

TINTIC SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES – FEBRUARY 2026 MEETING

Date: February 23, 2026
Time: 3:30 p.m.
Location: Tintic School District Offices
Eureka, UT

The meeting of the Tintic Board of Education was called to order by President Rowley at 3:30 p.m. President Rowley called the roll which indicated the following Board members were in attendance:

Members Present:

Jeana Rowley	President
Lyndsay Garbett	Member
Jessica Nielsen	Member
Greg Thornock	Superintendent
Jeremy Snell	Business Administrator

Members Excused:	Ryan Despain	Vice President
	Jordan Grimstead	Member

Work Session

Prior to the Board of Education meeting, the Members of the Board met in a Board Work Session from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., in which the following items were reviewed and discussed:

Consent Agenda Review

Minutes:	January 26, 2026 Meeting Minutes
Warrants:	January #00011432 to #00011500

There were no questions regarding the minutes.

Mr. Jeremy Snell, Business Administrator, discussed various warrants from the January check register. President Rowley asked regarding payment to Aegix Global. Mr. Snell and Superintendent Thornock explained this company provides security software. Member Garbett asked regarding payment to Lake Philgas. Mr. Snell stated the West Desert schools obtain their propane from this company. There were no further questions regarding the warrants.

Reports

Mr. Bill Hansen, Maintenance Director, reported on several projects that have been completed or are in the process of completion including: the remodel of the old District Office area for Maintenance Director and Technician offices, concrete at Eureka Elementary raised to eliminate trip hazards, concrete sidewalk at the West Desert campus completed, bid accepted for bleacher installation at Tintic High School, re-issuing the RFP for bids on the Eureka Elementary school roof, gathering bids for air conditioning installation in the Tintic High school gymnasium,

auditorium, and band room, as well as the kitchen remodel at West Desert High school. President Rowley thanked Mr. Hansen for his report.

Board Development

President Rowley suggested that board members work together on Master Board training during the work session portion of the meeting. Member Garbett stated that there would not be enough time. President Rowley stated she would like to discuss several policies during each work session.

Board members discussed their professional development reading assignment from the book *The Governance Core 2.0: School Boards, Superintendents, and Schools Working Together*.

Member Nielsen stated she will be getting a digital map of the new voting districts and put it in the shared board documents. Member Nielsen reported attending both of her committee meetings.

Member Garbett stated she was not able to attend the West Desert Trustland Committee meeting.

President Rowley stated that for the next meeting she would like to have discussion on items from the USBA conference to work toward as a board, and have each board member report on one policy from their assigned section as to how it applies to the district. President Rowley stated that evaluation tools are available in the board handbook and should be reviewed to provide insight for the upcoming board evaluation process. President Rowley reminded board members of upcoming events in March.

Superintendent Report

Superintendent Thornock stated he attends the Eureka Town Recreation Committee meetings as it benefits our schools to be able to have fundraising booths at town events.

Superintendent Thornock stated that the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) has dissolved and that community members are working to create a new one. Superintendent Thornock explained that the district does not oversee or manage the PTO.

Superintendent Thornock reported attending Capital Expenditure Planning meetings to discuss needed projects, costs, and time frames to better know which grants to apply for. Superintendent Thornock explained that the West Desert High school kitchen remodel will need to be completed by June 30, 2026 to comply with grant requirements.

Superintendent Thornock reported he is applying for outdoor teaching grants.

Mr. Snell stated that the bleacher project bid came in lower than was expected so they have been discussing ways to use the extra funds.

Superintendent Thornock reported he has been attending legislative sessions.

Superintendent Thornock stated that Central Utah Educational Services has a new Executive Director, Mr. Andy Peterson, who will be visiting all of the districts they service, with his main interest in those teachers participating in the APPEL program as an alternative route to licensure.

Superintendent Thornock explained that there is a reported measles outbreak in Utah, but there are no reported cases at any of the district's schools. Superintendent Thornock stated that in the event of a case at one of the district's schools, guidelines from the health department will be

followed.

Superintendent Thornock reported that the district office staff is in the process of reviewing and improving the leave policy and process for classified employees.

Superintendent Thornock stated that the closing institute staff appreciation event is scheduled for May 8, 2026 and more details will follow.

Superintendent Thornock stated that the Juab Local Interagency Council meeting that will be held in the Tintic School District board room will be on April 14, 2026 and encouraged board members to attend.

