



APPROVED MINUTES

August 2026 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The public budget hearing and regular board meeting of the Piute County School District Board of Education was held on **August 11, 2026** at the Piute County Courthouse in Junction, Utah. Teresa Morgan called the meeting to order at **3:34 P.M.** Present was Teresa Morgan, Rick Dalton, and Jeremy Pearson. Erin Jensen and Neccia Dalton were virtually present. Also present was Superintendent Jason Strate and Business Administrator Dallas Sylvester. Guests at the meeting were: Lisa Allan, Shauna Bagley, Andy Peterson, Russ Lee, Janette Lee, Jeri Sylvester, and Ecko Barnson.

Work Meeting: The board met before the normal meeting to review the work meetings schedule for the school year 2026-2027. The board also reviewed the elementary school projects and budgets.

Opening Remarks:

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

Program Reports:

- **CUES Report - Director Peterson**
 - Andy Peterson gave the board a report from CUES.
 - Andy explained some of the shared resources that the district has access to as a member of the CUES region.
 - Andy explained what CUES is doing to work on the mental health grant in the region to ensure that mental health services can continue to be offered.
 - Andy mentioned that the networking and collaboration that happens amongst the CUES districts is very valuable.
 - Andy mentioned that the CUES region board is one of the most involved boards across the state.
 - Superintendent Strate thanked Andy for the work he is doing for the CUES region.

Public Comments

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

Business Items:

- **Softball Field Construction Updates**

- Dallas Sylvester gave an update on the softball field construction progress.
- The foundation and flooring for the restrooms have been poured and they will begin laying the block walls soon.
- The fencing around the baseball field has been completed.
- The cement work around the baseball field backstop has been completed.
- The millings from the old high school parking lots have been used to make a road that goes around the two ballfields. It will also be oiled and rolled.
- Dallas mentioned that the restrooms project has an approved budget of \$674,531.
- He mentioned that the district is right on track with the budget, but would like to have a contingency amount in the budget for unforeseen events.
- Rick Dalton made a motion to extend the softball/baseball restrooms project from \$674,531 to \$725,000 to allow for contingency items that may arise. Jeremy Pearson seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

- **CUES Communication**

- The Board of Directors for Central Utah Educational Services (CUES) recently voted Superintendent Strate as the CUES Region Vice Chair.
- The CUES Board of Directors seeks the approval and support from the Piute County School District Board of Education for Superintendent Jason Strate to serve as the CUES Region Vice Chair for FY27 and then to serve as Chair in FY28.
- The requirements of the position include:
 - Sitting on the Regional Education Service Agency coordination council
 - Planning and conducting the CUES meeting agenda in coordination with the CUES director
 - Working with superintendents from across the state
 - Attending various legislative meetings
 - Attending various USBE meetings
 - Participating in the CUES Fall Legislative meeting
 - Representing the CUES region in discussions and meetings
- Jeremy Pearson made a motion to approve Superintendent Strate to serve as the CUES Region Vice Chair for FY27 and President for FY28. Rick Dalton seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

- **Elementary Schools Construction Updates**

- Superintendent Strate gave the school board an update on the elementary school construction.
- Superintendent Strate explained that the ribbon cutting ceremony will be on August 17th at Circleville Elementary School at 9:00 a.m. There will be an open house from 4-7 that night as well.
- The playground equipment will be arriving soon.
- The construction crew will start working on the ballfield area at Circleville Elementary soon.
- Teachers are moving in right now at Circleville Elementary School.
- Students will be able to move in for the start of school.
- Oscarson Elementary is right on track.

- Sheetrock has been hung and is being painted.
 - More crews will start moving from Circleville to Oscarson soon.
 - There will be a furniture and equipment meeting with Edutek soon to order the furniture for Oscarson Elementary.
 - Dallas Sylvester presented the board with the budget update for the elementary schools. The school district has the following budgeted revenue that is allocated to the projects:
 - Small schools capital grant : \$18,000,000
 - Revenue Bond: \$5,000,000
 - Interest earnings: \$2,200,000
 - State School Safety Grant \$500,000
 - These revenues give a total of \$25,700,000 available for the projects.
 - The current budget still has a built-in contingency of around \$109,000 for unforeseen events.
 - Superintendent Strate presented the school board with a list of the change orders that have occurred and that are planned on the new elementary school projects since construction began.
 - The school board reviewed the change orders.
 - Dallas mentioned that it would be good to increase the overall budget to \$26,000,000 to allow for any additional unplanned expenditures that could arise with the construction of the two elementary schools.
 - Rick Dalton made a motion to increase the overall elementary school projects budget to \$26,000,000. Erin Jensen seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
 - Jeremy Pearson made a motion to approve the elementary school projects changes orders to date as presented. Rick Dalton seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- **Preschool Tuition**
 - Dallas Sylvester explained that there has been a request to eliminate preschool tuition fees in the district.
 - The current fee is \$30 per month and is paid by parents who enroll their students in preschool.
 - The school district generates roughly \$4-5k a year in preschool tuition.
 - The finance and audit committee reviewed the topic and it was determined that the school board should vote on whether or not preschool tuition should be removed.
 - Jeremy Pearson made a motion to eliminate preschool tuition fees at Oscarson Elementary and Circleville Elementary effective immediately. Neccia Dalton seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- **Policy #4110 - DDD - Reporting Student Drug Possession Offenses**
 - Superintendent Strate presented the school board with policy #4110 - DDD - Reporting Student Drug Possession Offenses for the first reading.
 - Rick Dalton made a motion to suspend the second and third readings of Policy #4110 - DDD - Reporting Student Drug Possession Offenses and approve it on first reading. Erin Jensen seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- **Archaeological report**
 - Superintendent Strate presented the school board with the archaeological report from Circleville Elementary School.
 - The archaeologist that was on site was Jody J. Patterson from Montgomery Archaeological Consultants.

- Mr. Patterson was on site during demolition of the old basketball court and playground areas.
- No previous disturbance of the ground was found.
- Rick Dalton made a motion to approve the archaeological report. Jeremy Pearson seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- **Approval of Minutes and Vouchers**
 - Jeremy Pearson made a motion to approve the June 16th meeting minutes, the June and July payroll, the June revenues, and district vouchers 26000986-260001108 (FY26) and 27000001-27000055 (FY27). Rick Dalton seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- **New Hires, Assignments, and Reassignments**

New Hires

- Shannon Gleave - Principal Oscarson Elementary
- Jazmin Hatch - Substitute
- Kelton Price - Cross Country Coach
- Shantel Hartman - BTS Music Teacher
- Celeste Hamm - CES Part Time Cook

Resignations & Retirements

- Steve Hoagland - PHS Teacher, Athletic Director, Cross County and Golf Coach
- Christy Ivie - BTS Music Teacher
- Avigail Bencomo - Cook
- Jakayla Millett - Paraprofessional
- Erin Jensen made a motion to approve the new hires and resignations & retirements as presented. Rick Dalton seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Information Items: CUES would like to hold the fall legislative meeting at Circleville Elementary School this year. A date will be confirmed later.

Adjournment

- At 4:36 P.M. Jeremy Pearson made a motion to adjourn the **August 11, 2026** meeting of the school board. Rick Dalton seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.