

Approved

May 13, 2026

South Sanpete School Board Meeting
39 S Main St
Manti, UT 84642

Open Meeting Start Time	3:30 PM
Open Meeting End Time	4:56 PM
Closed Meeting Start Time	4:57 PM
Closed Meeting End Time	5:34 PM
Meeting Adjourned	5:35 PM

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 PM by Board President Connor Thompson.

Reverence: Connor Thompson

Patriotic Tribute: President Thompson led the Board and those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance

Board Members Present: Connor Thompson, David Warren, Loni Hammond, Coleen Ogden, Mark Olson

Others Present: Trevor Powell, Jake Hill, Leslie Taysom, Karen Soper, Michael Robinson, Kris Pogroszewski, Lori Dunne, Sharon Meacham, Michelle Dyreng, Bryan Sullivan, Sandra Summers, Heidi Rasmussen, Lisle Dewey

Superintendent Ralph Squire was excused from the meeting.

RECOGNITION & ACHIEVEMENT

Academic All-State—Assistant Superintendent Trevor Powell presented the names of students who earned Academic All-State honors for spring sports. Board members commended these students for their dedication to both their programs and academic achievement.

Ash Grove Donation—Assistant Superintendent Trevor Powell presented information regarding a \$20,000 donation received by GVHS. Board members expressed their appreciation for the generous donation and its positive impact on the students of GVHS.

CUES Regional Art Show—Assistant Superintendent Trevor Powell presented the names of students who participated in the CUES Regional Art Show. Board members recognized these students for their artistic accomplishments.

CITIZEN DIALOGUE

None

BUSINESS ITEMS

Minutes—The Minutes of the April 15, 2026, Regular Board Meeting were presented for approval. After the discussion, David Warren moved to approve the minutes as written. Loni Hammond seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Warrants—Warrants #00035425 - #00035587 for \$1,507,518.98 were presented for approval. After the discussion, David Warren moved to approve the warrants as presented. Mark Olson seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Budget Report—Jake Hill, the Business Administrator, presented the Monthly Budget Report, which included a Year-To-Date Summary of Total Expenditures and Revenues. Business Administrator Hill reported that expenditures are tracking as expected and remain similar to last year, with salary increases reflecting the cost-of-living adjustment approved last year. He noted that the District will not be required to go through Truth in Taxation this year, marking the sixth consecutive year this has not been necessary. Mr. Hill is also in the process of drafting the budget for the upcoming year, which will be presented to the Board at a future meeting.

After the discussion, Mark Olson moved to approve the budget report as presented. Coleen Ogden seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Connor Thompson—Board President Connor Thompson confirmed that all graduation speeches had been assigned and that preparations were in place for the upcoming graduation ceremonies.

Loni Hammond—Board Member Loni Hammond attended Arts Night in Gunnison and expressed how impressed he was with the students' accomplishments. He also shared his appreciation for the educators whose support and guidance contributed to their success.

REPORTS

Counselor Reports

- **Manti High School**—Michael Robinson reported on the counseling efforts at MHS, highlighting work in the areas of attendance, career pathways, concurrent enrollment achievements, college application support, the Teen Center, tutoring services, scholarships, and Sterling Scholars. He also expressed appreciation for the partnership with Snow College and the positive impact it has on students.
- **Ephraim Middle School**—Michelle Dyreng reported on the counseling efforts at EMS, highlighting work in the areas of parent nights, assemblies, college visits, classroom lessons focused on resilience and stress management, the Teen Center, and student attendance and achievement.
- **Gunnison Valley Middle School**—Sharon Meacham reported on the counseling efforts at GVMS, highlighting improvements in RISE testing scores, which increased overall. She also discussed the contributions of the new assistant principal and math teacher, the school play that has engaged a large number of students, and the ongoing work of the Community Cares coalition.
- **Gunnison Valley High School**—Lori Dunne reported on the counseling efforts at GVHS, highlighting the progress of the Bulldog Pins program aimed at supporting student mental health, as well as developments in apprenticeship programs, IVC courses, and pathway achievements. She also discussed the implementation of a new, more student-centered registration process.

INFORMATION

New Hires—Assistant Superintendent Trevor Powell presented the list of new hires for the upcoming school year.

Administrative Policy Review—Board President Connor Thompson presented information on the monthly policy review conducted with school administrators. The April focus was Policy JH, Safe Schools.

High School Athletic Trainers—Assistant Superintendent Trevor Powell shared information regarding a proposal from IHC and discussions with Gunnison Valley Hospital regarding a potential athletic training partnership. He noted that additional information will be shared as it becomes available.

