Wasatch County School District Board of Education Meetings (Thursday, September 24, 2026)

A. Study Session - 5:00 p.m.

Action: 1. Call to Order
Meeting called to order at 5 p.m.

Action 2: Board Member Roll Call
Members present
Board President, Kim Dickerson
Board Member, Jake Collett
Board Member, Breanne Dedrickson
Board Member, Brad Ehlert

Superintendent, Dr. Garrick Peterson
Business Administrator, Dr. Jason Watt

Members excused
Board Vice President, Cory Holmes

Discussion: 1. Student Conduct and Discipline Policy Review: Dr. Eric Campbell, Director of Student Services
Student Services Director Dr. Eric Campbell continued the Board's review of the proposed Student Conduct and Discipline Policy.

The Board discussed requirements for promptly notifying parents following student complaints or incidents. Dr. Campbell explained that administrators notify parents as quickly as reasonably possible while gathering enough information to address immediate questions about the incident and student safety. Superintendent Dr. Garrick Peterson emphasized communicating support measures being provided to students. Dr. Campbell reviewed the policy's approach to discipline, which provides parameters and possible consequences while allowing administrators to consider the severity and circumstances of individual incidents. Administrators also collaborate across schools to promote consistency. Restorative practices may be appropriate in some situations, while more serious conduct may warrant stronger consequences.

Board Member Breanne Dedrickson asked how previous incidents are documented so administrators can recognize patterns as students move between schools. Dr. Campbell confirmed that records can be used to identify repeated behavior and inform future responses. Board Member Dedrickson also highlighted revised dress code language developed with administrator input and legal review. The proposed language moves away from specific clothing measurements toward standards intended to be clearer and more practical to enforce. The Board discussed the policy's definition of weapons and the ability to consider student age, circumstances, and intent while complying with state requirements. Board Member Dedrickson expressed support for allowing administrators appropriate discretion based on the circumstances of an incident. Board Member Brad Ehlert asked about students carrying over-the-counter medications. Administration clarified requirements regarding allowable quantities and existing procedures for medications administered through the school nurse. The Board will continue reviewing the policy before determining whether to bring it forward for formal consideration and public comment.

Discussion, Information: 2. Complaint Policy Discussion: Dr. Eric Campbell, Director of Student Services
Dr. Campbell reported that two public comments were received on the proposed Complaint Policy. Neither requested changes to the policy and primarily addressed scenarios regarding how it might be applied. Administration recommended moving the Complaint Policy forward for consideration during the regular Board meeting.

Discussion: 3. Cell Phone Policy Discussion
The Board continued discussion of the District's student cell phone policy. Administration confirmed that the current policy complies with state law and reviewed practices currently being used in schools. Middle schools generally maintain stricter classroom procedures, including phone storage, while high schools provide somewhat more flexibility while requiring phones to be put away during instructional time. Operations Director Shawn Kelly noted that a districtwide phone pouch system had previously been estimated at approximately $200,000.

Superintendent Peterson said administration has not received widespread concerns indicating that the current policy is creating a significant problem, although enforcement can vary among classrooms. Board Member Brad Ehlert discussed balancing classroom expectations with teaching students responsible technology use, noting the importance of technology in education, careers and life after graduation. He also referenced previous information indicating stricter phone practices had not necessarily resulted in fewer overall behavior issues and expressed interest in updated data.

Board Member Breanne Dedrickson said the feedback she has received generally favors stricter practices but requested additional information to determine whether the current policy is working for teachers and students before making changes. Business Administrator Dr. Jason Watt suggested focusing data collection on whether phones are disrupting

learning or contributing to student safety and discipline concerns. Board Member Jake Collett supported gathering additional information and emphasized clearly identifying what the District hopes to learn through a survey. The Board supported gathering additional information before considering policy changes. Administration will develop an educator survey and explore available discipline, behavior and academic data to help evaluate current practices.

Round Table Discussion
Board Member Dedrickson asked about plans for a future Board budget and strategic planning session. Superintendent Peterson confirmed that a session will be scheduled and will include a detailed review of District academic data, including areas of success, concern and potential emphasis. He reported that District results in math, science and language arts increased again, continuing positive trends across the District.

