Garfield School District

# Garfield County School District Board Meeting
Garfield County Courthouse, 55 S Main St., Panguitch, UT 84759
Monday, June 15, 2026

## I. Regular Board Meeting

### I.A. Tour Panguitch High School
The Board met and toured PHS to discuss the status of the building and scope of projects needed in the future.

### I.B. Welcome
The meeting was called to order at 12:00 at PHS, and recording for the portion at the Courthouse began at 2:20 PM. All board members were present, including Ralph Perkins, April Lefevre, Curtis Barney, Myron Cottam, and Jared Brems. Superintendent John Dodds and Business Administrator Lane Mecham were also present.

## II. Consent Agenda Items
I move to approve the consent agenda as presented. This motion, made by Myron Cottam and seconded by April LeFevre, Carried.
Curtis Barney: Yea, Jared Brems: Yea, Myron Cottam: Yea, April LeFevre: Yea, Ralph Perkins: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0
The Board had some questions about Cross Country, it was clarified that the mid-week event was the State event and not a regularly scheduled event.

### II.A. Approve School Board Meeting Minutes

### II.B. Approve Financial Reports

### II.C. Approve Hiring Recommendations

### II.D. Letters of Resignation

### II.E. Enrollment Report

### II.F. Home School Affidavits

### II.G. Sports and Transportation Approvals

### II.H. Other Travel Approval

### II.I. Trust Lands/TSSA

## III. Public Comment

No public comments.

## IV. Reports

### IV.A. School Board Report

Board members each provided updates on their assigned areas, committee assignments, and recent meetings or events they attended. Members shared information relevant to the Board's work and responded to questions as needed. No formal action was taken on these reports.

IV.B. Superintendent Report

The Superintendent provided a report to the Board covering current district operations, ongoing initiatives, and recent activities. The report included relevant updates on programs, personnel, and events across the district. Board members had the opportunity to ask questions, and no formal action was taken.

IV.C. Business Administrator Report

The Business Administrator provided a report to the Board covering the district's financial position, budget matters, and operational updates. The report included relevant information on expenditures, revenues, and other business-related items. Board members had the opportunity to ask questions, and no formal action was taken.

IV.D. Annual Report: Transportation
Mike Edwards presented on transportation matters for the year.

V. Board Discussion
Myron commented that he'd received a call from the firefighters in Escalante who requested access to our well water in the event they might need water.  The Board agreed to its use but to understand what the use would be and put an MOU in place.

V.A. State Trustland
April reported on State Trust Lands and some compliance issues and changes being made.  The superintendent commented that the growth in Trust Lands funding has added a significant additional burden on principals.

V.B. Membership with NEA

VI. Board Business

VI.A. Future Board Items

The Board reviewed upcoming matters and discussed items anticipated for future meetings. Members went over the calendar, noting key dates, scheduled events, and deadlines relevant to the Board's work. Board members had the opportunity to ask questions, and no formal action was taken.

VI.B. Set Upcoming Board Meetings
The Board set the next meeting for July 16th and confirmed the August meeting for the 20th.

VII. Public Comment

VII.A. Softball
Kelly Holman joined by phone to discuss softball.  He commented on several concerns he had about the projects at the field and that he felt there was a lack of direction for the field and referred to a letter with his concerns sent to the Board.  Lane commented to Kelly that there

was likely some miscommunication, that the field was never intended to involve immediate and ongoing capital projects, it was intended to be a multipurpose field that the district only committed.

VIII. Board Action Items

VIII.A. Approve the Property Swap with Panguitch City
A motion was made to approve the exchange and purchase of the city yard and BIC building transaction. This motion, made by April LeFevre and seconded by Myron Cottam, Carried.
Curtis Barney: Yea, Jared Brems: Yea, Myron Cottam: Yea, April LeFevre: Yea, Ralph Perkins: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0
Lane introduced the topic and explained the details of the proposed swap.

VIII.B. Adopt the Amended FY 26 Budget and Proposed FY 27 Budget.
A motion was made to adopt the tax rates presented on the PT-800. This motion, made by Ralph Perkins and seconded by April LeFevre, Carried.
Curtis Barney: Yea, Jared Brems: Yea, Myron Cottam: Yea, April LeFevre: Yea, Ralph Perkins: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

VIII.C. Approve Budget and Scope for Panguitch Projects
The motion was made to approve the scope and budget for the Panguitch projects. This motion, made by Ralph Perkins and seconded by Curtis Barney, Carried.
Curtis Barney: Yea, Jared Brems: Yea, Myron Cottam: Yea, April LeFevre: Yea, Ralph Perkins: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

VIII.D. Approve 3 Year Board Schedule
A motion was made to approve the Board schedule. This motion, made by Curtis Barney and seconded by Myron Cottam, Carried.
Curtis Barney: Yea, Jared Brems: Yea, Myron Cottam: Yea, April LeFevre: Yea, Ralph Perkins: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

VIII.E. APEX Center
A motion was made to approve the APEX application for submission to the State. This motion, made by Ralph Perkins and seconded by Curtis Barney, Carried.
Curtis Barney: Yea, Jared Brems: Yea, Myron Cottam: Yea, April LeFevre: Yea, Ralph Perkins: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0
Lane and Jeff updated the Board on the application for the APEX Center, they reported that the plan was substantially the same as the previously presented plans. A few clarifying questions were asked and answered.

VIII.F. Bus Driving & Coaching
There was discussion about paying for layover time and whether it was double-dipping to get a coach's stipend at the same time they get layover time. The Board discussed it being a good idea to pay the for the layover time, in part as an incentive to keep drivers for the activities. John will create a policy to bring back for Board approval.

VIII.G. TSSP Policy
A motion was made to adopt the State's policy for TSSP and grandfather employees in. This motion, made by Curtis Barney and seconded by Myron Cottam, Carried.
Curtis Barney: Yea, Jared Brems: Yea, Myron Cottam: Yea, April LeFevre: Yea, Ralph Perkins: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

VIII.H. Educator Paid Professional Hours
A motion was made to approve the first reading of the policy. This motion, made by Myron Cottam and seconded by Ralph Perkins, Carried.
Curtis Barney: Yea, Jared Brems: Yea, Myron Cottam: Yea, April LeFevre: Yea, Ralph Perkins: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

IX. Executive Session

X. Adjournment

Barney Curtis; Brems Jared; Cottam Myron ; LeFevre April; Perkins Ralph