

NEBO SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, August 12, 2026

The Board of Education of Nebo School District met in a Board meeting on Wednesday, August 12, 2026, in the Boardroom of the Nebo District Administration Office located at 350 S Main in Spanish Fork, Utah. The meeting commenced at 3:04 PM. Board members present were Shannon Acor, Kristen Betts, John Taylor, Brian Rowley, Scott Wilson, Rick Ainge and Shauna Warnick. Staff members present were Superintendent Rick Nielsen, Michael Harrison, Reed Park, Ben Ford, Suzanne Kimball, Alicia Rudd, Mike Larsen, Matt Christensen, Dave Rowe, Frank Daybell and Raquel Baum.

President Shannon Acor welcomed everyone to the Board meeting.

1. Board Work Session

Item 1A: Discussion of Board Meeting Agenda and Review of Consent Agenda.

Shannon Acor reviewed the Consent Agenda and inquired of any questions from the Board members. She presented the discussion on Policy EG – Animals in Schools. Legal Counsel Reed Park mentioned that legal questions from the Board have been addressed to the best of our ability. Secondary Director Matt Christensen confirmed that Payson High Principal Jesse Sorensen sent a letter notifying all parents of the class. Board member Kristen Betts expressed concerns of sharing the classroom with other classes and the potential issues with the puppies. Board member Shauna Warnick was pleased with the updates to the policy and suggested that administration periodically visit the class to see how things are going prior to approving the class for next year.

Item 1B: Board Member Reports

- Scott Wilson mentioned that surprisingly, no one has contacted him about the potential closure of Wilson Elementary.
- Scott Wilson shared his personal experience with General Jeff Burton while attending the Payson Salmon Supper. General Burton mentioned how impressive the new high school is and that he loves it!
- Scott Wilson reported that it seems the Payson High baseball coaches, parents and players feel they are being listened to and supported.
- Shauna Warnick reported on USBA;
 - Sept 24, Regional meeting has been cancelled and will be rescheduled at a later date.
 - Dec. 5, New Member workshop
 - Master Board certification is moving to Canvas. Board members should be receiving an email.
- John Taylor is hearing a lot of buzz about the new Springville High School. There is still a lot of construction and patrons are wondering about the seminary building.
- John Taylor was invited by Rep. Norm Thurston to attend a legislative listening tour on August 20 at the Springville Library.

- Shannon Acor was also invited by Rep. Norm Thurston to attend or co-host the legislative listening tour.
- Rick Ainge reported on the excitement about the new Salem Hills High School PE building. Some patrons are wondering about the ALC Field House.
- Rick Ainge didn't have much to report on MTECH. However, they are getting ready to open their Heber Valley campus and will hold a ribbon cutting on August 28. After the ribbon cutting, they will begin the search for a new president.
- Kristen Betts expressed thanks to the directors for managing FTE's and providing support. Teachers are feeling seen and cared about.
- Kristen Betts has quieted rumors of a high school boundary change moving some Maple Mountain High School students to the new Springville High School. Boundaries have not changed.
- Kristen Betts also mentioned the excitement about the new Springville High School.
- Brian Rowley expressed his gratitude in regards to the Payson High dog class. He thanked Legal Counsel Reed Park for following up and receiving answers to the legal questions.
- Brian Rowley attend tennis at the Payson tennis courts and discovered that the painting of Pickleball lines on the court did not affect the court use and playing of tennis. However, he did discover that there was not power for machines and lights. The lights are the responsibility of Payson City to install.