Board Member Ehlert asked about recent school district performance audits conducted by the Utah Office of the Legislative Auditor General (OLAG). Curriculum Director Tod Johnson explained that OLAG has developed research-based best practices through its work with districts statewide and has collaborated with WCSD and visited District schools. Administration discussed using OLAG's standards—which examine leadership at the Board/superintendent, central office and school levels—as a tool for self-reflection and continued improvement.

Board Member Dedrickson requested an update regarding a student who previously addressed the Board about weighted GPA and graduation recognition. Mr. Johnson reported that he met with the student and discussed the District's practices, as well as the broader ways the District recognizes student achievement and preparation for future goals.

Superintendent Peterson reported that approximately **93% of students currently complete at least one Launch experience** before graduation, including early college, MTECH, work-based learning or similar opportunities. Administration is examining how to reach the remaining students and expand participation. He also discussed the possibility of eventually considering additional Launch expectations for certain academic recognition but emphasized that no decision has been made. Mr. Johnson noted that Launch data also provide context regarding academic rigor, with students challenging themselves through early college, technical education, pathway courses, mentorships and other advanced experiences.

B. Board of Education Meeting - 6:30 p.m.

1. **Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM**
Motion by Breanne Dedrickson, second by Jake Collett.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Cory Holmes, Kimberly Dickerson, Brad Ehlert, Breanne Dedrickson, Jake Collett

2. Pledge of Allegiance
Led by Board Member Jake Collett

3. Board Member Roll Call

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Board Member, Jake Collett
Board Member, Breanne Dedrickson
Board Member, Brad Ehlert

Superintendent, Dr. Garrick Peterson
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Members excused
Board Vice President, Cory Holmes

C. Celebration/Information
Discussion, Information: 1. Transportation Department - Adam Hagan, Transportation Supervisor
Operations Director Shawn Kelly introduced the Transportation Department recognition and praised Transportation Director Adam Hagan for his leadership, commitment to students and employees, and stewardship of District resources. Mr. Kelly also recognized Adam and Jamie Hagan as they prepare to retire. Mr. Hagan introduced members of the Transportation Department and provided an overview of District transportation operations. The department includes 48 CDL drivers and 12 aides and operates 108 daily routes, transporting approximately 2,500 students. The department also provides transportation for approximately 250 field trips and 700 athletic trips annually.

Mr. Hagan highlighted recent safety and operational improvements, including illuminated school bus signage, updated camera systems and turn-by-turn route technology that helps drivers identify stops and the students assigned to them. He also discussed the department's emphasis on student relationships and classroom-management strategies. He

reported that bus-related discipline concerns have decreased significantly over the past two years as drivers have focused on knowing and connecting with students. Bus Driver Cheryl Paul shared her experience as a driver and described the opportunity to positively influence students as rewarding and fulfilling.

Board members thanked the Transportation Department for its commitment to student safety and for intentionally building positive relationships with students. Members shared examples of the meaningful role bus drivers can play in helping students feel safe, seen and connected. The Board and Superintendent also expressed appreciation to Adam and Jamie Hagan for their years of service and contributions to the District.

D. Community Comment

Discussion, Information: 1. Public comments will be accepted for approximately twenty (20) minutes. Each speaker will be allowed a maximum of two (2) minutes.

Board President Dickerson opened the meeting for community comment. No public comments were received, and the public comment period was closed.

E. Consent Items

Action (Consent): 1. Consideration of Consent Items
Consideration and Approval of Consent Items
Motion by Breanne Dedrickson, second by Jake Collett.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Kimberly Dickerson, Brad Ehlert, Breanne Dedrickson, Jake Collett
Not Present at Vote: Cory Holmes

Action (Consent), Minutes: 2. School Board Meeting Minutes - August 27, 2026
Consideration and Approval of School Board Meeting Minutes - August 27, 2026
Motion by Breanne Dedrickson, second by Jake Collett.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Kimberly Dickerson, Brad Ehlert, Breanne Dedrickson, Jake Collett
Not Present at Vote: Cory Holmes

Action (Consent): 3. Deer Creek High School Change Orders
Consideration and Approval of Deer Creek High School Change Orders
Motion by Breanne Dedrickson, second by Jake Collett.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Kimberly Dickerson, Brad Ehlert, Breanne Dedrickson, Jake Collett
Not Present at Vote: Cory Holmes

