

May 26, 2026 - Wasatch County School District Board of Education Meetings (Tuesday, May 26, 2026)

A. Site Tour - 5:00 p.m.

Information: 1. Deer Creek High School - 901 West Riverhawk Road, Heber City, UT
Prior to the regular Board meeting, Board members toured Deer Creek High School and received a construction progress update from representatives of Westland Construction. During the tour, Board members observed significant progress throughout the facility, including completion of the front office areas, which are now ready for occupancy and staff move-in. The Board also toured the athletic facilities and received an update on preparations for the school's inaugural athletic season. Construction representatives reported that fall athletic teams are expected to begin practicing at the facility the following week, marking a significant milestone as the district prepares to welcome students to Deer Creek High School in August. Board members expressed appreciation for the progress being made and the continued efforts of contractors and district staff to ensure the building remains on schedule for the opening of the 2026–2027 school year.

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

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

Action: 1. 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

C. Information/Celebration

Discussion, Information: 1. Emergence Arts Awards

Representatives from the Wasatch Parent Network, Nealy Riley and Amy Taylor, presented the winners of the 2026 Emergence Art Contest. Ms. Riley recognized the contest's community partners and sponsors, including the Wasatch Arts Council, Wasatch Community Foundation, Heber Valley Life Magazine, Wasatch County School District, Wasatch Parent Network, and Wasatch CAPS for their support of the annual program.

This year's contest theme, "The America Story: Celebrating 250 Years," was selected in recognition of the upcoming 250th anniversary of the United States. Ms. Riley noted that students submitted a wide variety of creative and patriotic entries reflecting their personal interpretations of America's history, values, landmarks, heritage, and future. Artwork was evaluated based on composition, artistic skill, creativity, and accompanying artist statements.

Student winners from elementary, middle, and high school grade bands were recognized and invited to share their artwork and artist statements with the Board. Themes represented in the winning pieces

included patriotism, family heritage, national parks, agriculture, diversity, freedom, service, leadership, and the American West.

Board members and Superintendent Peterson congratulated the students and thanked the Wasatch Parent Network for organizing the annual competition. Board members commented on the creativity, talent, and unique perspectives represented in the artwork and expressed appreciation for the way students used art to tell stories about America and their own experiences. Superintendent Peterson noted the remarkable artistic talent found throughout the Wasatch community and congratulated students on being selected from among many outstanding entries.

Contest organizers announced that the winning artwork will be displayed at the Wasatch County Library during the summer before becoming part of the permanent student art collection displayed at the Wasatch County School District Office.

Action: 2. 2026–2027 Middle School Fee Review

Dr. Jason Watt, Business Administrator, presented the proposed 2026–2027 middle school fee schedule for Timpanogos Middle School and Rocky Mountain Middle School. Dr. Watt explained that no changes were proposed to the current fee schedule for the upcoming school year. The review was conducted as part of the public process required prior to Board consideration and approval. Board members acknowledged that the fee schedule had been available for public review and that written comments submitted by patrons had been received and reviewed. The Board discussed the importance of maintaining transparency regarding student fees and ensuring continued access to fee waivers and financial assistance programs for eligible families.

Action: 3. 2026–2027 High School Fee Review

Dr. Jason Watt reviewed the proposed 2026–2027 high school fee schedules for Wasatch High School and Deer Creek High School. He outlined several proposed adjustments, including increases associated with Advanced Placement (AP) testing costs, a fee for a new Intro to Gaming course, adjustments to travel-related fee limits, and increases to football and athletic participation fees to offset rising costs associated with officials and game management. Dr. Watt also clarified that the student activity card fee would remain unchanged at \$25. Board members discussed written public comments received regarding school fees and emphasized the availability of fee waivers and additional support for families experiencing financial hardship. Board Member Breanne Dedrickson encouraged families to work directly with school administrators if cost presents a barrier to participation, noting the district's commitment to ensuring students have access to educational and extracurricular opportunities regardless of financial circumstances. The Board also discussed the connection between fees and the specific materials, services, and experiences they support.

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.

No individuals addressed the Board during the public hearing regarding the proposed 2026–2027 fee schedules. Board Member Breanne Dedrickson noted that written comments had been submitted electronically and reviewed by Board members prior to the meeting. The public hearing was subsequently closed.

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

Seven individuals addressed the Board during general community comment.

- ***Shelia Johnston***, a teacher at Timpanogos Middle School, expressed appreciation for the Board's support of educators through competitive compensation, health insurance benefits, sick leave policies, and employee wellness supports. She shared personal experiences utilizing

district benefits during a serious health challenge and emphasized the connection between supporting teachers and supporting students.