Item 1C: Committee Reports & Board Training

2. Items for Board Discussion

Item 2A: Review of Potential School Closure Information

- Legal Counsel Reed Park shared an example of the Notice of Proposed Closure of Wilson Elementary and the Notice of Public Hearing regarding the proposed closure of Wilson Elementary scheduled for September 30, 2026. These notices will be mailed to patrons on August 17, 2026 and August 24, 2026, respectively

Item 2B: Items from Superintendent

- The Superintendent invited School Services and Athletics Coordinator Everett Kelepolo to report on the Title IX Athletics for 2025-2026. The Board thanked Secretary Beki Huffman and secondary schools for providing and compiling the necessary information.
- School Services and Athletics Coordinator Everett Kelepolo reviewed the Open Enrollment General Report. Overall, the total of Open Enrollment applications received to date were 1172 of which 965 were approved.
- The Superintendent invited Operations Director Frank Daybell to share the rendering design on the new Spanish Fork Jr. High School.
- The Superintendent reported that Springville City is interested in purchasing the historic gym at Cherry Creek Elementary along with the parking lot and some green space.

- The Superintendent mentioned a slight boundary change with Foothills Elementary and Mt. Loafer Elementary in an effort to clean up the boundary. Currently the change affects 2 students. In the future, 10 lots and 4 other parcels of land could be affected.
- The Superintendent shared the Board Committee Meeting assignments and schedule with the Board.
- Business Administrator Michael Harrison provided fee waiver information by school for 2025-2026.
- After a discussion on the loss of gate receipt revenue, it was determined that each high school will receive \$20,000 in one-time funds. Staff will continue to work to affirm that the fee schedule is accurate or fees may be increased by program, if necessary.
- Elementary Director Dave Rowe shared some Kindergarten history data. Data is trending at about 20% half day. This is the first year that mid-day busing is not available.
- Secondary Director Matt Christensen shared air quality and field temperature information with the Board. Athletic Directors are doing a great job watching the sensor on school monitoring. They are messaging out data to make decisions about holding practice indoors. Athletic Directors continue to check temperature of turf fields, run water cannons, and Athletic Trainers are aware of signs of heat exhaustion and what to do if lightning strikes.
- The Superintendent mentioned Volition, a Data Center company, who has been talking with Spanish Fork City. They will hold Open Houses on the next 3 days in the SF Library; Thursday 6:00-8:30 pm., Friday 2:00-4:30 pm., and Saturday 1000-12:30 pm. Shauna will share the link to the presentation with the Board. They are not asking for tax incentives, they produce their own power on site, run closed water loop, have near zero emissions and noise and are interested in the existing Fingerhut building. City Council will meet on August 18 for consideration.
- The Superintendent turned the time over to Michael Harrison, Business Administrator, to discuss the bond sale that occurred earlier in the day. Michael introduced Nate Robertson with LRB Public Finance and Nate reviewed the bond sale details and mentioned that the district has an AA1 rating.

3. Items for Board Action (as needed, see 6:00 PM meeting agenda)

Seeing that there is time available in the 3:00 pm session, President Shannon Acor proceeded with Items for Board Action posted on the 6:00 pm General Board meeting agenda.

Item No. 7A: Scott Wilson made a motion to approve the revisions to the 2026-2027 Certified and Classified Handbooks.

Shauna Warnick seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor.

Item No. 7B: Brian Rowley made the motion to approve Policy EG – Animals in Schools.

John Taylor seconded the motion. Six of the Board members present voted in favor. Kristen Betts was opposed.

Item No. 7C: John Taylor made the motion to approve Policy JP – Seclusion and Restraint. Kristen Betts seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor.

Item No. 7D: Kristen Betts made the motion to approve the Quit Claim Deed with Springville City.

Scott Wilson seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor.

Item No. 7E: Shauna Warnick made the motion to approve LEA Specific Licenses.

Rick Ainge seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor.

4. Special Business (as needed) Closed session

President Shannon Acor announced at 5:29 PM that the Board meeting was temporarily adjourned until 6:00 PM.

The Board of Education of Nebo School District reconvened the Board meeting at 6:01 PM. Board members present were Shannon Acor, Kristen Betts, John Taylor, Brian Rowley, Scott Wilson, Rick Ainge and Shauna Warnick. Staff members present were Superintendent Rick Nielsen, Michael Harrison, Reed Park, Ben Ford, Suzanne Kimball, Alicia Rudd, Mike Larsen, Matt Christensen, Dave Rowe, Frank Daybell and Raquel Baum.