Action (Consent): 4. Deer Creek High School Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment
Consideration and Approval of Deer Creek High School Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment
Motion by Breanne Dedrickson, second by Jake Collett.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Kimberly Dickerson, Brad Ehlert, Breanne Dedrickson, Jake Collett
Not Present at Vote: Cory Holmes

Action (Consent): 5. 2026-2027 LEA-Specific Licenses and Endorsements
Consideration and Approval of 2026-2027 LEA-Specific Licenses and Endorsements
Motion by Breanne Dedrickson, second by Jake Collett.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Kimberly Dickerson, Brad Ehlert, Breanne Dedrickson, Jake Collett
Not Present at Vote: Cory Holmes

Action (Consent): 6. Roof Repairs at Wasatch Alternative School
Consideration and Approval of roof repairs to the southeast section of Wasatch Alternative School by Great Western Roofing in the amount of $28,400.
Motion by Breanne Dedrickson, second by Jake Collett.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Kimberly Dickerson, Brad Ehlert, Breanne Dedrickson, Jake Collett
Not Present at Vote: Cory Holmes

Action (Consent): 7. Purchase Agreement for the Sale of a District Home
Consideration and Approval of Purchase Agreement for the Sale of a District Home
Motion by Breanne Dedrickson, second by Jake Collett.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Kimberly Dickerson, Brad Ehlert, Breanne Dedrickson, Jake Collett
Not Present at Vote: Cory Holmes

Action (Consent): 8. Financials
Consideration and Approval of August 2026 Financials
Motion by Breanne Dedrickson, second by Jake Collett.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Kimberly Dickerson, Brad Ehlert, Breanne Dedrickson, Jake Collett
Not Present at Vote: Cory Holmes

Action (Consent): 9. Employee New Hires
Consideration and Approval of Employee New Hires
Motion by Breanne Dedrickson, second by Jake Collett.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Kimberly Dickerson, Brad Ehlert, Breanne Dedrickson, Jake Collett
Not Present at Vote: Cory Holmes

Action (Consent): 10. Employee Separations

Consideration and Approval of Employee Separations

Motion by Breanne Dedrickson, second by Jake Collett.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Kimberly Dickerson, Brad Ehlert, Breanne Dedrickson, Jake Collett
Not Present at Vote: Cory Holmes

Action (Consent): 11. Student Travel

Consideration and Approval of Consent Items
Motion by Breanne Dedrickson, second by Jake Collett.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Kimberly Dickerson, Brad Ehlert, Breanne Dedrickson, Jake Collett
Not Present at Vote: Cory Holmes

Action (Consent): 12. School Choice Applications

Resolution: Approval of School Choice Applications
Consideration and Approval of Consent Items
Motion by Breanne Dedrickson, second by Jake Collett.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Kimberly Dickerson, Brad Ehlert, Breanne Dedrickson, Jake Collett
Not Present at Vote: Cory Holmes

Action (Consent): 13. Homeschool Affidavits

Resolution: Approval of Homeschool Affidavits
Consideration and Approval of Consent Items
Motion by Breanne Dedrickson, second by Jake Collett.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Kimberly Dickerson, Brad Ehlert, Breanne Dedrickson, Jake Collett
Not Present at Vote: Cory Holmes

F. Action Items

Action: 1. Consideration to Approve the Fraud Risk Assessment - Dr. Jason Watt, Business Administrator

Business Administrator Dr. Jason Watt presented the District's FY2026 Fraud Risk Assessment, which is completed annually as part of the state audit process. Watt reported that the District has strong financial safeguards and practices in place and discussed two areas identified through the assessment: having CPA-level expertise as part of the management team and required Board member training. Dr. Watt said his own completion of the training prompted a broader review of District financial policies. With a number of new administrators and coaches, he said the District will work to refresh financial policies and continue strengthening training and guidance. Board members discussed financial training for coaches, including development of a coach-specific handbook and existing state and District training requirements.

