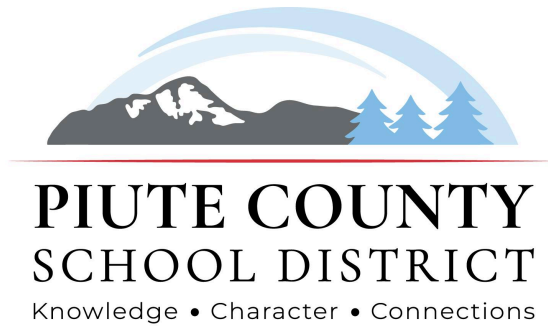




UNAPPROVED MINUTES

October 2026 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The regular board meeting of the Piute County School District Board of Education was held on **October 13, 2026** at the Piute County Courthouse in Junction, Utah. Teresa Morgan called the meeting to order at **3:31 P.M.** Present was Teresa Morgan, Rick Dalton, and Jeremy Pearson, Erin Jensen and Neccia Dalton. Also present was Superintendent Jason Strate and Business Administrator Dallas Sylvester. Guests at the meeting were: Heather Fautin, Shannon Gleave, Wyatt Jensen, Shauna Bagley, Russ Lee, Janette Lee, Keshia Gleave, Eric Jessen, and Members of the Piute High School Student Council.

Training Meeting: The board met before the normal meeting to receive training on the School Trustlands program.

Opening Remarks:

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

Program Reports:

- **Student Council**
 - Members of the Piute High School student council gave a student council report to the school board.
 - They mentioned that the theme this year at the high school for each class is Disney and each class has a movie theme.
 - The council has planned a year end trip to Boondocks in Draper.
 - The council has held a chalk dance and also has plans for Red Ribbon Week
 - The council has implemented the Thunderbucks Incentive. The Thunderbucks are earned by demonstrating positive behavior.
 - The student council asked for a school board donation towards their program. The amount that was donated to the program last year was \$2,500.
 - Erin Jensen made a motion to approve a \$2,500 donation to the student council this school year. Rick Dalton seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- **Beginning of Year Literacy Report**
 - Heather Fautin presented the board with the beginning of year literacy report.

- She presented the board with the beginning of year Acadience reading scores for students that are K-6.
 - The report indicates whether students are well below, below, at, or above the grade level benchmarks.
 - Out of 287 students enrolled in the district, 134 were tested. This is due to a lot of students' parents opting them out of testing. A high number of those students that opted out are enrolled in Utah Peak Academy.
 - 43% of students tested are below or well below the reading benchmark.
 - 57% of students tested are at or above the reading benchmark.
 - Heather mentioned that the school district's goal this year is to increase the percentage of students reading at or above the benchmark by 10 percentage points.
- **Student and School Safety**
 - School Resource Officer Wyatt Jensen gave the board a report on the student and school safety program.
 - Officer Jensen presented the board with the emergency response plans for each school.
 - Officer Jensen mentioned that the schools are working on their reunifications plans and will have them completed in December.
 - Officer Jensen spoke about the standard response plans for schools to follow.
 - Officer Jensen mentioned that he has been giving Red Ribbon presentations at the schools this week.

Public Comments

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

Business Items:

- **Elementary Schools Construction Update**
 - Superintendent Strate gave an update on the elementary schools construction update.
 - Asbestos will be completed at the old Circleville Elementary School building by November 1st and then the demolition crew will begin tearing down the school.
 - The construction crews plan on having sod laid for the baseball fields before winter.
 - Two surplus sales have been held at Circleville Elementary School and all that was left over was taken to D.I.
 - Cabinets are being set at Oscarson Elementary School and painting is being completed.
 - The crews will start construction on the retaining wall soon.
 - Construction is still on schedule.
 - The furniture has been ordered for Oscarson Elementary School.
- **Softball Field Construction Update**
 - Dallas Sylvester gave an update on the softball field construction progress.
 - Nearly all the block has been laid for the softball restrooms.
 - The cement has been poured and poles placed for the baseball batting cage.
 - The roof on the restrooms will be installed soon.
 - The red dirt warning track around the baseball field has been completed including all fencing.

