

DUCHESNE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR SESSION

August 17, 2023

District Office 1010 East 200 North, Roosevelt, Utah

OFFICERS: President Tony Smith presided with Board Members Mark Thacker, Brandon Bench, Don Busenbark, and Emilee Wells present, as well as Superintendent Jason Young and Business Administrator Dee E. Miles.

VISITORS:

Gwen Prescott
Phillip Bertoch
Mike Ross
Janalee Goodrich

Rauni Guffey
Keith Goodspeed
Robert Breitwieser
Diana Negus

Kim Labrum
Steven Bolt

WORK SESSION: The Board discussed student attendance and engagement initiatives, redevelopment, and patron concerns.

REGULAR SESSION: President Smith called the regular session to order at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Smith offered prayer. Mr. Bench led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

AGENDA, MINUTES: Mr. Bench moved and Mr. Thacker seconded to approve the agenda, and the minutes of the regular board meeting held June 8, 2023 and special meeting held June 26, 2023; voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

RECOGNITION: Superintendent Young expressed appreciation for the tremendous efforts of District Staff working all summer to wrap up last year and prepare for this year.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: Janalee Goodrich reviewed Mission and Vision/Portraits and DCSD Goals and Plans.

OPEN TIME: At 7:14 p.m. President Smith opened the meeting for public comment. Robert Breitwieser expressed concerns for his autistic son and possible reactions to cleaning and chemicals. Mike Ross reported on the chemicals and cleaning practices on the buses. Kim Labrum expressed concern for students repeating electives and asked about the benefits of the five by five class schedule. Superintendent Young reviewed the emphasis it allows for core subjects while also allowing more opportunity for electives. Keith Goodspeed expressed concern for bullying and hopes of resolution. Superintendent Young expressed concern for every student and that bullying is a constant concern. A new plan to increase intervention is rolling out and individual and group help and counseling is available. Steven Bolt also expressed concern for chemicals and bullying. President Smith closed open time at 7:55 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Travel Requests – None.
2. Buildings – Superintendent Young noted buildings are mostly ready with a couple of cooling concerns. Duchesne High will have lunch outside for a couple of weeks to accommodate construction.
3. Policy 2nd Reading: 5.0410.01 Vision Screening At Enrollment – Superintendent Young reviewed the updates to the policy to attempt to help more students sooner. Mr. Bench moved to approve. Mr. Busenbark seconded; passed unanimously.
4. Teacher Student Success Act (TSSA) Plans – The Board reviewed the plan. Mr. Thacker moved to approve. Mr. Bench seconded; passed unanimously.
5. 2024-25 School Calendar – Superintendent Young reviewed the options and results of preference surveys which were split 50 - 50. Mr. Thacker moved to approve calendar C-2. Mr. Busenbark seconded; passed unanimously.

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6. DCSD Early Learning Plan 2023-24 – Superintendent Young noted the goals had been updated and pre-approved by State Board staff. Mr. Thacker moved to approve. Mr. Bench seconded; passed unanimously.
7. Fraud Risk Assessment – Mr. Miles reviewed the State Auditor report. Mr. Bench moved to approve. Mr. Thacker seconded; passed unanimously.
8. Special Education Policy and Procedures – Janalee Goodrich reviewed updates to incorporate new Federal and State guidelines and clarified the testing methods used. Mr. Thacker moved to approve. Mr. Bench seconded; passed unanimously.
9. 3rd Reading: Update to DHS Fee Schedule – The Duchesne High schedule was updated to create parity across schools in the District. Mr. Bench moved to approve. Mr. Thacker seconded; passed unanimously.
10. Personnel – LEA specific licenses were reviewed. Mr. Bench moved to approve. Mr. Busenbark seconded; passed unanimously. Superintendent Young reviewed recommend changes to the coaching pay to accommodate changes in the time commitment and demands of the sport as it has evolved since they were set 28 years ago. Mr. Bench moved to approve. Ms. Wells seconded; passed unanimously.
11. Roosevelt City Service and Facility Agreements – The agreements are still in development.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Policy. 1st Reading: Transportation handbook revisions and additions – Mike Ross reviewed the changes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mr. Thacker moved and Mr. Bench seconded that the Board go into executive session to discuss personnel; aye votes: Mr. Bench, Mr. Busenbark, Ms. Wells, Mr. Smith, Mr. Thacker. Nay votes: none. Motion passed. President Smith closed the regular session at 8:32 p.m. Mr. Thacker moved and Mr. Bench seconded that the Board go out of executive session at 8:58 p.m.; passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT / FUTURE PLANNING: Mr. Thacker moved to adjourn, Mr. Bench seconded. President Smith closed the meeting at 8:59 p.m. The next Regular Meeting will be held Thursday, September 14, 2023, at the District Office, 1010 East 200 North, Roosevelt, Utah.