

Garfield School District

Garfield County School District Work Meeting
Garfield County Courthouse, 55 S Main St., Panguitch, UT 84759
Thursday, August 20, 2026

I. Work Meeting

I.A. Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 3:08. All Board members were present including April Lefevre, Ralph Perkins, Curtis Barney, Jared Brems, and Myron Cottam. Also present were Superintendent John Dodds and Business Administrator Lane Mecham. Robert Prince's presentation was bumped to the work meeting from the regular meeting. He provided a report on the progress of the Adult Education and Corrections program. He reported good progress across the board. Board members inquired about graduations rates and other matters which Robert replied to.

II. Discussion Items

II.A. Policy Discussion

Superintendent Dodds introduced the agenda item and discussed the various policies with the Board. The Board asked questions about the policies and there was discussion about the various policies.

[BAA Board Legal Status](#)

[CEB — District Emergency Plan.](#)

[ECCA — Curriculum: Reading Achievement for K-3](#)

[LOC BMB](#)

[EFBC — Grading: Credit Through Testing \(new policy\).](#)

[FBB — Admissions and Attendance: Compulsory Education.](#)

[GBA — Education Hotline Complaints.](#)

II.A.1. Cellphone Policy

The Board discussed the cell phone policy and some of the conversations had in the community and with faculty. The Board provided their input on the direction of the policy.

II.B. Capital Projects

Superintendent Dodds provided an update on the PHS construction project and the overall direction of the project. He discussed the project likely taking a multi-phased approach rather than a single project based on funding. There was also a discussion about the APEX center. There were many questions about the programs that would be offered, its operations, and about the construction and location of the building.

III. Board Training

IV. Review Board Agenda

V. Executive Session

1. Discussion of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual.
2. Discussion regarding deployment of security personnel, devices, or systems.
3. Strategy to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation.
4. Strategy sessions to discuss collective bargaining.
5. Strategy to discuss the purchase, exchange or lease of real estate.
6. Investigative proceedings regarding allegations of criminal conduct.

A motion was made to go into executive session. This motion, made by Myron Cottam and seconded by April LeFevre, Carried.

Curtis Barney: Yea, Jared Brems: Yea, Myron Cottam: Yea, April LeFevre: Yea, Ralph Perkins: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

A motion to leave executive session. This motion, made by April LeFevre and seconded by Myron Cottam, Carried.

Curtis Barney: Yea, Jared Brems: Yea, Myron Cottam: Yea, April LeFevre: Yea, Ralph Perkins: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:54 PM.

Barney Curtis; Brems Jared; Cottam Myron ; LeFevre April; Perkins Ralph