Stacie presented the board with the school behavior plans for Oscarson Elementary School and Circleville Elementary School for 2026-2027.
 - The behavior plans show what programs the schools plan on implementing in order to promote positive student behavior.
- **Special Education**
 - Heather Fautin gave the board a program report on special education.
 - Heather gave the board an update on the results of the state SPED review.
 - Heather explained which areas of the program are going well and which areas need improvement according to the state SPED review.
 - Jennifer Finn spoke to the board about what her position entails in the SPED program in the school district and what her responsibilities are.
 - Kelcie Dastrup spoke to the board about what her position entails in the SPED program in the school district and what her responsibilities are.
 - Shaylee Laws spoke to the board about what her position entails in the SPED program in the school district and what her responsibilities are.

- Heather Fautin mentioned that the SPED review went very well and the school district received positive feedback from the state as a result of the review.

Public Comments

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

Business Items:

- **National Shooting Sports Competition - Out of State Travel**

- The high school 4H shooting sports club presented to the board and mentioned that 4 students have qualified to attend the national shooting sports competition in Grand Island, Nebraska.
- The competition will be June 21-26, 2026.
- The club requested that the school board approve out-of-state travel for the club to travel to Nebraska and also for a donation from the school district to help fund the trip.
- Rick Dalton made a motion to approve out-of-state travel for the shooting sports club to travel to Nebraska and compete at the national competition and also provide \$300 per student towards the trip. Erin Jensen seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

- **Elementary Schools & Softball Field Updates**

- **Elementary Schools**

- Superintendent Strate gave an update on the elementary school construction progress.
- Cabinets are installed in Circleville.
- Countertops are being installed right now at CES.
- Curb and gutter is being installed right now at CES.
- All classroom furniture has been ordered for Circleville Elementary.
- The district is working on finalizing the playground equipment order.
- The district is working with Circleville Town to get a water meter installed.
- The district is working with the architect and contractor to add fencing around the ballfields and add a second ballfield in Circleville.
- The asbestos removal bid came in within budget.
- The roof has been installed at OES.
- The framing is complete at OES.
- Great progress is being made at both schools and the projects are on schedule.

- **Softball Field**

- Dallas Sylvester gave the board an update on the softball field project.
- Bedrock Concrete will begin construction on the softball/baseball restrooms once school is out.
- The old track storage shed will be removed and a new one will be installed in a new location.
- A new batting cage will be installed for the high school baseball team and the fencing around the baseball field will be replaced.
- Roadbase dirt will be added around the outfield fence of the softball field.
- The alley between the high school auditorium and the baseball field will be paved.

- **School Land Trust Plans 2026-2027 for CES, OES, PHS, & UPA**
 - The board reviewed the School Trustlands plans for 2026-2027 for the second time.
 - Erin Jensen made a motion to approve the School Trustlands plans for 2026-2027 for CES, OES, PHS, and UPA. Jeremy Pearson seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- **School Land Trust Amendment 2025-2026 for CES**
 - The amended School Trustlands plan for 2025-2026 for CES was presented to the school board.
 - Rick Dalton made a motion to approve the School Land Trust plan amendment for 2025-2026 for CES. Erin Jensen seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- **Calendars 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030**
 - The school board reviewed the school district calendars for school years 2027, 2028, 2029, and 2030.
 - Rick Dalton made a motion to approve the calendars as presented. Erin Jensen seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- **SRO**
 - Superintendent Strate presented the board with the school resource officer MOU Agreement between Piute County School District and the Piute County Sheriff's Office.
 - Neccia Dalton mentioned that herself, Superintendent Strate, and Dallas Sylvester met with the county commissioners and agreed upon a 70/30 split for the position. The school district will cover 70% of the cost and the sheriff's office will cover 30%. The county will cover the initial startup costs of the position including gear and a vehicle. The SRO will be an employee of the sheriff's office.
 - The hiring committee will be composed of school district employees as well as Piute County employees.
 - The Piute County Sheriff's office will be advertising the position.
 - Jeremy Pearson made a motion to approve the SRO MOU agreement with the Piute County Sheriff's Office and move forward with partnering with the county to add a school resource officer in the school district. Erin Jensen seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- **Policy #2117 Travel Expenses**
 - Superintendent Strate presented the revision of policy #2117 for the first reading to the school board.
 - The revision to the policy updates the meal per diem amounts to follow the GSA government rates.
 - Rick Dalton made a motion to suspend the second and third readings of the revision of Policy #2117 and approve it on the first reading. Erin Jensen seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- **Policy #2053 Retirement Incentive third reading**
 - The school board reviewed the revision of policy #2053, Retirement Incentive Policy for the 3rd reading.
 - The policy will be brought back for a fourth reading.
- **Director of Literacy and Instructional Coach Position**

- Superintendent Strate mentioned that the school district will be receiving state funding to add a literacy director/instructional coach position.
 - The position will be a .5 FTE.
 - Superintendent Strate presented the board with the job listing and description for the position.
 - Erin Jensen made a motion to approve the director of literacy/instructional coach position in the school district. Rick Dalton seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- **Preliminary Budget 2026-2027**
 - Dallas Sylvester presented the school board with the preliminary budget for 2026-2027.
 - He presented the preliminary budgeted revenue and expense amounts for each fund for the final FY26 budget and the original FY27 budget.
 - The FY26 final and the FY27 original budgets will be approved in the June school board meeting.
- **Salary Schedule 2027 and Stipend Schedule 2027**
 - Dallas Sylvester presented the board with the proposed salary schedule for FY27.
 - Dallas mentioned that based on the projected revenues and expenses for next year, the following items are recommended to the board:
 - Provide level increases for years and education for all contracted employees.
 - Maintain health insurance at 100% district paid premiums for silver plan.
 - Provide 2.7% COLA to keep pace with the inflation index (This will equate to a \$2,000 increase in salary on the certified schedule and a \$.75 per hour raise on the classified schedule).
 - Increase level gaps on salary schedule for levels 19-20 on certified schedule (This will increase level gap from \$500 to \$1000 on levels 19 and 20).
 - Continue to offer SHINE Stipend to all licensed teachers in the district.
 - Adding School Resource Officer shared with the Piute County Sheriff's Office.
 - The proposed salary schedule adds a new starting level for a financial secretary at level 15.
 - The proposed salary schedule also sets the substitute rate as the same rate for all substitute positions other than the certified teacher substitute rate and the long term teacher substitute rate.
 - Dallas Sylvester presented the proposed stipend schedule for 2027 to the school board.
 - Rick Dalton made a motion to approve the FY27 salary schedule and the FY27 Stipend schedule as presented and add the Literacy Director position at 7% to the stipend schedule. Erin Jensen seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- **Approval of Minutes and Vouchers**
 - Rick Dalton made a motion to approve the April meeting minutes, the April payroll, the April revenues, and district vouchers 26000802-26000903. Jeremy Pearson seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- **New Hires, Assignments, and Reassignments**

New Hires

- Kinley Syrett - OES Secretary

- Erin Jensen made a motion to approve the new hires and resignations as presented. Rick Dalton seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Information Items: None

Adjournment

- At 5:30 P.M. Jeremy Pearson made a motion to adjourn the **May 12, 2026** meeting of the school board. Erin Jensen seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.