

DUCHESNE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR SESSION

July 30, 2026

District Office, 1010 East 200 North, Roosevelt, Utah

OFFICERS: President Brandon Bench presided with Board Members Emilee Wells, Mark Thacker, and Tony Smith present, as well as Superintendent Jason Young and Business Administrator Dee E. Miles. Mr. Busenbark was excused.

VISITORS:

Heather Cook	Lori Haslem	Tyler Powell
Mike Ross	Deb Herron	Scott Wolford
Kendra Embleton	Drew Eschler	Ann Marie Powell
Tommy Olson	Samantha Suter	

WORK SESSION: The Board discussed the Utah Inland Port structure and potential projects and impacts.

REGULAR SESSION: President Bench called the regular session to order at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Thacker offered prayer. Mr. Bench led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

RECOGNITION: Superintendent Young was recognized by individuals outside the District for his leadership that is having an impact state wide. Superintendent Young proposed new awards to go with a new District logo: Wayfinder for staff, and Beacon for community partners.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: Superintendent Young reviewed the Strategic Plan with minor updates. Ms. Wells moved to approve the plan. Mr. Smith seconded, passed unanimously. Mr. Miles noted the financial report had only limited activity with only summer operations during July.

OPEN TIME: At 7:25 p.m. President Bench opened the meeting for those who signed up for public comment. Cliff Murray commented on the expectations stated in the strategic plan and levels of student ownership. President Bench closed open time at 7:28 p.m.

MINUTES: Ms. Wells moved and Mr. Thacker seconded to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held June 3, 2026 and special meeting held June 16, 2026; voting was unanimous in the affirmative. Audio recording is available at: <https://www.utah.gov/pmn>.

DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS:

1. Travel Requests – Superintendent Young reviewed the requests. Ms. Wells moved to approve. Mr. Smith seconded; passed unanimously.
2. Buildings/Construction – Superintendent Young noted Altamont projects are still going well. The Tabiona track project will break ground on Monday.
3. Personnel – Ms. Wells moved to approve the new teachers for hire, and the LEA specific licenses. Mr. Smith seconded; passed unanimously
4. Policy 2nd Reading: 5.0620 Student Materials – No changes from the first reading. Mr. Smith moved to approve. Ms. Wells seconded; passed unanimously.
5. Policy 2nd Reading: 4.0540 Online Courses – With no further changes, Ms. Wells moved to approve. Mr. Thacker seconded; passed unanimously.
6. Policy 2nd Reading: 5.0910 Child Nutrition Program Meal Charging Policy – Heather Cook noted the updates comply with new requirements. Mr. Thacker moved to approve. Ms. Wells seconded; passed unanimously.

7. Child Nutrition Program – Heather Cook noted some increase to the prices being charged for meals to pay for increased food and staff costs. Nutritional requirements continue to become more restrictive. Ms. Wells moved to approve. Mr. Smith seconded; passed unanimously.
8. School Handbooks – Superintendent Young noted the handbooks are now mostly a single shared handbook for elementary schools, as well as a portion of the high school handbooks is the same. Differences are added at individual schools as needed. Mr. Smith moved to approve the handbooks. Mr. Thacker seconded; passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Policy 1st Reading: 5.0711.01 Bullying, Cyber-bullying, Hazing, Retaliation – Superintendent Young reviewed the changes to meet new legislation. It also allows the District to inform the public on the types of ongoing efforts. Principals will also provide input on the new policy along with law enforcement.
2. Altamont Schools: Five Years of State Data – Altamont has very good numbers that have been consistent with the change from a five to a four-day week three years ago. Superintendent Young noted changes that were made to the daily schedule to provide more time for math and language arts that increased performance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Ms. Wells moved and Mr. Smith seconded that the Board go into executive session to discuss personnel at 8:02 p.m. Aye votes: Mr. Bench, Ms. Wells, Mr. Smith, Mr. Thacker. Nay votes: none. Motion passed. Ms. Wells moved and Mr. Thacker seconded that the Board go out of executive session at 8:35 p.m.; passed unanimously. Mr. Thacker moved to adjourn; Mr. Smith seconded, passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT / FUTURE PLANNING: The meeting stood adjourned. The next Regular Meeting will be held Thursday, September 3, 2026, at the District Office, 1010 East 200 North, Roosevelt, Utah.