

WASATCH COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Special Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 29, 2026 – 6:30 p.m.

Call to Order

Board President Kim Dickerson called the Special Board Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board Member Breanne Dedrickson.

Roll Call

Board Members Present:

- Kim Dickerson, Board President
- Cory Holmes, Vice President
- Breanne Dedrickson, Board Member
- Jake Collett, Board Member
- Brad Ehlert, Board Member

Administration Present:

- Dr. Garrick Peterson, Superintendent (via Zoom)
- Dr. Jason Watt, Business Administrator

Public Comment

Jenna Horrocks expressed appreciation to the Board for its continued support of students, teachers, paraeducators, and staff. She shared that employee retention has improved significantly during her time with the District and thanked the Board for fostering a positive work environment and maintaining transparency with the community.

Action Items

Consideration to Approve the Amended Budget for Fiscal Year 2025–2026

Dr. Jason Watt presented the proposed amendment to the FY2025–2026 budget. He explained that the amendment was limited to the Tax Increment Financing Fund to account for additional pass-through charter school levy revenue received during the fiscal year. The increase represents additional revenue received from state, federal, and local sources and corresponding expenditures, resulting in no net financial impact to the District.

Board members asked clarifying questions regarding the pass-through nature of the funds and the budget estimate process. Dr. Watt explained that the District is required to account for these funds even though they do not remain with the District.

Motion: Board Member Jake Collett moved to open and amend the FY2025–2026 revenue and expenditure budget to receive an additional \$314,975 in the Tax Increment Financing Fund and authorize the receipt and expenditure of these funds in accordance with state law.

Second: Cory Holmes

Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

Consideration to Approve the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2026–2027

Dr. Watt presented the proposed FY2026–2027 budget, outlining projected revenues and expenditures totaling \$193,435,288. He reviewed each major fund, emphasizing that the General Fund increase primarily reflects employee compensation adjustments and the operational costs associated with opening Deer Creek High School.

Dr. Watt explained that the District's financial planning, including the Truth in Taxation process completed in 2023, positioned the District to absorb these additional costs without requesting additional tax revenue from the community.

Board members discussed the District's long-term financial planning, debt service obligations, capital improvement needs, food service operations, and the importance of investing in employees. Members emphasized that nearly 90 percent of General Fund

expenditures support personnel, recognizing that retaining quality teachers, administrators, support staff, and paraeducators directly benefits student achievement.

Board President Dickerson commended the Board and administration for the extensive work completed throughout the budget development process and their commitment to transparency with the public.

Superintendent Peterson (via zoom) expressed appreciation for the Board's continued investment in people, noting that strong personnel remain the greatest factor in positively impacting student success.

Motion: Board Member Jake Collett moved to approve and adopt the FY2026–2027 revenue and expenditure budgets for the General Fund, Student Activity Fund, Tax Increment Financing Fund, Debt Service Fund, Capital Fund, Local Building Authority Fund, Food Services Fund, and Enterprise Fund as presented.

Second: Cory Holmes

Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Motion: Jake Collett moved to adjourn the meeting.

Second: Cory Holmes

Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

Board President Dickerson adjourned the meeting.