The agenda was as follows:

1. OPENING
 - A. Pledge of Allegiance
2. AGENDA APPROVAL
 - A. Approval of Board Agenda
3. CONSENT AGENDA
 - A. Financial Report
 - B. Claims
 - C. Minutes of the Work Session and General Board Meeting held on July 8, 2026.
 - D. New Employees and Separations
 - E. Retirement Incentive Plans
 - F. Leave Without Pay
 - G. LAND Trust Plan Amendments
 - H. Student Educational Travel
4. PROGRAM REVIEW AND REPORT
 - A. EduStaff Recognition of Substitute of the Year – David Gneiting
5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
 - A. Public Opportunity to Address the Board

6. ITEMS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION
7. ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION
 - A. Consideration of Approval of revisions to the 2026-2027 Certified and Classified Handbooks
 - B. Consideration of Approval of Policy EG – Animals in Schools
 - C. Consideration of Approval of Policy JP – Seclusion and Restraint
 - D. Consideration of Approval of Quit Claim Deed with Springville City
 - E. Consideration of Approval of LEA Specific Licenses
8. SPECIAL BUSINESS
 - A. Motion & Vote – Board Closed Session
 - B. Board Closed Session (Legal, Property, Personnel and/or Other Closed Session Issues)

Agenda Item 1: OPENING

Item No. 1A: Pledge of Allegiance – Kristen Betts

Agenda Item 2: AGENDA APPROVAL

Item No. 2A: Shauna Warnick presented a motion to approve the Board Agenda. She mentioned that there will be a closed session.

Rick Ainge seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor.

Agenda Item 3: CONSENT AGENDA

Item No. 3: Rick Ainge reviewed items listed on the Consent Agenda and inquired of any questions from the Board. He then presented a motion to approve the following items listed on the Consent Agenda:

- A. Financial Report
- B. Claims
- C. Minutes of Work Session & General Board Meeting held on July 8, 2026.
- D. New Employees and Separations
- E. Retirement Incentive Plans
- F. Leave Without Pay
- G. LAND Trust Plans Amendments
- H. Student Educational Travel

Scott Wilson seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor.

Agenda Item 4: PROGRAM REVIEW AND REPORT

Item 4A. Human Resources Coordinator David Gneiting invited Lynn Tuescher with EduStaff to recognize Joycelyn Vest as Utah Substitute of the Year. Nebo District is fortunate to benefit from her dedication.

Agenda Item 5: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Item No. 5A: Public Opportunity to Address the Board

The following individuals addressed the Board:

<u>Name</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Schools</u>	<u>Topic</u>
No one signed up to address the Board			

Agenda Item 6: ITEMS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION

Agenda Item 7: ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

The Superintendent reviewed the Board action items that were previously approved in the 3:00 session.

Agenda Item 8. SPECIAL BUSINESS (as needed)

Item No. 8A. Consideration of convening a closed session to discuss matters related to legal/litigation issues, real property transactions, investigations regarding allegations of criminal conduct, and student or personnel issues involving a person's character, competence, or health.

Rick Ainge made a motion to convene a close session

Kristen Betts seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor.

President Shannon Acor announced at 6:21 PM that the Board meeting was temporarily adjourned.

The Board convened the closed session at 6:24 PM.

President Shannon Acor announced at 7:18 PM that all items of the closed session were covered and adjourned the closed session.

The Board reconvened the Board meeting at 7:18 PM.

President Shannon Acor announced at 7:18 PM that all items on the agenda were covered and asked for a motion to adjourn the Board meeting.

Scott Wilson made the motion to adjourn the meeting.

Brian Rowley seconded the motion.

All members present voted in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 PM.