

Garfield School District

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

I. Regular Board Meeting

I.A. Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm. All board members were present, including Ralph Perkins, April Lefevre, Curtis Barney, Myron Cottam, and Jared Brems. Superintendent John Dodds and Business Administrator Lane Mecham were also present.

II. Consent Agenda Items

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda. 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

II.A. Approve School Board Meeting Minutes

II.B. Approve Financial Reports

II.C. Approve Hiring Recommendations

II.D. Letters of Resignation

II.E. Enrollment Report

II.F. Home School Affidavits

II.G. Sports and Transportation Approvals

II.H. Other Travel Approval

II.I. Trust Lands/TSSA

III. Public Comment

Shawn Caine proposed a winter sports program to the School Board. She is applying for a grant that would support snow sports but needs the sponsorship of the School District.

IV. Reports

IV.A. School Board Report

Board members each provided updates on their assigned areas, committee assignments, and recent meetings or events they attended. Members shared information relevant to the Board's work and responded to questions as needed. No formal action was taken on these reports.

IV.B. Superintendent Report

The Superintendent provided a report to the Board covering current district operations, ongoing initiatives, and recent activities. The report included relevant updates on programs, personnel, and events across the district. Board members had the opportunity to ask questions, and no formal action was taken.

IV.C. Business Administrator Report

The Business Administrator provided a report to the Board covering the district's financial position, budget matters, and operational updates. The report included relevant information on expenditures, revenues, and other business-related items. Board members had the opportunity to ask questions, and no formal action was taken.

IV.D. Annual Report: Adult Ed Program

Robert Prince gave a presentation on the Adult Ed and Corrections programs in the work meeting.

IV.E. Annual Report: School Safety & Security Specialist

Kelson provided an update on the school safety and security specialists who work within the district. He answered questions from the Board.

V. Board Discussion

The Board set the date and time of its next meeting for [date] at [time]. Board members confirmed their availability, and the meeting was scheduled accordingly.

V.A. Cameras in Classrooms

The Board discussed cameras in the classrooms. Kelson described the process to gather feedback prior to installing the cameras, there was discussion about the practice surrounding watching the cameras, and forthcoming policy related to them.

VI. Board Business

VI.A. Future Board Items

The Board reviewed upcoming matters and discussed items anticipated for future meetings. Members went over the calendar, noting key dates, scheduled events, and deadlines relevant to the Board's work. Board members had the opportunity to ask questions, and no formal action was taken.

VI.B. Set Upcoming Board Meetings

The September meeting was switched to Panguitch and the October meeting was switched to Boulder.

VII. Public Comment

Luciene Syrett made comments on the cell phone policy - she suggested keeping the policy as-is.

VIII. Board Action Items

VIII.A. Approve LEA Specific Licenses

A motion was made to approve the LEA-Specific licenses as listed. This motion, made by Myron Cottam and seconded by Curtis Barney, Carried.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

The Board looked over the various personnel being considered for approval on an LEA-Specific license. There were some questions about what exactly was meant by approving them.

VIII.B. Redline Model Policy First Reading

A motion was made to approve the redline policies as-written, excluding the cell phone policy. This motion, made by Ralph Perkins and seconded by Curtis Barney, Carried.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

A motion was made to approve the cell phone to remain the same as the 2025 policy. This motion, made by Curtis Barney and seconded by Ralph Perkins, Carried.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

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VIII.C. Approve TSSA Plan

To approve the TSSA Plan as Presented. 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

IX. Executive Session

A motion was made to go into executive session for collective bargaining. This motion, made by Myron Cottam and seconded by Ralph Perkins, Carried.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

X. Adjournment

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