- The fascia and soffit is nearly complete on the baseball dugouts.
- The scoreclock awning has been completed.
- Nearly all cement work has been completed.
- Morgan Hoyt and his class are working on building the new railing for the baseball field retaining wall.
- **School Land Trust Community Council Membership & Election Exemptions**
 - The board discussed that Utah Peak Academy will need to have an exemption for its School Trustlands community council due to lack of interest of parents wanting to join the committee.
 - Neccia Dalton made a motion to approve the Utah Peak Academy Community Council Membership Exception. Erin Jensen seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- **District Elementary Literacy Plan**
 - Literacy Director Heather Fautin presented the school board with the district elementary literacy plan.
 - The literacy plan highlights state and district goals regarding elementary literacy.
 - The plan highlights objectives and processes in order to achieve the associated goals.
 - Jeremy Pearson made a motion to approve the Piute County School District Elementary Literacy Plan. Neccia Dalton seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- **Shine Funding**
 - Dallas Sylvester presented the school board with the SHINE program allocations for this school year based on district policy and available funding for the program.
 - Erin Jensen made a motion to approve the Piute County School District Shine Allocations as presented and for the funds to be distributed to qualifying teachers in two allotments in December and May. Rick Dalton seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- **LEA Specific Licensing**
 - The LEA Specific license requests were reviewed by the board. They are as follows:
 - Robert Thomas**
 - Earth Science
 - Gaming Development Fundamentals I
 - Gaming Development Fundamentals II
 - Tyrel Ivie**
 - US History II
 - United States Government and Citizenship
 - Business & Marketing Capstone
 - Culinary Arts Capstone
 - Digital Media Capstone
 - Health Science Capstone
 - Engineering Capstone
 - Video Production Capstone
 - Construction Capstone
 - Graphic Design Capstone

Agric Science and Tech Application

Shantel Hartman

BTS Music

- Rick Dalton made a motion to approve the LEA-Specific Licenses for Robert Thomas, Tyrel Ivie, and Shantel Hartman as listed. Erin Jensen seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- **Policy # 6010 - Credit Card Policy**
 - Dallas Sylvester presented the school board with the revision of policy #6010- Credit Card Policy for the first reading.
 - Jeremy Pearson made a motion to suspend the second and third readings and approve the revision of Policy #6010 - Credit Cards on the first reading. Erin Jensen seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- **Strategic Plan Innovation Grants**
 - Superintendent Strate presented the board with the strategic plan innovation grants for each school.
 - Superintendent Strate recommended that the school district use the schools credit card points earned to fund incentives to meet the goals of the plans.
 - Neccia Dalton made a motion to approve the strategic plan innovation grants using the credit card earned rewards in the amounts of:
 - Oscarson Elementary - \$1,000.00
 - Circleville Elementary - \$1,500.00
 - Utah Peak Academy - \$1,500.00
 - Piute High School - \$3,000.00
 - Rick Dalton seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- **Rural Athletic Facilities Grant Application**
 - Superintendent Strate presented the board with the rural athletic facilities grant application for a new track at the high school.
 - The grant would help replace the worn out 6-lane track with a new 8-lane track.
 - The school board reviewed the application and had a discussion about the project.
 - Rick Dalton made a motion to approve the grant application to USBE for the Rural Athletic Facilities in the amount of \$900,000.00 with the district contributing \$325,000.00, Grant Contributing \$500,000.00 and to amend the grant to show support and consideration from the Special Service District in the amount of \$50,000.00 to \$75,000.00 pending their potential official approval on November 19, 2026 at their public hearing. Erin Jensen seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- **Approval of Minutes and Vouchers**
 - Neccia Dalton made a motion to approve the September meeting minutes, the September payroll reports, the September revenues received, and district accounts payable vouchers

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- **New Hires, Assignments, and Reassignments**

New Hires

- Carlee Peterson - Secretary Oscarson Elementary School

Resignations

- Kinley Syrett - Secretary Oscarson Elementary School
- Rick Dalton made a motion to approve the new hires as presented. Erin Jensen seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Other Information Items: None

Executive Session : At 5:03 P.M. Neccia Dalton made a motion to move into executive session for the discussion of Personnel, Collective Bargaining, Litigation, or Other (*Utah Code 52-4-205*). Erin Jensen seconded the motion. Each individual board member was in favor of moving into executive session. Erin Jensen voted aye, Teresa Morgan voted aye, Rick Dalton voted aye, Neccia Dalton voted aye, and Jeremy Pearson voted aye.

- The school board entered the executive meeting at **5:03 P.M.**
- The school board left the executive meeting at **5:20 P.M.**

- **One-Time Salary Adjustment**

- Erin Jensen made a motion to approve the one-time salary adjustment for contracted employees in the district. Neccia Dalton seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Adjournment

- At **5:21 P.M.** Rick Dalton made a motion to adjourn the **October 13, 2026** meeting of the school board. Jeremy Pearson seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.