Garfield School District

Garfield County School District Board Meeting
Garfield County Courthouse, 55 S Main St., Panguitch, UT 84759
Thursday, September 17, 2026

I. Regular Board Meeting

I.A. Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM. 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. Myron Cottam led the group in prayer and Jared led the Pledge of Allegiance. Alex Booth from VCBO presented to the Board the options for the Panguitch Projects. He reported that the cost of an overhaul of the old PHS would be cost-prohibitive for the budget and that new construction would be the only cost-effective way forward. He presented on two options that were roughly the same cost but had different levels of construction versus remodeling.

II. Consent Agenda Items

I move to approve the consent agenda as presented. This motion, made by Myron Cottam and seconded by Curtis Barney, Carried.
Ralph Perkins: Absent, Curtis Barney: Yea, Jared Brems: Yea, Myron Cottam: Yea, April LeFevre: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1
The Board reviewed the constent agenda and had a few short questions on sports schedules and other matters.

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

None

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. Summer Professional Development Reports: BVHS & PES

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.

VI. Board Business

VI.A. Future Board Items
The Board discussed future board items and reviewed the upcoming items.

VI.B. Set Upcoming Board Meetings
The Board confirmed October 15th in Boulder as the next meeting.

VII. Public Comment

VIII. Board Action Items

VIII.A. LEA Specific Licenses
A motion was made to approve the LEA specific licenses. 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

VIII.B. Classified & Certified Negotiations
A motion was made to approve the FY 27 classified and certified negotiations. This motion, made by Curtis Barney and seconded by Myron Cottam, Carried.
Ralph Perkins: Absent, Curtis Barney: Yea, Jared Brems: Yea, Myron Cottam: Yea, April LeFevre: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

VIII.C. Home School Extracurricular Activities
A motion was made to approve the form 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
The Board had some discussion about what the policies and laws relating to fees and homeschooled students participaing in public schools were. John and Lane explained the rules surrounding homeschooled students being involved in school activities.

VIII.D. Classified Employees Stipend for Extracurricular Advisor
A motion was made by Myron to approve the payment of stipends to classified employees. This motion, made by Myron Cottam, Unseconded.
A motion was made to table the item for a future board meeting. 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
The Board discussed classified employees being eligible for extracurricular stipends. The initial motion to pass the classified stipends failed to get a second. A second motion was made to table the item for a later meeting. The Board discussed the utilization of certified employees to fulfill these roles. April suggested verbiage in the policy that required school board approval prior to acceptance.

VIII.E. VCBO Capital Projects
A motion was made to approve Option 1 for the PHS construction projects presented by VCBO and to include a remodel of the auditorium as an alternate, contingent on budget. 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

VIII.F. Approve PHS Athletic Facilities Budget
A motion was made to approve the $350K budget for the panguitch athletics projects. This motion, made by Myron Cottam and seconded by April LeFevre, Carried.
Ralph Perkins: Absent, Curtis Barney: Yea, Jared Brems: Yea, Myron Cottam: Yea, April LeFevre: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

VIII.G. Approve SHiNE Distribution
A motion was made to approve the SHiNE. This motion, made by April LeFevre and seconded by Curtis Barney, Carried.
Ralph Perkins: Absent, Curtis Barney: Yea, Jared Brems: Yea, Myron Cottam: Yea, April LeFevre: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

IX. Executive Session
A motion was made to go into executives session for items 1 and 2. This motion, made by Myron Cottam and seconded by April LeFevre, Carried.

Ralph Perkins: Absent, Curtis Barney: Yea, Jared Brems: Yea, Myron Cottam: Yea, April LeFevre: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1
A motion was made 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
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X. Adjournment

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