

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 13, 2026

Board Meeting

The Murray City School Board met in a regular board meeting on August 13, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. In attendance were President Kelly Taeloalii, Jaren Cooper, Kami Anderson, Elizabeth Payne, Jill Weight, Jennifer Covington, Superintendent, Richard Reese, outgoing Business Administrator, and Brian Ipson, Business Administrator. The meeting was held at the District office, located at 5102 South Commerce Drive, Murray, UT.

Pledge of Allegiance

The audience was led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Superintendent Jennifer Covington.

Business Administrator Oath of Office and Resolution

Salt Lake County Clerk Lannie Chapman was present to administer the oath of office for Brian Ipson, who was sworn in as the new Business Administrator for the Murray City School District. Brian has been working full-time since August 1st.

A resolution appointing Brian and granting him all the rights, powers, duties, and authorities of the position as provided in UCA, 53G-4-302 and 53G-4-303. Kami Anderson made a motion to approve the resolution. Jill Weight seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda included Approval of Minutes – June 11, 2026, June 25, 2026, and August 6, 2026, Claims, IN 340 Wellness Policy (2nd Reading), and PS 430 Overnight Excursions (2nd Reading). Jaren Cooper made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Kami Anderson seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Delegations

Murray Education Association (MEA) – Amy Roberds reported on behalf of Christy Vuyk, President. The teachers of the district are excited and looking forward to a great school year.

Murray Association of Administrators (MAA) – Earl Kauffman, President of MAA said that the administrators are excited for the challenges of this new school year.

Murray Education Support Professionals (MESPA) – Thayn Burnett, President, said that support professionals are grateful for supp and are looking forward to supporting schools and education.

Longview Elementary would be assigned to Grant Elementary. Jaren Cooper seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Jill Weight made a motion to provide initial notice of a proposed boundary change affecting Longview Elementary. Under the proposed change, beginning with the 2027–2028 school year, students residing east of I-15 to State Street, between 5900 South and the southern boundary of the Murray City School District, who are currently assigned to Liberty Elementary would be assigned to Longview Elementary School. Jaren Cooper seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Jaren Cooper made a motion to provide initial notice of a proposed boundary change affecting McMillan Elementary. Under the proposed change, beginning with the 2027–2028 school year, students residing east of I-15 to State Street, between 5300 South and 5900 South, who are currently assigned to Liberty Elementary would be assigned to McMillan Elementary. Jill Weight seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Jaren Cooper made a motion to provide initial notice of a proposed boundary change affecting Parkside Elementary. Under the proposed change, beginning with the 2027–2028 school year, students residing north of 4500 South, between Brick Oven Way and the northern and eastern boundaries of Murray City School District, who are currently assigned to Liberty Elementary would be assigned to Parkside Elementary. Elizabeth Payne seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Elizabeth Payne made a motion to provide initial notice of a proposed boundary change affecting Hillcrest Middle School. Under the proposed change, students attending Longview, McMillan, and Parkside Elementary will attend Hillcrest Middle School in the 2027-2028 school year. Kami Anderson seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Kami Anderson made a motion to provide initial notice of a proposed boundary change affecting Riverview Middle School. Under the proposed change, students attending Grant, Horizon, and Viewmont Elementary will attend Riverview Middle School in the 2027-2028 school year. Jaren Cooper seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Board President Taeoalii reminded the public that they will have several opportunities to learn more and provide input on these decisions, including a public hearing on October 1 at 6:00 p.m. at Liberty Elementary School and opportunities for public comment regarding the proposed changes at its October 15 and November 12 board meetings.

Report of the Staff

General Bond Issuance #2 - Richard Reese briefed the Board on the successful bond sale that recently occurred for the second tranche of school building general obligation bonds, issued for the purpose of continuing the projects at Murray High School and Riverview Middle School. Matt Dugdale, Stifel and Associates, reviewed a summary of the bids, noting that there were many bidders and, based on current market conditions, the timing of the sale was as good as it could be, with a total interest cost of under 4%.

Engagement Survey Reports. The PBIS report highlighted items such as PBIS rewards, Zen Dens, and Wayfinder which have shown to help students return to the classroom more ready to learn. The Educator Engagement Survey Report shows data from teacher surveys which reflects areas such as mentoring, preparedness for teaching, and career growth.

Fraud Risk Assessment - Richard Reese presented the Fraud Risk Assessment. The District scored as low risk on the assessment. Jaren Cooper moved that the board approve the fraud risk assessment and Elizabeth Payne seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Report of the Superintendent

TSSA Amendment – Liberty Elementary and Hillcrest Jr High

Superintendent Covington presented the proposed budget revision for Liberty Elementary related to purchases of classroom supplies and manipulatives. Kami Anderson made a motion to accept the request and Jaren Cooper seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Superintendent Covington presented the proposed budget revision for Hillcrest Junior High related to add an additional math section. Elizabeth Payne made a motion to accept the request and Jill Weight seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Overnight Travel Request – Murray High Drill Team – Superintendent Covington presented an modified request for the Murray High Drill team's February 2027 travel, changing the destination from New York to Anaheim, CA. Kami Anderson made a motion to approve the modified travel request and Jill Weight seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

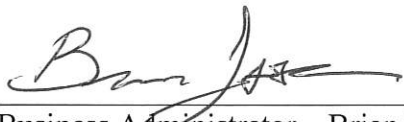
Strategic Plan Review and TSSA Framework Update – Superintendent Covington presented an update on the Board of Education Priorities and Strategic Plan for 2025-2030 and progress towards goals and metrics in the plan. Additionally, proposed language was added to the document regarding elementary schools performing below the statewide goal for third-grade reading of 80%. Under the language, and in compliance with new legislation, these schools would be required to utilize at least 50% of their TSSA funding for evidence-based strategies and practices for addressing the low literacy rates and reading interventions. Kami Anderson made a motion to approve the strategic plan and TSSA framework and Elizabeth Paynes seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

The Board was polled and was unanimous in holding a closed session for personnel issues at 6:44 p.m.

The Board meeting was then adjourned at 6:54 p.m.



Kelly Taoalii Board President



Business Administrator – Brian Ipson

STATEMENT AFFIRMING THE PURPOSE OF A CLOSED MEETING

I, Kelly Taeoalii, certify that I am the member of the Board of Education of the Murray City School District who presided at the closed meeting of the board held on August 13, 2026. I hereby affirm, pursuant to Utah Code § 52-4-206(6), that the sole purpose of holding this closed meeting was to discuss personnel and legal issues.

I certify under criminal penalty of the State of Utah that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on August 27, 2026

Kelly Taeoalii
Kelly Taeoalii, Board President