

Wasatch County School District Board of Education Meetings (Thursday, July 16, 2026)

Thursday, July 16, 2026 – 6:30 p.m.

A. Board of Education Meeting

Action: 1. Call to Order

Board Vice President Cory Holmes called the Board Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Action: 2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board Member Brad Ehlert.

Action: 3. Roll Call

Members Present:

Cory Holmes, Vice President

Jake Collett, Board Member

Brad Ehlert, Board Member

Members Excused:

Breanne Dedrickson, Board Member

Kim Dickerson, Board President

Administration Present:

Dr. Garrick Peterson, Superintendent

Administration Excused:

Dr. Jason Watt, Business Administrator

B. Community Comment

No members of the public offered comment. The public comment portion of the meeting was closed.

C. Consent Items

Action (Consent): 1. Consideration of Consent Items

Consideration and Approval of Consent Items E2. – E11.

Motion by Brad Ehlert, second by Jake Collett.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cory Holmes, Brad Ehlert, Jake Collett

Action (Consent), Minutes: 2. School Board Meeting Minutes – June 16, 2026

Consideration and Approval of School Board Meeting Minutes – June 16, 2026.

Motion by Brad Ehlert, second by Jake Collett.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cory Holmes, Brad Ehlert, Jake Collett

Action (Consent), Minutes: 3. School Board Special Meeting Minutes – June 29, 2026

Consideration and Approval of School Board Special Meeting Minutes - June 29, 2026.

Motion by Brad Ehlert, second by Jake Collett.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cory Holmes, Brad Ehlert, Jake Collett

Action (Consent): 4. Deer Creek High School Change Orders

Consideration and Approval of Deer Creek High Change Orders.

Motion by Brad Ehlert, second by Jake Collett.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cory Holmes, Brad Ehlert, Jake Collett

Action (Consent): 5. Deer Creek High School Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment

Consideration and Approval of Deer Creek High School Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment.

Motion by Brad Ehlert, second by Jake Collett.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cory Holmes, Brad Ehlert, Jake Collett

Action (Consent): 6. Personnel Agreements

Consideration and Approval of Personnel Agreements.

Motion by Brad Ehlert, second by Jake Collett.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cory Holmes, Brad Ehlert, Jake Collett

Action (Consent): 7. Financials

Consideration and Approval of June Financials.

Motion by Brad Ehlert, second by Jake Collett.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cory Holmes, Brad Ehlert, Jake Collett

Action (Consent): 8. School Choice Applications

Consideration and Approval of School Choice Applications.

Motion by Brad Ehlert, second by Jake Collett.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cory Holmes, Brad Ehlert, Jake Collett

Action (Consent): 9. Homeschool Affidavits

Consideration and Approval of Homeschool affidavits.

Motion by Brad Ehlert, second by Jake Collett.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cory Holmes, Brad Ehlert, Jake Collett

Action (Consent): 10. Employee New Hires

Consideration and Approval of Employee New Hires.

Motion by Brad Ehlert, second by Jake Collett.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cory Holmes, Brad Ehlert, Jake Collett

Action (Consent): 11. Employee Separations

Consideration and Approval of Employee Separations.

Motion by Brad Ehlert, second by Jake Collett.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cory Holmes, Brad Ehlert, Jake Collett

D. Action Items

Action: 1. Consideration to Purchase a Maintenance Truck - Shawn Kelly, Director of Operations

Director of Operations Shawn Kelly presented a recommendation to purchase a 2026 Chevrolet Silverado 3500 gas truck from Labrum Chevrolet for the District Maintenance Department. He explained that two additional maintenance employees were hired to support the District's new facilities, creating the need for an additional maintenance vehicle.

Mr. Kelly reviewed bids from Labrum Chevrolet and Young Commercial Chevrolet and explained that the Labrum vehicle met the District's requested specifications, while the Young bid was for a dual-wheel model that was not well suited for the District's snowplowing needs. The truck will be purchased as a chassis and later outfitted with a utility bed and snowplow. The District budgeted \$65,000 for the complete vehicle, utility bed, and snowplow. Mr. Kelly confirmed that the proposed truck purchase would leave sufficient funding to complete the additional equipment purchases. Motion: Board Member Brad Ehlert moved to approve the purchase of a 2026 Chevrolet Silverado 3500 gas truck from Labrum Chevrolet in the amount of \$50,648.20.

Motion by Brad Ehlert, second by Jake Collett.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cory Holmes, Brad Ehlert, Jake Collett

Action: 2. Consideration to Approve WHS Auditorium Lighting - Shawn Kelly, Director of Operations

Mr. Kelly presented a proposal to replace and upgrade the house and theatrical lighting systems in the Wasatch High School auditorium. He explained that much of the existing theatrical lighting was moved from the former Wasatch High School and uses outdated gel-based technology, while many of the auditorium's approximately 20-year-old house lights are no longer functioning. Representatives from Barbizon Lighting and Oasis conducted extensive walkthroughs of the auditorium with District staff and Wasatch High School theater personnel. Mr. Kelly recommended Barbizon Lighting based on the company's comprehensive proposal, industry recommendations, and experience, including its work on the lighting system at Deer Creek High School. The proposed project will upgrade the auditorium to LED technology and includes house lighting, theatrical lighting, lighting controls, and a new lighting board. Mr. Kelly explained that the \$430,582.40 amount is a not-to-exceed price and that District staff will work with Barbizon to identify opportunities to reduce the final project cost while ensuring the system meets the needs of the theater program. Board members discussed the age and condition of the existing equipment, the improved safety and reduced heat associated with LED lighting, warranty considerations, and the importance of providing appropriate equipment for the school's performing arts program. Motion: Board Member Brad Ehlert moved to approve the total auditorium lighting package from Barbizon Lighting at a not-to-exceed price of \$430,582.40.