Motion by Kimberly Dickerson, second by Breanne Dedrickson.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Kimberly Dickerson, Brad Ehlert, Breanne Dedrickson, Jake Collett
Not Present at Vote: Cory Holmes

Action: 2. Consideration to Approve the Teacher and Student Success Act Program (TSSP) Framework - Eric Campbell, Director of Student Services

Dr. Eric Campbell presented the Teacher and Student Success Program (TSSP) framework, which schools will use to develop their individual plans, goals, action steps and expenditures. Dr. Campbell explained that school plans will identify academic areas of focus, measurable goals and action steps and will be informed by student data and stakeholder input. Board members discussed the flexibility schools have to direct TSSP funding toward school-specific needs. Superintendent Dr. Garrick Peterson clarified that the Board was approving the framework and that completed school plans will return to the Board for review.

Motion by Breanne Dedrickson, second by Jake Collett.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Kimberly Dickerson, Brad Ehlert, Breanne Dedrickson, Jake Collett
Not Present at Vote: Cory Holmes

Action: 3. Consideration to Approve the Complaint Policy - Dr. Eric Campbell, Director of Student Services

Dr. Campbell presented the updated General Complaint Policy following the required public review period. He thanked Board members and staff who worked on the policy and explained that it is intended to provide a clear, accessible process for complaints not otherwise governed by specific policies or legal requirements. Complaints involving areas such as bullying and Title IX continue to follow their respective policies and procedures. Dr. Campbell reported that public comments received during the review period were considered and incorporated where appropriate. Board Member Breanne Dedrickson expressed appreciation for the policy's clear and streamlined process, noting that it provides students, parents, employees and administrators with an understandable pathway for addressing concerns and seeking further review when necessary. President Dickerson agreed that the updated policy will provide Board members with a

clear process to reference when constituents raise concerns. Board Member Brad Ehlert noted that District policies can continue to be reviewed and revised as new information or circumstances arise. Dedrickson thanked community members who submitted comments and emphasized that their feedback had been reviewed and considered.
Motion by Jake Collett, second by Brad Ehlert.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Kimberly Dickerson, Brad Ehlert, Breanne Dedrickson, Jake Collett

Action: 4. Consideration to Approve the Purchase of a new Circulation Pump at the Wasatch Aquatic Center - Zach Bredsguard, Maintenance Supervisor
Maintenance Supervisor Zach Bredsguard requested approval to replace the Wasatch Aquatic Center pool circulation pump. He explained that the approximately 10-year-old pump operates continuously, has been rebuilt several times and is currently leaking. The replacement was included in the capital budget. Board Member Brad Ehlert moved to approve the purchase of a replacement circulation pump from Wasatch Aquatic Specialties in the amount of ***$10,905****. In response to a question from Board Member Dedrickson, Bredsguard said the pump was expected to arrive within two to three weeks and would be installed as soon as possible.*
Motion by Brad Ehlert, second by Kimberly Dickerson.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Kimberly Dickerson, Brad Ehlert, Breanne Dedrickson, Jake Collett

Action: 5. Consideration to Approve the Purchase of a Two-Way Radio System for Deer Creek High School- Shawn Kelly, Director of Operations
Operations Director Shawn Kelly requested approval to purchase a two-way radio system for Deer Creek High School. Mr. Kelly explained that administrators use the radios throughout the school day and during events to communicate with one another and support school safety. The proposed high-frequency system is a closed system and requires FCC licensing. Board Member Jake Collett moved to approve the purchase of the two-way radio system from Macintosh Communications in the amount of ***$17,990****. Board members asked questions regarding communication with law enforcement, security of the radio channels and the system used at Wasatch High School. Mr. Kelly explained that the radios operate on a closed channel and that similar systems are standard for school administrators.*
Motion by Jake Collett, second by Brad Ehlert.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Kimberly Dickerson, Brad Ehlert, Breanne Dedrickson, Jake Collett

