

Uintah School District
Vernal, Utah

These are the minutes from the **November 10, 2021, Business Meeting** of the Uintah School District Board of Education. The meeting was held at the **District Office Board Room** located at 826 South 1500 East, Naples, UT 84078. Meeting began at **6:07 p.m.**

Board Members Present: Board President Dave Chivers, Robin McClellan, Harlan “Scoot” Wilkins, and Tawnya McKee, and Todd Massey

Also Present: Superintendent Dr. Rick Woodford and Business Administrator Jason Johnson.

Quorum Present (3): Yes

1. INTRODUCTION Time Stamp (0:40)

- A. Welcome/Called to Order: Board President Dave Chivers**
- B. Reverence:** Reverend Marty Olsen
- C. Pledge of Allegiance:** Elizabeth Morrison, UHS Student of the Month

D. Student Board Member Report – Bryson Allan Time Stamp (4:03)

Bryson Allan first gave a “shout out” to our school administration and thanked them for all their hard work. Bryson then reported on recent activities at UHS including “Scare Teams” for Halloween, the Adam’s Family Musical, and the Sadies Dance. The high school had its first DECA Competition where many students placed high. All week long the school has been celebrating Veteran’s Day. Bryson provided results of fall sports as they have concluded. Lastly, Bryson reported on the winter sports that have started.

E. Celebrations – Superintendent Dr. Rick Woodford Time Stamp (6:24)

1. Student of the Month - Kamryn Pitts (Ashley Elementary); Cash Curtice (Davis Elementary); Izzy Rodarte (Discovery Elementary); Emmett Rich (Eagle View Elementary); Drayce Reed (Lapoint Elementary); Brea Wilson (Maeser Elementary); Asacia Hansen (Naples Elementary); Brooklyn Ailey (Uintah Middle School); Treyson McKeachnie (Vernal Middle School); Elizabeth Morrison (Uintah High School); and Kassidie Bond (Ashley Valley Education Center/Uintah Online).

F. Patron Input: Board President Dave Chivers Time Stamp (31:01)

President Dave Chivers explained Elizabeth Nielson had gone through the proper channels to have Patron Input and she was allotted ten minutes to address the Board.

Time Stamp (31:31) Elizabeth Nielson discussed the consideration of a semester block schedule.

2. BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS Time Stamp (42:30)

A. Consent Calendar

Motion: A motion was made by Harlan “Scoot” Wilkins to approve the consent calendar, seconded by Robin McClellan with the Board unanimously approving. Motion Carried (5:0)

1. Minutes (October 13, 2021, Work Session; October 13, 2021, Impact Aid Meeting; October 13, 2021, Business Meeting) - Jason Johnson, Business Administrator
2. Policy 005.2225 Health and Welfare Medical Recommendations, Second Reading - Rick Johnson, Human Resources Director
3. Policy 004.0220 Applying for and Administering Federal Awards, Second Reading - Jason Johnson
4. Policy 005.0631 Sick Leave Bank Policy - Rick Johnson
5. Purchases Over \$50,000 and/or Contracts Needing Board Approval - Jason Johnson
6. Approval of Human Sexuality Committee - Jayme Leyba, Curriculum Director

B. Approval of FY21 Financial Audit – Jason Johnson, Business Administrator Time Stamp (43:38)

Motion: A motion was made by Todd Massey to approve the FY21 Financial Audit, seconded by Harlan “Scoot” Wilkins with the Board unanimously approving. Motion Carried (5:0)

C. Approval of Secondary Schedule – Dr. Rick Woodford, Superintendent Time Stamp (44:27)

Superintendent Dr. Rick Woodford reviewed the UHS Schedule Options Survey results and three viable schedule options.

1. Patron Input on Secondary Schedule: Board President Dave Chivers Time Stamp (52:41)
Each Patron is allotted 3 minutes.

Time Stamp (53:26) Mayor Doug Hammond thanked Uintah School District staff for their hard work and to Dr. Rick Woodford for the information presented during the Work Session regarding the Secondary School Schedule.

Time Stamp (54:14) Christina Jolliff discussed the consideration to keep the current secondary school schedule.

Time Stamp (57:05) Anya Brown discussed the consideration to keep the current secondary school schedule.

Time Stamp (1:00:25) Kate Abrams asked the district to evaluate the impact of the pandemic on student learning and to consider any change that would ensure that all students receive the best education possible.

Time Stamp (1:04:05) Emma Workman discussed the consideration to keep the current secondary school schedule.

Time Stamp (1:06:59) Brain Gibson discussed the consideration to keep the current trimester system.

Time Stamp (1:09:57) Aaryn Birchell discussed the consideration to keep the current trimester system.

Time Stamp (1:13:34) James McKay discussed the consideration to keep the current trimester system.

Time Stamp (1:16:50) Stephanie Adams requested the consideration to bring back Friday in-person instruction and keep the current secondary schedule.

Time Stamp (1:19:10) Adam Semadeni discussed the consideration to keep the current secondary school schedule.

Time Stamp (1:22:46)

Motion: A motion was made by Robin McClellan to keep the current trimester schedule in place where students attend 5-classes daily, seconded by Harlan "Scoot" Wilkins with the Board unanimously approving. Motion Carried (5:0)

Todd Massey would like to continue exploring options to meet our goals as a District. Todd agrees the time is not right for a change, but he wants to continue to improve the opportunities and choices our students have. Tawnya McKee thanked Superintendent Woodford for the opportunity to discuss these options and was grateful for everyone's input, especially the students. Tawnya provided her feedback on the survey and what motivated her final decision. Robin McClellan explained what influences her decisions she considers her role as a Board member and whom she works for: students first, taxpayers, and teachers. Robin considers all voices and as she thoroughly reviewed the neutral facts provided to her by the UHS Secondary Schedule Committee she focused on major factors such as compensation for teachers, there was no cost-benefit to change, and a schedule does not affect learning. Robin purposed Superintendent Woodford to meet with fellow educators and work to help the minority of students that voted for change on the survey. Robin also requested the Board revisit the Friday schedule. Robin wants the teachers and students to know the Board values them and she feels they need continuity and consistency. President Dave Chivers and Superintendent Dr. Rick Woodford thanked everyone for their valuable input.

D. Personnel Changes – Rick Johnson, Human Resources Director Time Stamp (1:45:54)

Motion: A motion was made by Todd Massey to approve Personnel Changes, seconded by Tawnya McKee with the Board unanimously approving. Motion Carried (5:0)

Rick Johnson outlined the changes to the District's personnel including 14 new hires, which include 1 newly assigned position and 4 due to extracurricular activities. Rick also provided 9 resignations which included seasonal positions.

3. INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS Time Stamp (1:47:32)

A. Calendar Items – Superintendent Dr. Rick Woodford

- 1. End of 1st Trimester** – Thursday, November 18, 2021
- 2. PD Day (no students)** – Friday, November 19, 2021
- 3. Thanksgiving Break** – Wednesday – Friday, November 24-26, 2021

B. Superintendent and/or Board President follow-up or clarification on items discussed during the meeting. Time Stamp (1:48:25)

There were no items for discussion or clarifications to be addressed.

4. ADJOURNMENT Time Stamp (1:49:07)

A. Meeting Adjourned

Motion: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Tawnya McKee seconded by Todd Massey. Motion Carried (5:0)

Todd Massey gave a “shout out” to the UHS Band for a 3rd place finish at State.

Meeting Adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m.