Superintendent Thornock asked for support from the board to create a policy to guide the administrators in accepting or denying and dealing with out-of-district behavioral students, and explained he has been working with legal council to generate the policy wording.

President Rowley reported that Member Despain will be presenting information regarding the Portrait of a Graduate at the next board meeting.

Regular Meeting

Call to Order and Recognition of Guests

President Rowley called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Member Nielsen led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Reports

Mrs. Karen Kramer, Elementary Schools Principal, presented information regarding elementary school data on student achievement from last school year and stated she is pleased with the student's growth and progress from the beginning of the year compared to the end of the school year. Mrs. Kramer stated the teachers really value and can see results from the math and reading curriculum being used with the students.

Mrs. Jennica Beckstrom, Secondary Schools Principal, presented information regarding high school data on student achievement and teacher assessment from last school year. Mrs. Beckstrom stated she is seeing improvement in students, teacher clarity, and attendance.

3. Board Communications

Board members discussed attending the following activities:

Eureka Elementary School Valentine Candy grams

Tintic High School Junior Play

Tintic High School Boys and Girls Basketball games

4. Public Comments

Mrs. Kayla Atherley, concerned parent, expressed concern with the inappropriate content in the super bowl halftime show being shown to high school students, a book being read by the 9th grade students entitled *The Hate You Give*, and the Junior Class play that was performed in November of 2025. Mrs. Atherley questioned why students are still being subjected to this

inappropriate content when complaints were made back in November about the play.

Mr. Corbin Atherley, concerned Tintic High School student, distributed copies of the lyrics to the music played during the super bowl halftime show that was shown to students for the board members to read to show the inappropriateness of the content.

Mr. Mark Rowley, concerned parent, stated that he has visited classrooms and found he is impressed with the learning happening. Mr. Rowley expressed appreciation for the bus drivers and the Board President and her education. Mr. Rowley stated his support of Mrs. Atherley and the others in their concerns and stated he hopes there are higher expectations put in place.

Mrs. Natalie Norman, concerned parent, expressed concern regarding a book being read in the 9th grade English class entitled *The Hate You Give*, stating that the parent should be the one to decide when their child is exposed to adult content. Mrs. Norman stated she has visited with the school principal and believes that action is being taken to remedy the issues.

Superintendent Thornock expressed his appreciation for those that voiced their concerns and stated that investigations and disciplinary actions are taking place.

5. Unfinished Business

President Rowley reviewed with board members the information that will be sent to all board members to consider and decide on the reading assignment to be discussed at the next board meeting and the possibility of rearranging agenda items to allow time for longer book discussions.

6. Action Items

Consent Agenda

Member Nielsen offered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Member Garbett seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. Motion carried with all members present voting unanimously.

Approval of 2026-2027 School Fees

Member Nielsen offered a motion to approve the 2026-2027 School Fees as presented. Member Garbett seconded the motion. Board members discussed the school fees, concluding that not all students will pay the maximum fees, depending on their level of participation, but will not pay more than the dollar amount listed. Board members were reassured by school administrators that parents and students will receive communication regarding fees at school registration as well as before the activity or season begins. Member Nielsen asked regarding cheer uniforms and the dress code. Mrs. Jennica Beckstrom, Secondary Schools Principal, stated that cheer uniforms will follow the dress code starting in the upcoming school year. There was no further discussion. Motion carried with all members present voting unanimously.

10. Executive Session

Motion to adjourn to Closed Executive Session to review and discuss the character and professional competence of individuals, as provided for in Utah Code § 52-4-205(1)(a) was offered by Member Nielsen, seconded by Member Garbett with the voting as follows:

Member Garbett Aye

Member Nielsen Aye

Motion to return the meeting to a Regular Session was offered by Member Nielsen, seconded by Member Garbett, with the voting as follows:

Member Garbett Aye

Member Nielsen Aye

Time of the Closed Executive Session was from 4:22 p.m. to 5:40 p.m.

I, Jeana Rowley, certify that I am the member of the Board of Education for the Tintic School District who presided at the closed meeting of the Board of Education held on February 23, 2026. I hereby affirm, pursuant to Utah Code §52-4-206(6), that the sole purpose of holding this closed meeting was to discuss the character and professional competence of individuals, or physical or mental health of an individual.

Attest:



Jeana Rowley
Board President

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Tintic School District Board of Education will be held on March 16, 2026 at 3:30 p.m. at the Tintic School District Office, 545 E. Main Street, Eureka, Utah 84628.

Minutes submitted by:

Jeremy Snell
Business Administrator