- **Brian M.**, a Wasatch High School senior, shared concerns regarding the district's valedictorian selection process. He encouraged continued discussion regarding weighted GPA practices and academic recognition, noting that students who pursue more rigorous coursework may not always be distinguished from those taking less challenging courses. He expressed appreciation for previous conversations with district staff and offered to assist in future discussions.
- **Lana Wright**, a Midway resident and educator, thanked the Board for its continued investment in teacher compensation, employee benefits, and family-friendly policies, including maternity leave. She emphasized the positive impact these efforts have on employee morale, recruitment, retention, and student success.
- **Erika Knight**, a teacher at Midway Elementary School and recent Distinguished Educator recipient, expressed appreciation for the Board's service and support of teachers and students. She thanked Board members for their involvement in recognizing educator accomplishments and for their commitment to public education.
- **Ryan Brown**, Principal of Wasatch Learning Academy, thanked the Board for fostering a culture of professional growth and continuous improvement. He highlighted district leadership's encouragement of innovation and collaboration among educators and noted the positive impact this culture has on student learning.
- **Dave McNaughtan**, Principal of Daniels Canyon Elementary School, expressed appreciation for the Board's commitment to employee compensation and district culture. Drawing on experiences working in multiple districts, he praised the collaborative approach to negotiations and thanked the Board for its trust and support of educators and administrators.
- **Brooke Mair**, a teacher at Timpanogos Middle School, shared appreciation for the support she has received throughout her career in Wasatch County School District. She thanked the Board for providing benefits and professional support that allow educators to focus on serving students and supporting their own families.

Board members and Superintendent Peterson thanked participants for their comments and expressed appreciation for the dedication and service of district employees. Discussion also included responses to Mr. Moore's comments regarding valedictorian recognition and continued efforts to support students and staff.

E. Consent Items

Action (Consent): 1. Consideration of Consent Items

Consideration and Approval of Consent Items E 2. - E10.

Motion by Breanne Dedrickson, second by Brad Ehlert.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action (Consent), Minutes: 2. School Board Meeting Minutes -April 28, 2026

Consideration and Approval of School Board Meeting Minutes -April 28, 2026.

Motion by Breanne Dedrickson, second by Brad Ehlert.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action (Consent): 3. Deer Creek High School Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment

Consideration and Approval of Deer Creek High School Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment.

Motion by Breanne Dedrickson, second by Brad Ehlert.

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 Brad Ehlert.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action (Consent): 5. Homeschool Affidavits

Consideration and Approval of Homeschool affidavits.

Motion by Breanne Dedrickson, second by Brad Ehlert.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action (Consent): 6. School Choice Applications

Consideration and Approval of School Choice Applications.

Motion by Breanne Dedrickson, second by Brad Ehlert.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action (Consent): 7. Financials

Consideration and Approval of April Financials.

Motion by Breanne Dedrickson, second by Brad Ehlert.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action (Consent): 8. Employee New Hires

Consideration and Approval of Employee New Hires.

Motion by Breanne Dedrickson, second by Brad Ehlert.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action (Consent): 9. Employee Separations

Consideration and Approval of Employee Separations.

Motion by Breanne Dedrickson, second by Brad Ehlert.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action (Consent): 10. District Travel

Consideration and Approval of District Travel.

Motion by Breanne Dedrickson, second by Brad Ehlert.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

F. Action Items

Action: 1. Consideration to Approve the 2026–2027 High School Fee Schedule (Wasatch High School/Deer Creek High School) - Dr. Jason Watt, Business Administrator

Dr. Watt presented the final proposed fee schedule for Wasatch High School and Deer Creek High School. Following discussion regarding fee waivers, public feedback, and proposed adjustments, the Board approved the fee schedule as presented.

Motion by Brad Ehlert, second by Cory Holmes.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action: 2. Consideration to Approve the 2026–2027 Middle School Fee Schedule (Timpanogos Middle School/Rocky Mountain Middle School) - Dr. Jason Watt, Business Administrator

Dr. Watt presented the proposed middle school fee schedule, noting no changes from the previous year. The Board approved the fee schedule as presented.

Motion by Brad Ehlert, second by Jake Collett.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action: 3. Consideration to Approve the Safety Vision School Bus Camera System and Installation - Adam Hagan, Transportation Supervisor

Transportation Director Adam Hagan presented a proposal to upgrade the district's school bus camera systems. Mr. Hagan explained that the current systems are outdated, consisting of only two interior cameras and requiring staff to physically remove hard drives to retrieve footage. The proposed Safety Vision system includes eight cameras per bus, exterior cameras capable of documenting stop-arm violations, wireless uploading capabilities, and improved video quality to enhance student and driver safety. The Board approved the purchase and installation of Safety Vision camera systems and related software for approximately \$101,085.

