MINUTES FOR Wednesday, June 17, 2026

The Wednesday, June 17, 2026 meeting of the Board of Education, held at the 120 N Main, Huntington UT 84528, was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Hatt.

Members Present:

Royd Hatt, James Winn, Kenzi Guymon, Neal Peacock, and Todd Huntington

Members Absent:

Others Present: Superintendent James Shank, Business Administrator Jackie Allred, Supervisors Yvonne Jensen, Doug Johnson, and JR Jones. Student Member Byron Roundy.

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A) WORK SESSION

1. Middle School Athletic Association

   CVMS principal Jenny Gagon presented the possibility that the Castle Valley Athletic Association would not have Mont Harmon as a participating school. Possible different pathways were presented which includes contacting other schools to participate in the association or have additional games allowed in the regular schedule.

B) REGULAR SESSION

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance

C) PUBLIC HEARING

A motion was made to adjourn the regular meeting to a public hearing to receive comment on the original budget for fiscal year 2027 as well as opening and adjusting the final budget for FY2026.

Moved by: James Winn; seconded by: Royd Hatt

Motion Passes

1. Proposed Final Budget for Current Fiscal Year

   Business Administrator Jackie Allred presented the amended FY26 Budget in comparison with the FY27 Future Year budget. Highlights of the budget was the completion of the EHS building construction project.

2. Tentative Original Budget for Future Fiscal Year

   The highlights for the Fiscal Year 26-27 budget are capital funds committed to the three elementary HVAC projects, two roofing projects, and the GRHS tennis / pickleball courts. Some of the funding for these projects were from state grants.

   With declining enrollment, WPU funding did not increase. However, other state funds allowed a modest increase for the cost of living and covering medical premium increases.

Other information presented included proposed tax rates, county assessed values, enrollment trends, and student demographics.

A motion was made to declare the hearing closed and the general session reconvened.

Moved by: Neal Peacock; seconded by: Todd Huntington

Motion Passes

D) PRESENTATIONS

1. Troy Winter with EHS Soccer Scholarship Tournament

   Troy and Cresta Winter expressed appreciation for the use of the EHS facilities allowing the Ethan Winter Memorial Scholarship Soccer tournament to be held there. Two $500 scholarships to both Emery and Carbon county seniors are given annually in remembrance of their son, Ethan Winter. As this was the 9th year this 3 v 3 tournament has been held, there were 42 teams that participated.

2. San Rafael Middle School proposal for bike path 6

   PROJECT PROPOSAL_ SRMS LOW-IMPACT BIKE SKILLS TRAIL.pdf

   SRMS Athletic Director Kirk Robinson introduced a landscaping project that would potentially change the use of the grass area east of the school. With the bike program already in place, the school would like to create a trail for biking skills which would use the gravel track and install obstacles on the outer grass area. The school has coordinated with the County Trails to help with the installation. This will be continued at a future meeting.

E) CONSENT AGENDA

1. Warrants
2. Minutes from Previous Meeting(s)
3. Financial Reports from Previous Month
4. Names for New Hire Approvals

   Zacariah Gasser / Head Custodian / Cleveland Elementary

   Hailee Gordon / Sped Para 5.9 hours / Cleveland Elementary

   Laura McFarlane / 4th grade Teacher / Bookcliff Elementary

   Anita Sitterud / LA Teacher / Canyon View Middle

   Motion was made to approve the Consent items.

   Moved by: James Winn; seconded by: Neal Peacock

Carried

F) BOARD ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of Resolution to Adopt Final Tax Rates for Tax Year 2026

   The proposed 2026-27 tax rates comply with the Certified Tax Rate adoption rules and have been certified by the county auditor. With the solar CRA funds, the

District was able to lower the Debt Levy by $700,000 for the 26-27 fiscal year. This represents CRA collections disbursed to the Debt Fund.

A motion was made to approve a resolution to adopt the Certified Tax Rates for the 2026 tax year. The proposed rates are within the certified tax rate set by the County Auditor and Utah State Tax Commission. A truth-in-taxation hearing is not planned or anticipated for August. The final tax rates set by the school board will be:

Board Local Levy: 0.002076 to generate $4,797,299

Voted Local Levy: 0.001599 to generate $3,695,029

Capital Local Levy: 0.001078 to generate $2,491,083

Bond Debt Service Levy: 0.001698 to generate $3,924,800

Basic Levy will be set by the state legislature.

