

April 28, 2026 - Wasatch County School District Board of Education Meetings (Tuesday, April 28, 2026)

A. Study Session - 5:00 p.m.

Action: 1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m.

Action: 2. Board Member Roll Call

Members present

Board President, Kim Dickerson

Board Vice President, Cory Holmes

Board Member, Jake Collett

Board Member, Breanne Dedrickson

Board Member, Brad Ehlert

Superintendent, Dr. Garrick Peterson

Business Administrator, Dr. Jason Watt

Discussion: 1. District Policy Review

Student Services Director Dr. Eric Campbell reviewed updates made by the Policy Committee to the district complaint policy. Revisions focused primarily on improving consistency, organization, and readability for those navigating the complaint process. Dr. Campbell explained that additional work is still being completed on the accompanying complaint resolution request form before the policy is brought back as an action item.

Board members discussed timelines for submitting complaints and clarity surrounding response expectations.

Board Member Discussion & Questions:

- **Board Member Breanne Dedrickson** clarified that the policy applies to general complaints not otherwise addressed through existing policies related to discrimination, harassment, or Title IX matters.
- **Board Member Brad Ehlert** questioned the use of the word "must" regarding the 10-day complaint filing deadline and raised concerns about whether complaints submitted after the deadline could be denied. He also requested clarification regarding timelines for supervisor responses and when the response clock begins.
- **Dr. Campbell** explained that the intent was to encourage prompt reporting while still allowing flexibility when warranted.

Discussion, Information: 2. Wasatch Homebuilding Subdivision

CTE & CAPS Director Weston Broadbent and Wasatch Homebuilding Instructor Canyon Prusso presented staff housing survey data and discussed a potential long-term expansion of the district's homebuilding program. Survey results indicated increasing housing cost burdens among staff, declining rates of home ownership, and growing interest in affordable housing opportunities within Wasatch County. Administrators presented a conceptual proposal for a deed-restricted workforce housing subdivision adjacent to Timpanogos Middle School that could serve as a long-term educational site for the homebuilding program while creating attainable housing opportunities for educators. The proposed development would require county zoning changes and future infrastructure planning. No formal action was requested.

Board Member Discussion & Questions:

- **Board Member Brad Ehlert** requested clarification regarding survey data separating teachers from overall staff. He also expressed concern about permanent deed restrictions limiting educators' long-term ability to build wealth through home ownership and suggested exploring a possible sunset provision on deed restrictions after a designated number of years of district employment.
- **Board Member Breanne Dedrickson** asked questions regarding current program demand, the process used to identify eligible educator recipients, and whether the program would prioritize rentals or ownership

opportunities. She also emphasized the importance of ensuring district educational funds are not subsidizing private development costs.

- **Board Vice President Cory Holmes** asked questions regarding housing ratios, HOA requirements, development infrastructure costs, and the pace at which student-built homes could realistically be completed within the subdivision.
- **Board President Kim Dickerson** requested additional information regarding the overall development timeline, conceptual layout, and long-term implementation plan.
- Superintendent Dr. Garrick Peterson discussed whether reducing land costs and home size could help create more attainable ownership opportunities for educators.

Board members generally expressed interest in allowing staff to continue exploring the concept and working with county officials on preliminary approvals.

Discussion: 3. ADA Compliant Elementary Playground Turf

Maintenance Supervisor Zach Bredsguard and Director of Operations Shawn Kelly presented information regarding proposed ADA-accessible playground turf improvements at elementary schools. Staff explained that while existing bark surfaces meet minimum ADA standards, they remain difficult for students using wheelchairs or mobility devices to navigate.

Administrators reviewed a potential solution utilizing artificial turf with rubber underlayment to improve accessibility throughout entire playground areas. Estimated costs were discussed, along with maintenance considerations and long-term replacement needs.

Board Member Discussion & Questions:

- **Board Member Breanne Dedrickson** expressed support for improving accessibility and noted the importance of ensuring all students can fully participate in playground activities. She also asked about next steps and referenced the importance of developing a long-term district facilities strategy.
- **Board Member Brad Ehlert** asked questions regarding heat retention and maintenance differences between the proposed turf and existing athletic field turf systems.
- **Board Vice President Cory Holmes** requested estimated project costs and asked whether the district would ultimately be required to complete accessibility upgrades regardless of the selected material.
- Staff explained that the district anticipates bringing formal bids and phased implementation recommendations to the Board at a future meeting.