Board Member Discussion & Questions:

- Board Vice President Cory Holmes requested clarification regarding the total project cost and the various components included in the proposal.
- Board President Kim Dickerson requested clarification regarding the motion language and encouraged staff to provide written motions for complex purchases in the future.
- Board Member Jake Collett asked how many buses would receive the upgraded systems and what the long-term implementation plan would be.
- Mr. Hagan explained that the project would upgrade 15 additional buses, bringing the total number of buses with the new system to 19 of the district's 52 buses.
- Board Member Breanne Dedrickson asked whether the increased project cost would impact other capital projects and how buses were prioritized for upgrades.
- Business Administrator Dr. Jason Watt explained that the additional cost could be absorbed within the capital projects budget.
- Mr. Hagan explained that newer buses are prioritized because they will remain in service longer and noted that future upgrades are planned over approximately three years.
- Board members expressed support for the enhanced safety features, including stop-arm violation monitoring, improved video access, and more efficient retrieval of footage when incidents occur.

Motion by Cory Holmes, 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 TeachTown enCORE Resource for Secondary Learning Lab Students - Claire Mair, Director of Special Education

Special Education Director Clair Mair presented a proposal to purchase the TeachTown enCORE curriculum resource for secondary Learning Lab students. Mrs. Mair explained that Learning Lab teachers provide instruction across multiple grade levels and content areas, requiring significant time to locate and adapt instructional materials aligned to state standards. After evaluating options for several years, the district identified TeachTown enCORE as a resource that aligns with Utah standards while providing comprehensive instructional materials, assessments, and supports for students with significant disabilities. The Board approved the purchase of TeachTown enCORE for \$89,293.88.

Board Member Discussion & Questions:

- Mrs. Mair explained that the first-year cost includes curriculum materials, books, manipulatives, and implementation resources for students at both middle schools and high schools.
- Board Member Breanne Dedrickson asked how the program differs from traditional curriculum resources and what makes it particularly beneficial for Learning Lab students.
- Mrs. Mair explained that the curriculum incorporates evidence-based behavioral supports and Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) strategies directly into academic instruction, helping students navigate challenging tasks while remaining engaged in learning.
- Mrs. Mair noted that the program provides teachers with consistent instructional resources, allowing them to spend more time working directly with students rather than developing materials.
- Board members expressed support for providing specialized resources that better meet the needs of students receiving significant academic and behavioral support services.

Motion by Breanne Dedrickson, second by Kimberly Dickerson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action: 5. Consideration to Approve Playground Surfacing for Daniels Canyon Elementary and Old Mill Elementary - Zach Bredsguard, Maintenance Supervisor

Maintenance Supervisor Zach Bredsguard presented a proposal to install artificial turf playground surfacing with rubber safety padding at Daniels Canyon Elementary and Old Mill Elementary. Mr. Bredsguard reported that two bids were requested and recommended approval of the Rocky Mountain Turf proposal for \$154,000. He noted that combining both projects resulted in a discounted price due to shared mobilization costs. The Board approved the bid from Rocky Mountain Turf for \$154,000.

Board Member Discussion & Questions:

- Board Vice President Cory Holmes highlighted that combining the projects resulted in cost savings for the district.

- Board President Kim Dickerson asked for an update regarding the district's long-term plan for playground surfacing improvements at other elementary schools.
- Mr. Bredsguard explained that the district has discussed completing the projects in phases and that future timelines will depend on Board direction and available funding.
- Board Member Breanne Dedrickson shared that she had received positive feedback from both teachers and community members following the study session discussion, particularly regarding the district's phased approach to evaluating and improving playground surfacing.
- Mr. Bredsguard noted that funding was available within existing capital budgets, allowing the projects to move forward during the summer construction season.

Motion by Cory Holmes, second by Breanne Dedrickson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action: 6. Consideration to Approve the Licensed Employees Negotiations Agreement for 2026-2027 - Dr. Eric Campbell, HR/Student Support

District administration presented negotiated agreements for Licensed Employees, Education Support Professionals, Supervisors, and Administrators for the 2026–2027 fiscal year. The agreements included funding for salary schedule step movement, a 4% cost-of-living adjustment, continued district-paid health and dental insurance benefits for eligible employees, and continued retirement sick leave compensation provisions. The Board approved each agreement as presented.

