Garfield School District

Garfield County School District Board Meeting
Annie's Place Bed and Breakfast , 245 West Highway 12 , Boulder , UT 84716
Thursday, July 16, 2026

I. Regular Board Meeting

I.A. Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 5:18PM. 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. An opening prayer was given by Jared and the pledge of allegiance was led by Myron.

II. Consent Agenda Items

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda. A friendly amendment was made by Curtis to approve, contingent upon the Superintendent discussing some events on the schedule and reporting back to board. Amendment was approved. Motion passed unanimously. 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
Some discussion was had about long trips over school nights. It was discussed that Superintendent would follow-up with those schools.

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

Phoebe Wiseman asked the Board for 3 methods on how communication is made to the community on changes to Board meetings.

IV. Reports

IV.A. Volunteer for Good Report

Mike Moon joined the meeting regarding the Volunteer for Good program. He thanked Garfield for joining the Pilot and congratulated the District on its progress and participation. He reported very favorably on the District.

IV.B. 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. Ralph resonded to public comment describing the process the Board uses to update the public on Board meetings.

IV.C. 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, no formal action was taken. There was discussion about opening institute.

IV.D. 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. Lane also reported that Bryce Canyon City would likely be coming in for a request to change the bleachers at BVHS. Lane reported that his recommendation was that a community change to the bleachers would be welcome, but that it would not be recommended by him to add additional funds toward the project.

V. Board Discussion

The Board set the date and time of its next meeting for [date] at [time]. Board members confirmed their availability, and the meeting was scheduled accordingly.

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 meeting was confirmed for Panguitch on August 20th at its regular times. They also reviewed September 17th

VII. Public Comment
Yolanda Cowan thanked the Board for supporting the marathon. Naketa Martel made a comment supporting the District sharing its water usa

VIII. Board Action Items

VIII.A. 2nd Reading Educator Paid Professional Hours

VIII.B. Approve Classified and Teacher Negotiations and Contracts

VIII.C. Redline Policies

VIII.D. Student Electronic Devices - FGAB
A motion was made to direct the superintendent to create policy based on conversations from work meeting regarding student electronic devices. 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
April made comments supporting a bell-to-bell restriction on student electronic devices. Some discussion was had about the law, the devices that would be included in the ban, and other details.

IX. Executive Session
A motion was made to go into executive session for collective bargaining. This motion, made by Myron Cottam 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

X. Adjournment

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