Discussion, Information: 4. Legislative Updates

Superintendent Dr. Garrick Peterson provided updates regarding recent state legislative changes impacting school districts, including new literacy requirements and the statewide bell-to-bell cell phone policy. Dr. Peterson explained that the new literacy legislation will require individualized reading plans for certain students and emphasized the importance of strong early literacy intervention efforts in kindergarten and first grade. He also discussed ongoing work to review implementation requirements for the new student cell phone restrictions and noted that district teams are gathering information from other districts currently implementing similar policies.

Board Member Discussion & Questions:

- **Board Member Breanne Dedrickson** asked clarifying questions regarding the timeline and assessment process connected to the new literacy requirements.
- Business Administrator Dr. Jason Watt noted that additional state board clarification is still expected regarding portions of the cell phone legislation.

B. Board of Education Meeting - 6:30 p.m.

1. Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM

Motion by Breanne Dedrickson, second by Jake Collett.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cory Holmes, Kimberly Dickerson, Brad Ehlert, Breanne Dedrickson, Jake Collett

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Board Member Roll Call

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C. Information/Celebration

Information: 1. National Library Month - Celebrate Wasatch Media Specialists

Elementary librarians from across the district presented student success stories demonstrating the impact of school libraries on literacy, belonging, confidence, language acquisition, and student engagement. Librarians highlighted how library programs support students academically and emotionally through personalized relationships, reading support, and enrichment opportunities.

Featured librarians and students included:

- **Blanca Howell – Daniels Canyon Elementary**
Shared the story of Jack, a student who found belonging, confidence, and friendship through the library environment.
- **Silvia Reina – Heber Valley Elementary**
Highlighted Mia Panda Diaz, a student who arrived from Peru and used books and library support to build English language skills and confidence.
- **Andrea Sluga – J.R. Smith Elementary**
Presented Anna Nava's story, focusing on language development, reading growth, and access to Spanish books.
- **Sally Baird – Midway Elementary**
Shared the story of Eli Hatch, a student who developed confidence and a love of reading through consistent library support and participation in Battle of the Books.
- **Melinda Korologos – Old Mill Elementary**
Highlighted Ellie Blazer's participation in spelling competitions and the ways library enrichment opportunities help students challenge themselves and grow academically.

The librarians also shared districtwide data demonstrating the instructional impact of elementary libraries, including weekly lessons in research skills, digital literacy, critical thinking, and reading instruction reaching nearly every elementary student in the district.

Board members expressed appreciation for the work of librarians and the role libraries play in student growth and school culture.

Board Member Discussion & Comments:

- **Board President Kim Dickerson** praised librarians for creating welcoming environments and emphasized that libraries are much more than book checkout spaces. She also referenced attending Battle of the Books competitions and applauded student engagement.

- **Board Member Breanne Dedrickson** thanked students and families for attending and noted the importance of helping students develop lifelong reading habits and safe learning spaces.
- **Board Member Brad Ehlert** complimented the enthusiasm and passion demonstrated by librarians and encouraged students to continue shaping their own stories and futures.

Action: 2. 2026–2027 Middle School Fee Review

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Action: 3. 2026–2027 High School Fee Review

Business Administrator Dr. Jason Watt reviewed proposed fee schedule updates for the upcoming school year.

Proposed changes included:

- *AP exam fee increases*
- *Increased material fees for AP 3D Art Studio*
- *Addition of an Intro to Gaming course fee*
- *Athletic participation fee increases*
- *Increased maximum student travel costs*

Dr. Watt also explained upcoming legislative changes affecting fee waiver procedures.

Board Member Discussion & Questions:

- **Board President Kim Dickerson** requested clarification regarding the district fee waiver process and how students unable to pay fees are accommodated.
- **Board Member Breanne Dedrickson** emphasized that course fees are directly tied to actual program costs and are not arbitrary charges. She also noted that parents can review detailed spend plans associated with fees.