Board Member Discussion & Questions:

- Earlier in the meeting, several teachers and administrators expressed appreciation for the district's commitment to employee compensation, benefits, insurance coverage, and overall workplace culture.
- Superintendent Dr. Garrick Peterson and Board members discussed the district's collaborative approach to negotiations and the importance of maintaining a culture that supports educators and staff.
- Board Member Breanne Dedrickson stated that the Board's focus throughout negotiations was determining "how much can we give" while remaining fiscally responsible and sustainable for taxpayers.
- Board members emphasized the importance of attracting and retaining high-quality employees and recognized the positive impact educators and support staff have on students throughout the district.
- Board members thanked employees for their dedication and reaffirmed their commitment to supporting staff through competitive compensation and benefits.

Motion by Kimberly Dickerson, second by Cory Holmes.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action: 7. Consideration to Approve the Education Support Professionals Employees Negotiations Agreement for 2026-2027 - Dr. Eric Campbell, HR/Student Support

Recommendation that the Board approve the FY 2026–27 Education Support Professionals Employees Negotiations Agreement

Motion by Breanne Dedrickson, second by Jake Collett.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action: 8. Consideration to Approve the Supervisor Employees Negotiations Agreement for 2026-2027 - Dr. Eric Campbell, HR/Student Support

Recommendation that the Board approve the FY 2026–27 Supervisor Employees Negotiations Agreement

Motion by Jake Collett, second by Cory Holmes.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action: 9. Consideration to Approve the Administrative Employees Negotiations Agreement for 2026-2027 - Dr. Eric Campbell, HR/Student Support

Recommendation that the Board approve the FY 2026–27 Administrative Employees Negotiations Agreement

Motion by Cory Holmes, second by Jake Collett.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

G. Board Report

Information: 1. Updates/Information

Board members shared observations and updates related to recent district events, school visits, and end-of-year activities. Members reflected on the strong culture within the district and expressed appreciation for students, employees, and community members who contributed to a successful school year. Board members also commented on upcoming graduation activities and recognized the accomplishments of the Class of 2026.

Board Member Discussion & Comments:

- *Board President Kim Dickerson expressed appreciation for the educators, administrators, and support staff who addressed the Board during public comment and noted the positive impact their feedback had on Board members.*
- *Board Vice President Cory Holmes reflected on student achievement and encouraged graduating seniors to recognize the long-term value of challenging themselves academically and personally.*
- *Board Member Breanne Dedrickson thanked employees for their partnership and emphasized the Board's commitment to supporting staff while remaining fiscally responsible.*
- *Board Member Brad Ehlert shared appreciation for district employees and noted the strong support teachers and staff receive from the community.*
- *Board Member Jake Collett reflected on the importance of service, sacrifice, and meaningful work, expressing gratitude for the dedication employees demonstrate in support of students.*
- *Board members collectively expressed excitement for graduation, scholarship recognition events, and the completion of another successful school year.*

H. Superintendent Report

Information: 1. Updates/Information

Superintendent Dr. Garrick Peterson provided updates on district initiatives and reflected on the culture of continuous improvement that exists throughout the district. He expressed appreciation for students, employees, and community members who contribute to student success and highlighted the importance of maintaining a culture where educators feel empowered to innovate, collaborate, and continually improve instructional practices.

Superintendent Discussion & Comments:

- *Dr. Peterson addressed comments regarding valedictorian recognition and thanked student Brian Moore for sharing his perspective. He noted that district leadership is always willing to examine current practices and consider opportunities for improvement.*
- *Dr. Peterson highlighted feedback recently received from visiting educators outside Utah, noting that they observed a unique culture within Wasatch County School District characterized by openness, collaboration, and a shared commitment to improvement.*
- *He emphasized that the district's culture is built on the belief that educators can make a meaningful difference in student learning and that continuous reflection and growth are essential to student success.*
- *Dr. Peterson thanked teachers, administrators, support staff, and Board members for helping create an environment where employees feel valued and supported.*
- *He expressed appreciation for the commitment employees demonstrate each day and encouraged staff to continue building on the district's tradition of collaboration and excellence.*

I. Adjournment

Action, Procedural: 1. Adjourn Meeting

Motion by Brad Ehlert, second by Jake Collett.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

J. Executive Session

Action: 1. Section 52-4-5 of the Open Meetings Act identifies the topics that may be discussed in a closed meeting. Discussion to purchase, exchange or lease of real property; character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual; pending or reasonably imminent litigation; and or collective bargaining.