



APPROVED MINUTES

June 2026 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The public budget hearing and regular board meeting of the Piute County School District Board of Education was held on **June 16, 2026** at the Piute County Courthouse in Junction, Utah. Teresa Morgan called the meeting to order at **3:36 P.M.** Present was Teresa Morgan, Neccia Dalton, Erin Jensen, Rick Dalton, and Jeremy Pearson. Also present was Superintendent Jason Strate and Business Administrator Dallas Sylvester. Guests at the meeting were: Russ Lee, Janette Lee, and Jeri Sylvester.

Work Meeting: The board met before the normal meeting to review the FY26 Final and FY27 Original Budget Book.

Opening Remarks:

- President Teresa Morgan welcomed everyone to the meeting. After the pledge of allegiance was recited, opening remarks were given by Teresa Morgan.

Program Reports: None

Budget Hearing:

- **FY26 Final Budget and FY27 Original Budget**
 - Business Administrator Dallas Sylvester presented the board with the FY2026 final budget and the FY2027 original budget.
 - The FY2026 final budget and the FY2027 original budget book was presented to the board which includes revenues and expenditures for each fund in the school district.
 - A copy of the budget book can be found on the school district website in the shared school board documents folder and will be posted on the school district website.
 - School Board President Teresa Morgan gave time for public comment on the budget.
 - No public comments were made.
 - Erin Jensen made a motion to approve the FY 2026 final budget and the FY 2027 original budget as presented. Rick Dalton seconded the motion. Roll Call voting as follows: Neccia Dalton Aye, Rick Dalton Aye, Teresa Morgan Aye, Jeremy Pearson Aye. Erin Jensen aye.

Public Comments

- President Teresa Morgan turned the time over to the public for public comment.
- No public comments we made.

Business Items:

- **2026 Property Tax Rates**

- Business Administrator Dallas Sylvester presented the proposed property tax rates for 2026.
- They are as follows:
- Charter Levy: .000017
- Voted Levy: .001600
- Board Levy: .000400
- Capital Levy: .000744
- Debt Levy: 0.0000
- Basic Levy: Is set by the state and has not yet been set.
- Rick Dalton made a motion to approve the 2026 tax rates as presented. Jeremy Pearson Seconded the motion. Roll Call voting as follows: Neccia Dalton Aye, Rick Dalton Aye, Teresa Morgan Aye, Jeremy Pearson Aye. Erin Jensen aye.

- **Softball Field Construction Updates**

- Superintendent Strate gave the board an update on the softball field construction.
- The fencing for the baseball field has been removed.
- The footings are being poured for the restroom.
- The pad has been poured for the new track shed.
- The old track shed has been demolished.
- Cement will be poured soon behind the backstop.
- The blockwork on the bathrooms will begin soon.
- The new sign for the softball scoreboard has been made and will be installed soon.
- The leftover milled asphalt from the high school parking lots will be spread out around the ballfields to make a road.

- **Elementary Schools Construction Updates**

- Superintendent Strate gave the board an update on the elementary school construction.
Circleville Elementary School
- The gym floor has arrived.
- Power will be turned on soon.
- Demolition of the playground area is planned to start on June 29th.
- Once power is turned on in the building, they will start acclimating it to be able to lay the gym floor and other flooring.
- Asphalt will be laid around the 6th of July.
- Curb and gutter will be installed on the south side of the building next week.
- The asphalt team will be working at both Circleville Elementary and the high school.
- The footings have been poured for the shed and they will begin constructing the walls of the shed this week.
Oscarson Elementary School
- The asbestos team has completed the asbestos removal from the basement.
- The roof is almost completed and roof drains are completed.
- Sheetrock is being hung throughout the building.
- Plumbing is 90% completed.
- The crews will start working on the retaining wall area.

- They have measured for cabinets to be installed.
- The projects are on schedule and within budget.
- **Policy #2053 Retirement Incentive**
 - The school board reviewed the revision of policy #2053, Retirement Incentive Policy for the 4th reading. The school board reviewed different options for the policy revision. The options are as follows:
 - Option 1:** No Changes to the current policy.
 - Option 2:** Increase Medical Trust Guarantee Amount
Employees who were hired full-time with the district before July 1, 2015 are currently guaranteed \$15,000 in their medical trust upon retirement. The change would increase the guaranteed amount to \$30,000.
 - Option 3:** Amend Policy to Avoid a RIF
This would put into policy a voluntary path for an employee to retire and their position be consolidated through attrition rather than an involuntary reduction in force. This will be considered the "Voluntary Retirement Incentive Program (VRIP)."
 - Option 4:** Amend Policy for a Retirement Benefit
All full-time district employees would receive a retirement incentive benefit upon retirement regardless of whether a reduction in force is needed.
 - Erin Jensen made a motion to approve the revision of policy #2053 on the fourth reading and implement options 2 and 3 into the policy. Rick Dalton seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
 - Neccia Dalton made a motion to enact the Voluntary Retirement Incentive Program for FY27 for a special period as explained in policy #2053. The district will accept applications from eligible employees according to the policy until July 15th, 2026. Erin Jensen seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- **Policy #5010 - Learner Validated Programs**
 - Superintendent Strate presented the school board with the first reading of policy #5010, Learner Validated Programs.
 - Rick Dalton made a motion to suspend the second and third readings of policy #5010 and approve the policy on the first reading. Jeremy Pearson seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- **Policy #11028 - Language Access**
 - Superintendent Strate presented the school board with the first reading of policy #11028, Language Access.
 - Neccia Dalton made a motion to suspend the second and third readings of policy #11028 and approve the policy on the first reading. Rick Dalton seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- **Salary Schedule/Coach and Advisor Stipend Schedule**
 - Dallas Sylvester presented the coaches and advisors salary schedule to the board.
 - The changes are as follows:
 - Adding the Shooting Sports Club under the clubs category.
 - Adding the Dance Club under the clubs category.
 - Adding the Literacy Director Position

- Removing the Upstart Coordinator position from the schedule.
- Erin Jensen made a motion to approve the coach and advisor stipend schedule as presented. Neccia Dalton seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- **Approval of Minutes and Vouchers**
 - Rick Dalton made a motion to approve the May meeting minutes, The June 9th meeting minutes, the May payroll, the May revenues, and district vouchers 26000904-26000985. Erin Jensen seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- **New Hires, Assignments, and Reassignments**

New Hires

- Okley Sylvester - Assistant Baseball
- Frank Henry - Assistant Baseball
- Yadira Chavez - Para Professional PHS

Assignments

- None

Reassignments

- Heather Fautin - Literacy Director / Literacy Coach
- Jennifer Finn - Oscarson Special Education Teacher

Transfers

- None

Resignations & Retirements

- Heather Fautin - Oscarson Elementary Principal and Special Education Teacher

- Rick Dalton made a motion to approve the new hires and resignations as presented. Neccia Dalton seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Information Items: None

Adjournment

- At 4:39 P.M. Erin Jensen made a motion to adjourn the **June 16th, 2026** meeting of the school board. Jeremy Pearson seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.