Public comment period for fee schedules and general comments were opened and closed with no public comments received. Public comment will also be offered at the May 26, 2026 Board meeting, before the fee schedules are voted upon. They are currently out for Public Comment.

Introduction of Incoming Human Resources Director

Superintendent Dr. Garrick Peterson introduced incoming Human Resources Director Dr. Kevin Thomas and welcomed him and his wife Stephanie to the district leadership team. Dr. Thomas briefly shared his professional background and expressed excitement about joining Wasatch County School District.

Board Member Discussion & Comments:

- **Board President Kim Dickerson** formally welcomed Dr. Thomas to the district.

D. Community Comment

Procedural: 1. *In accordance with Utah Admin. Code R277-407-6, the Wasatch County School District Board of Education will hold public comment for consideration of the 2026-2027 fee schedules affecting Wasatch County Schools during the regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting. Public participation in the development of the fee schedules is encouraged. The comment sessions will be held on April 28, 2026 and May 26, 2026, at 6:30 PM in the Wasatch County School District Office, 101 E 200 N, Heber City, Utah.*

Discussion, Information: 2. *Public comments will be accepted for approximately twenty (20) minutes. Each speaker will be allowed a maximum of two (2) minutes.*

No community comment was made.

E. Consent Items

Action (Consent): 1. Consideration of Consent Items

Consideration and Approval of Consent Items

Motion by Breanne Dedrickson, second by Cory Holmes.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cory Holmes, Kimberly Dickerson, Brad Ehlert, Breanne Dedrickson, Jake Collett

Action (Consent): 2. School Land Trust Amendments

Consideration and Approval of the School Land Trust Amendments for J.R. Smith Elementary School and Old Mill Elementary School

Motion by Breanne Dedrickson, second by Cory Holmes.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cory Holmes, Kimberly Dickerson, Brad Ehlert, Breanne Dedrickson, Jake Collett

Action (Consent), Minutes: 3. School Board Meeting Minutes - March 24, 2026

Consideration and Approval of Board Meeting Minutes - March 24, 2026

Motion by Breanne Dedrickson, second by Cory Holmes.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cory Holmes, Kimberly Dickerson, Brad Ehlert, Breanne Dedrickson, Jake Collett

Action (Consent): 4. Deer Creek High School Change Orders

Consideration and Approval of Deer Creek High School Change Orders

Motion by Breanne Dedrickson, second by Cory Holmes.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cory Holmes, Kimberly Dickerson, Brad Ehlert, Breanne Dedrickson, Jake Collett

Action (Consent): 5. Deer Creek High School Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment

Consideration and Approval of April Change Orders for Deer Creek High School.

Motion by Breanne Dedrickson, second by Cory Holmes.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cory Holmes, Kimberly Dickerson, Brad Ehlert, Breanne Dedrickson, Jake Collett

Action (Consent): 6. Financials

Consideration and Approval of March 2026 Financials

Motion by Breanne Dedrickson, second by Cory Holmes.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cory Holmes, Kimberly Dickerson, Brad Ehlert, Breanne Dedrickson, Jake Collett

Action (Consent): 7. Employee New Hires

Consideration and Approval of Employee New Hires

Motion by Breanne Dedrickson, second by Cory Holmes.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cory Holmes, Kimberly Dickerson, Brad Ehlert, Breanne Dedrickson, Jake Collett

Action (Consent): 8. Employee Separations

Consideration and Approval of Employee Separations

Motion by Breanne Dedrickson, second by Cory Holmes.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cory Holmes, Kimberly Dickerson, Brad Ehlert, Breanne Dedrickson, Jake Collett

Action (Consent): 9. District Travel

Consideration and Approval of travel as included in the packet.