Motion by Brad Ehlert, second by Jake Collett.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cory Holmes, Brad Ehlert, Jake Collett

Action: 3. Consideration to Approve Athletic Training Services Agreement between Wasatch School District and Intermountain Health - Shawn Kelly, Director of Operations

Mr. Kelly presented an agreement with Intermountain Health to provide athletic training services at both Wasatch High School and Deer Creek High School. The District previously issued a Request for Proposals for athletic training services and received one response from Intermountain Health, which proposed serving both high schools. Mr. Kelly explained that the total value of the agreement is \$94,760 and includes a combination of District payments and in-kind advertising and sponsorship opportunities. The District's out-of-pocket cost is \$18,952 per school. Services include athletic trainers at practices and events, supplies and equipment, injury assessment, concussion testing and protocols, and physician support at major events. Mr. Kelly noted that Intermountain Health has provided strong service to the District and that student athletes remain free to seek follow-up care from the healthcare provider of their choice. Superintendent Peterson emphasized the importance of professional athletic training services in protecting student health and safety, particularly when evaluating potential concussions and determining whether an athlete can safely return to play. Motion: Board Vice President Cory Holmes moved to approve the Athletic Training Services Agreement with Intermountain Health with a total value of \$94,760, including an out-of-pocket District cost of \$18,952 per school.

Motion by Cory Holmes, second by Jake Collett.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Cory Holmes, Brad Ehlert, Jake Collett

Action: 4. Consideration to Purchase Diligent Software - Jason Watt, Business Administrator

Superintendent Dr. Garrick Peterson presented the item on behalf of Business Administrator Dr. Jason Watt, who was unable to attend the meeting. Dr. Peterson requested approval of an annual subscription to the Diligent Community platform in the amount of \$15,474.94. The platform will replace the District's current BoardDocs system and provide tools for managing Board meetings, agendas, supporting documents, committee materials, and policy publications. The approved amount excludes sales tax originally included on the invoice. Chief of Staff Stacey Moore reported that she and Teresa Salcedo have been working on the transition over the past year, including transferring and verifying District policies and other information. Staff anticipates transitioning to Diligent Community in the fall once the migration is complete. Board members discussed the platform's improved navigation and public access to Board agendas and materials. Motion: Board Member Jake Collett moved to approve the purchase of the annual Diligent Community software subscription in the amount of \$15,474.94.

Motion by Jake Collett, second by Brad Ehlert.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Cory Holmes, Brad Ehlert, Jake Collett

E. Board Report

Discussion, Information: 1. Updates/Information

The Board highlighted the upcoming Deer Creek High School Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Community Open Houses. The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony is scheduled for Wednesday, July 29, at 5:00 p.m., followed by a Community Open House from 6:00–8:00 p.m. A second Community Open House will be held Thursday, July 30, from 10:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m. Board members expressed excitement for the community to tour the new high school and see the facility that will serve generations of Wasatch County students.

The Board also discussed the upcoming opening of the Mountainland Technical College facility adjacent to Deer Creek High School. MTECH's Ribbon Cutting is scheduled for Friday, August 28, at 10:00 a.m., followed by an Open House until noon. Superintendent Peterson discussed the opportunities the MTECH facility will provide both high school students and adults in the community. He emphasized the importance of increasing communication with students and families about the career and technical education programs that will now be readily accessible locally. Board members and administration discussed the need to promote available programs, schedules, and enrollment opportunities to families.

F. Superintendent Report

Information: 1. Updates/Information

Superintendent Peterson provided an update on summer professional learning and the District's leadership and instructional model. He explained that rather than relying heavily on District-level subject-area specialists, Wasatch County School District invests in building leadership capacity among teachers and principals. District staff use student achievement data to help identify needs, while teachers work collaboratively to develop instructional strategies and share expertise with their colleagues.

Dr. Peterson highlighted summer Guiding Coalition training, during which teacher leadership teams worked alongside principals to review data, develop plans, and strengthen their capacity to lead school improvement efforts. Deer Creek High School's Guiding Coalition participated in this work for the first time.

District and school leaders also participated in a two-day leadership workshop focused on the principles that guide the District's improvement model. Dr. Peterson emphasized that the District's approach relies on leadership at three interconnected levels: District leadership, school principal leadership, and teacher leadership. He expressed appreciation to the Board for supporting investments in professional learning and leadership development and thanked the teachers and administrators who dedicated significant time during the summer to this work.

Vice President Holmes expressed appreciation to Superintendent Peterson and District staff for the additional work taking place over the summer, particularly as the District prepares to open Deer Creek High School and welcome the community for the upcoming Ribbon Cutting and Open House events.

G. Adjournment

Action, Procedural: 1. Adjourn Meeting
Motion by Brad Ehlert, second by Jake Collett
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Cory Holmes, Brad Ehlert, Jake Collett

H. Executive Session

Action: 1. An Executive Session may be convened following the board meeting, as permitted under Utah Code § 52-4-205, to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual; the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property; collective bargaining; and pending or reasonably imminent litigation.