Action: 6. Consideration to Approve a Real Property Purchase Agreement - Shawn Kelly, Director of Operations
Operations Director Shawn Kelly presented a proposed real property purchase agreement for property needed to complete UDOT-required improvements to SR-113 near Deer Creek High School. Kelly explained that acquisition of the property will allow turn lanes to be widened and extended, improving traffic flow into and out of Deer Creek High School. President Dickerson moved to approve the Real Property Purchase Agreement for parcels ***000076427 and 000076468*** *in the amount of* ***$130,000****, as presented. Board Member Ehlert asked how the completed improvements would affect traffic flow. Mr. Kelly explained that the project will provide two turn lanes into Deer Creek High School and a through lane toward Heber City, addressing the current bottleneck. He said final completion is anticipated in the spring because of UDOT's seasonal paving requirements. Board Member Dedrickson emphasized that the road improvements are a UDOT requirement associated with the Deer Creek High School project. Mr. Kelly also noted that MTECH is participating in the cost of the roadway improvements as part of the partners' joint work in the area. President Dickerson thanked attorney Jared Anderson for his work in helping negotiate the property acquisition.*
Motion by Kimberly Dickerson, second by Breanne Dedrickson.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Kimberly Dickerson, Brad Ehlert, Breanne Dedrickson, Jake Collett

Action: 7. Consideration to Approve the Purchase of a Wheelchair-Accessible Van for the Special Education Transition College - Shawn Kelly, Director of Operations
Operations Director Shawn Kelly requested approval to purchase a wheelchair-accessible vehicle for the District's Special Education Transition College. Mr. Kelly explained that purchasing a lightly used, already-converted vehicle would provide significant savings compared with purchasing a new vehicle and completing a separate accessibility conversion. The proposed 2024 Chrysler Voyager has fewer than 20,000 miles and includes a rear-entry wheelchair ramp. The purchase price of ***$51,017.25*** *is approximately* ***$17,000 below the amount included in the capital budget****. Board Member Brad Ehlert moved to approve the purchase of the wheelchair-accessible van from MobilityWorks in the amount of $51,017.25. Board members discussed the rear-entry accessibility system and its ease of use. In response to a question from Board Member Dedrickson, Mr. Kelly explained that the Transition College serves students following high school through age 22, helping them develop life and employment skills and participate at job sites and in community activities. The van will provide accessible transportation for students who use wheelchairs.*
Motion by Brad Ehlert, second by Jake Collett.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Kimberly Dickerson, Brad Ehlert, Breanne Dedrickson, Jake Collett

G. Board Report
Board Member Jake Collett *reflected on the energy that comes with the start of the school year, including fall activities and athletics, and shared that CAPS meetings and work are beginning to pick up for the year.*

Board Member Brad Ehlert *highlighted the positive coordination he is seeing between Wasatch and Deer Creek high schools, including the community spirit surrounding the rivalry football game. He also shared takeaways from an education technology conference focused on how school districts are navigating artificial intelligence, emerging technology, student privacy and related legislation.*

Board Member Breanne Dedrickson *celebrated the positive spirit surrounding the Wasatch–Deer Creek rivalry and the schools' **"Rival Right"** message. She also shared highlights from a recent tour of Deer Creek High School with an MTECH architect, who praised the school's thoughtful educational design, student safety features and administrative visibility. Dedrickson also discussed a recent visit with Wasatch High School administrators and their intentional focus on identifying and supporting students who may be struggling academically and ensuring students feel known and connected at school.*

Board President Kim Dickerson *reflected on the excitement of fall activities and the first Wasatch–Deer Creek rivalry game. She also shared upcoming Wasatch High School Homecoming activities and information about the upcoming Utah School Boards Association regional meeting.*

H. Superintendent Report

Superintendent Dr. Garrick Peterson *focused his report on the District's classified employees and the essential role they play in serving students. Building on the evening's recognition of the Transportation Department, he emphasized that bus drivers, food service employees and other staff members do far more than their job titles suggest—they build relationships and help students feel safe, supported and connected.*

*Dr. Peterson tied their work to the District's goal of ensuring **every student has a significant connection with an adult at school**, expressing appreciation for the many employees working behind the scenes each day to support students and schools.*

I. Adjournment

Action, Procedural: 1. Adjourn Meeting
Motion by Brad Ehlert, second by Jake Collett.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Kimberly Dickerson, Brad Ehlert, Breanne Dedrickson, Jake Collett

J. Executive Session

Action: 1. Section 52-4-5 of the Open Meetings Act identifies the topics that may be discussed in a closed meeting. Discussion to purchase, exchange or lease of real property; character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual; pending or reasonably imminent litigation; and or collective bargaining.
No executive session was held.