Motion by Breanne Dedrickson, second by Cory Holmes.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cory Holmes, Kimberly Dickerson, Brad Ehlert, Breanne Dedrickson, Jake Collett

Action (Consent): 10. School Choice Applications

Consideration and Approval of School Choice Applications

Motion by Breanne Dedrickson, second by Cory Holmes.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cory Holmes, Kimberly Dickerson, Brad Ehlert, Breanne Dedrickson, Jake Collett

Action (Consent): 11. Home School Affidavits

Consideration and Approval of Home School Affidavits

Motion by Breanne Dedrickson, second by Cory Holmes.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cory Holmes, Kimberly Dickerson, Brad Ehlert, Breanne Dedrickson, Jake Collett

F. Action Items

Action: 1. Consideration to Approve the Partial Roof Replacement at Wasatch High School - Zach Bredsguard, Maintenance Supervisor

Facilities Supervisor Zach Bredsguard presented a proposal for Phase One roof replacement work at Wasatch High School. Due to bids coming in significantly under budget, staff proposed expanding the project scope to include additional roof sections this summer. The Board approved the bid from Heritage Roofing in the amount of \$407,890.

Board Member Discussion & Questions:

- **Board Member Jake Collett** asked for clarification regarding how much of the building would be completed under the revised project scope.
- **Board Member Breanne Dedrickson** asked about current leak conditions, remaining roof concerns, and project scheduling impacts on students.
- **Board President Kim Dickerson** asked whether the project could now likely be completed in two years instead of three.
- **Superintendent Dr. Garrick Peterson** emphasized the importance of maintaining Wasatch High School facilities as Deer Creek High School opens.

Motion by Cory Holmes, second by Breanne Dedrickson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cory Holmes, Kimberly Dickerson, Brad Ehlert, Breanne Dedrickson, Jake Collett

Action: 2. Consideration to Approve Tennis Court Resurfacing at Wasatch High School - Zach Bredsguard, Maintenance Supervisor

Staff presented a proposal to resurface the Wasatch High School tennis courts due to aging surfaces and deterioration. The Board approved the bid from Spencer Hill Concrete and Company for \$51,480.

Board Member Discussion & Questions:

- **Board Member Brad Ehlert** asked whether future pickleball striping could be added to the courts.
- **Board Member Breanne Dedrickson** requested explanation regarding the need for resurfacing and current court conditions.
- **Board Member Brad Ehlert** also asked about community access and public use of the tennis courts.
- **Operations Director Shawn Kelly** explained that the district currently allows significant community access while prioritizing school use.

Motion by Brad Ehlert, second by Breanne Dedrickson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cory Holmes, Kimberly Dickerson, Brad Ehlert, Breanne Dedrickson, Jake Collett

Action: 3. Consideration to Approve Asphalt Maintenance - Zach Bredsguard, Maintenance Supervisor

Facilities staff presented proposed slurry seal maintenance projects for Midway Elementary, Old Mill Elementary, the Transportation Department, and the district office parking lots. The Board approved the contract with Morgan Pavement for \$91,826.80.

Board Member Discussion & Questions:

- **Board Member Breanne Dedrickson** requested clarification regarding what slurry seal maintenance involves.
- **Board Vice President Cory Holmes** asked whether Morgan Pavement had previously completed similar district projects.
- **Staff** noted the project came in significantly under budget.

Motion by Brad Ehlert, second by Jake Collett.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cory Holmes, Kimberly Dickerson, Brad Ehlert, Breanne Dedrickson, Jake Collett

Action: 4. Consideration to Approve the Lease of Apple Devices for K-8 - Dustin Miller, Director of Technology

Technology Director Dustin Miller presented a proposed four-year Apple device lease to support district one-to-one technology needs for grades K–8. The Board approved the revised lease amount of \$2,011,970.48.

Board Member Discussion & Questions:

- **Board Member Brad Ehlert** identified a discrepancy between the quoted lease amount and total repayment amount due to financing costs.
- **Board Member Jake Collett** amended his original motion to reflect the corrected total lease amount.

Motion by Jake Collett, second by Brad Ehlert.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cory Holmes, Kimberly Dickerson, Brad Ehlert, Breanne Dedrickson, Jake Collett

Action: 5. Consideration to Approve the Purchase of Cargo Trailers for the High Schools - Shawn Kelly, Director of Operations

Operations Director Shawn Kelly presented proposals to purchase two used cargo trailers and one new trailer for district and high school program use. The Board approved:

- Purchase of two used trailers for \$14,000
- Purchase of one new trailer from Mountain West Trailers for \$13,640.97

Board Member Discussion & Questions:

- **Board Member Breanne Dedrickson** requested clarification regarding how to structure the motions for the separate trailer purchases.
- Staff explained the district's intent to move away from prior advertising agreements tied to the trailers.