Moved by: James Winn; seconded by: Kenzi Guymon

Carried

2. Adoption of Final Budget for current Fiscal Year

A motion was made to approve the final legal budget for fiscal year 2026, authorizing the Business Administrator to open and adjust final fiscal year 2026 budgets to reflect revised amounts as necessary.

Moved by: Neal Peacock; seconded by: James Winn

Carried

3. Adoption of Tentative Budget for future Fiscal Year 10

FY27 ORIGINAL AND FY26 FINAL BUDGET UPEFS.pdf

A motion was made to adopt the FY26-27 Original Budget as presented.

Moved by: James Winn; seconded by: Neal Peacock

Carried

4. Future Year Compensation Items

Jackie Allred presented the Proposed Compensations items for School Year 26-27. The Certified salary schedule is proposed to increase by 3.47% overall with an addition of Step 33 applied to those employees who qualify. Both Classified and School Food Service salary schedules were proposed with a 3.45% increase but also adding an additional step 32 with 1.5% indexing. All employees are to receive steps/lanes increases and continued district funding of benefits. The Medical Plan had an increase of 7.2%.

Motion was made to approve the proposed compensation items as presented.

Moved by: Kenzi Guymon; seconded by: Todd Huntington

Carried

5. Approve new Student School Board Members

Appreciation was given to Rylan Neff and Byron Roundy for the service they provided this school year as the student board members representing Emery High and Green River

High.

A motion was made to approve Mattie Meadows for Green River High and James White for Emery High for the 26-27 Student board members.

Moved by: Todd Huntington; seconded by: Kenzi Guymon

Carried

6. 2026-27 Gifted & Talented Plan 29

Gifted and Talented Program 6.11.2026.pdf

This program serves K-8 students and creates an identification process for all 2nd grade students. The small amount of state resources will then allow classroom instruction for GT students, professional learning for instructors, parent and community engagement, and program evaluation.

A motion was made to accept the Gifted & Talented Plan as presented.

Moved by: James Winn; seconded by: Kenzi Guymon

Carried

7. Future Year Mental Health Grant Goals 32

Mental Health Grant Overview.pdf

The state funding for a Mental Health counselor runs on a 3 year cycle. ECSD has applied for the second 3-year grant with the following two goals: 1) Reduce absenteeism in the elementaries by 2% at the end of the three year cycle, and 2) Reduce the number of behavior incidents exhibited in the elementary schools by 7.5% at the end of the three year cycle.

This grant funding contributes to the hiring of a Social Worker for the ECSD elementary schools providing critical mental health services to students both individually and in the classroom.

Motion was made to approve the gaols as presented for the Mental Health Grant.

Moved by: Neal Peacock; seconded by: Todd Huntington

Carried

G) REPORTS

1. Superintendent

Superintendent Shank gave information regarding the Mastery Learning & Grading for school year 26-27. Documents for parents will be printed and available to help the transition. Mastery Learning is also a component of the District's Portrait of a Graduate.

Utah Fits All application is underway for secondary schools where participants may enroll in ECSD courses for $1,000 per credit. All other fees would be assessed as standard students. A policy and procedure is in progress.

District officials have met with Smith Hartvigsen Attorneys at Law to manage the aspects of the Castle Dale property lots advertisement and sale.

Risk Management procedures were also presented for pre-litigation services. These guidelines were given at a recent administrative training.

2. Business Administrator

Ms. Allred reported that the ECSD Business Team has received the ASBO and GFOA awards for the FY25 Annual Financial Report. This is the eighteenth year for the two prestigious governmental finance awards.

For the summer capital project update: There are three elementary HVAC remodels, two roofing projects, and the GRHS tennis court projects. All of these projects are on tight schedules, but moving as designed.

3. Board Member Committee

Todd Huntington attended the county CRA meeting where they discussed housing projects. Kenzi Guymon has been recovering from an illness. Neal Peacock visited CWE to view the roofing project. He commented that this will be a wonderful upgrade for the school. He also attended the open house for the Green River solar project. Royd Hatt attended the Emery High and Green River High graduation ceremonies as well as the Audit Committee meeting. James Winn attended the USBA board meeting and planned the New Board Member conference. At the USBA conference, the group was able to set legislative priorities. Mr. Winn also attended the Audit Committee meeting. Byron Roundy gave appreciation for being able to be a student board member this year.

H) PUBLIC COMMENTS

Wayne Maxfield mentioned that the maintenance department has already completed 38 of the 90 major projects scheduled for this year.

I) CLOSED SESSION

Not held

J) ADJOURN

After seeing no other items on the agenda, President Hatt declared the meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

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Board President