Construction Project Updates—Business Administrator Jake Hill provided updates on capital projects, including the EES and GVES building additions, MES entryway and kindergarten classroom remodels, upgrades to the old gyms at GVHS and MHS, carpet replacements in one hallway at MHS, construction of the GVHS baseball storage facility, and improvements to the Gunnison bus compound.

ACTION ITEMS

Technology Order—Business Administrator Jake Hill presented the full technology order for the upcoming school year, which will include the purchase of Macbook Neo's for high schools and some iPads to replace some older ones.

After discussion, David Warren moved to approve the purchase as presented. Coleen Ogden seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Manti Elementary Remodel—Business Administrator Jake Hill presented the MES remodel cost proposal.

After discussion, Mark Olson moved to approve the Manti Elementary Remodel Proposal as presented. David Warren seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Reading Program—Business Administrator Jake Hill presented the 5-year Reading Program materials proposal for the elementary schools. The elementary school principals, with input from coaches and teachers selected the reading program.

After discussion, Coleen Ogden moved to approve the Reading Program purchase as presented. Loni Hammond seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

MHS Press Box Remodel—Business Administrator Jake Hill presented the MHS Press Box Remodel. The work will be completed prior to the football season.

After discussion, Loni Hammond moved to approve MHS Press Box Remodel as presented. David Warren seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Policy JN School Fees—Business Administrator Jake Hill presented the updated School Fees policy with noted revisions.

After discussion, David Warren moved to approve Policy JN as presented. Mark Olson seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

2026-27 Fee Schedules & Spend Plans: Business Administrator Jake Hill presented the proposed 2026-27 fee schedule for second reading.

After discussion, David Warren accepted the 2026-27 fee schedule. Coleen Ogden seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

FY27 Employee Compensation Plan—Business Administrator Jake Hill presented the FY27 compensation plan for the upcoming year, highlighting a 4% increase to the salary schedule, the District's continued coverage of 100% of premium costs while absorbing the annual premium increase, full funding of steps and lanes, and support for Quality Teaching Days and Legislative Professional Hours.

After discussion, Mark Olson moved to approve the 2026-27 Compensation Plan as presented. Coleen Ogden seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

150 Mile/Overnight Requests—Superintendent Ralph Squire presented the following 150 Mile/Overnight Travel request:

School	Sport/Program	Date(s)	Destination	Reason	Travel
GVHS	Boys Golf	8/12-8/13/26	Evanston	Region Golf	Suburban
GVHS	Boys Basketball	6/15-6/18/26	Grand Junction	Camp	Bus
GVHS	Girls Basketball	6/22-6/24/26	Grand Junction	Camp	Bus
MHS	Girls Volleyball	6/22-6/24/26	Enterprise	Camp	Suburbans
MHS	Girls Volleyball	8/14-8/15/26	Snow Canyon High	Tournament	Suburbans

After discussion, Loni Hammond moved to approve the 150 Mile/Overnight Requests as presented. Coleen Ogden seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

School Land Trust Plan Approval—Assistant Superintendent Trevor Powell presented the Land Trust Plans for each school.

After discussion, David Warren moved to approve the School Land Trust Plans as presented. Coleen Ogden seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

School Board Meeting Schedule 2026-27—Board President Connor Thompson presented the School Board Meeting Schedule for the 2026-27 school year.

After discussion, David Warren moved to approve the 2026-27 School Board Meeting Schedule as presented. Mark Olson seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Motion for Closed Meeting—David Warren moved to adjourn into Closed Session at 4:56 PM to discuss items outlined in Utah Code, Section 52-4-5. The items were: the character and professional competence of several employees. Coleen Ogden seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the following Board Members voted in favor: Connor Thompson, Coleen Ogden, Mark Olson, Loni Hammond, and David Warren. Motion passed.

The following items were discussed in Closed Session: the character and professional competence of employees. Mark Olson moved to adjourn from Closed Session at 5:34 PM. David Warren seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the following Board Members voted aye: Connor Thompson, Coleen Ogden, David Warren, Loni Hammond, and Mark Olson. Motion passed.

Hire Recommendations—Mark Olson moved to approve the following individuals for employment.

1. New Teacher Recommendations

- a. None

2. Para-educator Recommendations

- a. None

3. Transfer Recommendations

- a. None

4. Other Hire Recommendations

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| a. Austin Crapo | Assistant High School Principal | MHS |
| b. Jordyn Cherry | Student Custodian | EMS |
| c. Sisilia Vakautakakala | Head Girls Volleyball Coach | MHS |
| d. Danny Wilkins | Substitute Bus Driver | D.O. |

5. Resignations/Retirement

- a. None

David Warren seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Adjourn

David Warren moved to adjourn the South Sanpete School Board Meeting. Loni Hammond seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting will be held on Monday, June 22, 2026, at 3:30 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 5:35 PM.

President

Business Administrator