Motion by Breanne Dedrickson, second by Brad Ehlert.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cory Holmes, Kimberly Dickerson, Brad Ehlert, Breanne Dedrickson, Jake Collett

2nd Vote - Motion by Breanne Dedrickson, second by Brad Ehlert.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cory Holmes, Kimberly Dickerson, Brad Ehlert, Breanne Dedrickson, Jake Collett

Action: 6. Consideration to Approve the Wasatch High School Football Field Lighting Upgrade - Shawn Kelly, Director of Operations

Operations Director Shawn Kelly presented a proposal to upgrade Wasatch High School stadium lighting to LED systems comparable to Deer Creek High School facilities. The Board approved the lighting upgrade bid from Codale for \$387,261.

Board Member Discussion & Questions:

- **Board Member Brad Ehlert** asked about the advantages of LED lighting compared to the current system.
- **Board Member Breanne Dedrickson** asked questions regarding infrastructure replacement, energy efficiency, demand savings, and budget priorities compared to roofing needs.
- **Board Vice President Cory Holmes** asked about current lighting standards and whether the existing system still met requirements.
- **Board President Kim Dickerson** asked about differences spectators would notice between the current system and new LED systems.
- Staff explained the upgrades would improve lighting quality, reduce neighborhood light spill, lower demand charges, and modernize automation capabilities.

Motion by Kimberly Dickerson, second by Jake Collett.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cory Holmes, Kimberly Dickerson, Brad Ehlert, Breanne Dedrickson, Jake Collett

Action: 7. Consideration to Approve the FY27 Teacher and Student Support Program (TSSP) and School Land Trust Plans - Stephanie Discher, Director of Elementary Education

Elementary Education Director Stephanie Discher presented the annual Teacher and Student Success Program (TSSP) and School Land Trust plans for all schools. Plans include academic goals, staffing support, intervention resources, professional development, and behavioral support initiatives. The Board approved the plans for the 2026–27 school year.

Board Member Discussion & Questions:

- **Board Member Brad Ehlert** requested future documents include explanations for commonly used educational acronyms to improve readability for board members and the public.
- *Ms. Discher agreed to include additional clarification in future reports.*

Motion by Brad Ehlert, second by Breanne Dedrickson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cory Holmes, Kimberly Dickerson, Brad Ehlert, Breanne Dedrickson, Jake Collett

G. Board Report

Discussion, Information: 1. Updates/Information

Board members shared updates from various committees and district activities. Topics included:

- *Legislative changes impacting MTECH board representation*
- *CAPS student mock interviews and professional readiness*
- *Scholarship selection through the Wasatch Education Foundation*
- *Participation in the San Antonio NSBA conference and board professional development experiences*

Board Member Discussion & Comments:

- **Board Member Breanne Dedrickson** reported on legislative concerns regarding MTECH board representation changes and discussed adult education programming at the jail.
- **Board Member Jake Collett** highlighted positive experiences participating in CAPS student mock interviews and praised student professionalism.
- **Board President Kim Dickerson** discussed scholarship review experiences and praised student resumes, essays, and accomplishments.
- **Board Member Brad Ehlert** reflected positively on the NSBA conference and expressed confidence in the district's direction compared to other districts.

H. Superintendent Report

Information: 1. Updates/Information

Superintendent Dr. Garrick Peterson reflected on the importance of community partnerships, school trust lands, WPN involvement, the Wasatch Education Foundation, and collaborative district efforts supporting students and educators. He emphasized the strength of community engagement and appreciation for educators throughout the district.

I. Adjournment

Action, Procedural: 1. Adjourn Meeting

Motion by Breanne Dedrickson, second by Jake Collett.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cory Holmes, Kimberly Dickerson, Brad Ehlert, Breanne Dedrickson, Jake Collett

J. Executive Session

Action: 1. An Executive Session may be convened following the board meeting, as permitted under Utah Code § 52-4-205, to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual; the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property; collective bargaining; and pending or reasonably imminent litigation.