

TINTIC SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES – AUGUST 2021 MEETING

Date: August 23, 2021
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Tintic School District Offices
Eureka, Utah

The meeting of the Tintic Board of Education was called to order by President Boswell at 6:00 p.m. President Boswell instructed the Business Administrator to call the roll which indicated the following Board members were in attendance:

<u>Members Present:</u>	Janice Boswell	President
	Jordan Grimstead	Member
	Heather Young	Member
	Jeana Rowley	Member
	Ryan Despain	Member
	Greg Thornock	Superintendent
	Jeremy Snell	Business Administrator

Work Session

Prior to the Board of Education meeting, the Members of the Board met in a Board Work Session from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., in which the following items were reviewed and discussed:

Personnel Report

Superintendent Thornock reported two new staff members have been hired to work in food service, Mrs. Camille Grimstead and Ms. Megan Mower.

Mrs. Karen Kramer, High School Principal, introduced Ms. Sara Beck and stated she is the new Band and Foods teacher at Tintic High School and will also be teaching music at Eureka Elementary. Ms. Beck addressed the board and explained her schooling with a Bachelor's Degree in Music and Culinary Arts, and stated she is excited to be with Tintic School District and have the opportunity to teach the subjects she loves.

Mr. Brian Ward, Elementary School Principal, introduced new employees from Eureka Elementary School which were Mrs. Becky Jones, Preschool and Special Ed Teacher, Mrs. Dayna Rush, Third Grade Teacher, and Mrs. Chelsea Steele, Sixth Grade Teacher. Each teacher told the board about themselves and expectations for the school year.

Consent Agenda Review

There were no questions regarding the minutes.

Mr. Jeremy Snell, Business Administrator, discussed various warrants from the June and July check registers. Member Rowley asked if payments for retirees are paid in a one-time sum or with many payments. Mr. Snell explained the retirement payments are a one-time payment. Member Grimstead asked regarding check 7897 to eLuma. Mr. Snell explained this is the new company that will be providing speech therapy through an online program. There were no further questions.

Communications from Board Members

Member Young stated she really admires and has a lot of respect for Mrs. Warnick and how she has built the FFA program and worked very hard throughout the summer visiting students at their homes and helping with their summer projects, and providing the petting zoo for the community for the Silver Days celebration. Member Young stated she was very pleased with the parade and the participation of all the different groups. Member Young asked regarding her responsibilities as a member of the financial committee. Mr. Snell stated the parameters of the committee have not been established as of yet. Member Young stated she felt the training retreat was very productive and that learning to work together and gaining different perspectives was beneficial.

Member Despain stated that many good things have happened and that the participation in the parade had increased. Member Despain reported that the training retreat was important and that he appreciates the chance to understand the other board members more clearly. Member Despain thanked Mr. Snell and Superintendent Thornock for attending. Member Despain stated that the Opening Institute at Piute High School was a success and that the bus rides and activities provided a fun and unifying atmosphere.

Member Grimstead stated that he understands the community missed seeing the band in the parade, but that the students had the opportunity to choose how to participate in the parade and that there were many more groups participating than in years past, which gave the community the chance to see there are many more talents than just band to be celebrated and supported. Member Grimstead stated that he appreciated attending Opening Institute and being able to collaborate with other districts and their board members to discuss issues and ways to solve them.

Member Rowley asked for a bi-monthly update email. Member Rowley stated she understood that reports by students and teachers would be during the work session at 4:00 p.m. and not during the regular meeting. Member Rowley stated she attended the Juab County Fair and saw many entries in the Floriculture section by Tintic High School's FFA members, with one student's floral arrangement placing high enough to go to the State Fair. Member Rowley stated she is impressed with the Tintic High School FFA.

President Boswell stated she was thrilled with the parade and the different groups from the high school who participated. President Boswell stated that many community members stated they missed seeing the band and hearing the school song in the parade. President Boswell stated that she is impressed with the FFA and all they have been doing. President Boswell stated she felt the training retreat was a great unity builder. President Boswell stated she is pleased the bus garage is finally being built and asked the status of the track project. Superintendent Thornock stated that many different consulting companies came and looked at the track and it was decided to build the track in phases and use an architectural firm to build a plan for each phase as well as be able to get estimates. Superintendent Thornock stated that getting a topographical survey will be the first step

as well as soil testing. Superintendent Thornock stated that the soil testing has been put out for bid. Superintendent Thornock stated that all construction is slow and that planning for construction around track season could be difficult.

President Boswell asked if there was any new information regarding a possible housing development east of the district office and if the schools could accommodate the influx of students. Superintendent Thornock stated there is no news. Member Grimstead stated that the district policy has a class size limit and if full, since the housing unit would be in Utah County, that Nebo School District would have to accept the students.

Open Meeting Training

Board members participated in Open Meeting Training to meet the Master Boards training requirement.

Reading Assignment Discussion

Board members decided to discuss one chapter per month from the book “Coming to Order” and the current reading assignment would be listed on the agenda during the work session as a reminder. Member Despain volunteered to oversee the reading assignments.

Board members discussed scheduling of reports from students and principals. Board members decided to put reports in the work session portion of the monthly agenda as the first item of business.

Regular Meeting

Call to Order and Recognition of Guests

President Boswell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Student Body President, Miss Sierra Richardson, led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Reports

Mr. Brian Ward, Elementary Schools Principal, explained the Early Learning Plan and that it has been submitted to and pre-approved by the state. Mr. Ward explained that the plan is for kindergarten through third grades and now includes math. Member Despain expressed his appreciation that the information on the goals in the plan is explained well and in depth and that the plan shows what the students will participate in each day. President Boswell thanked Mr. Ward for his report.

Mrs. Karen Kramer, High School Principals, presented the Tintic High School Student Body President, Miss Sierra Richardson. Miss Richardson reported on back to school activities the first day of school that included a conga line parade through the school and an assembly where student body and class officers presented a skit to help students get to know the teachers and staff better. Miss Richardson reported that there will be a different student body officer reporting to the board at each board meeting and will include the student body and class officers from West Desert High

School. Member Rowley asked if the West Desert has their own class officers or if Tintic High School's student body and class officers cover that school as well. Mrs. Kramer stated West Desert High has their own officers. Member Young asked Miss Richardson how the student body officers felt about all the different clubs and teams participating in the Silver Days parade. Miss Richardson stated she was pleased that students were able to participate in the manner they chose and that each individual group had a good number of students. President Boswell thanked Miss Richardson for her report.

Mrs. Kramer reported that the student government participated in a training camp where they established a vision and goals, planned activities, a kindness project, service projects, and learned leadership skills. Mrs. Kramer reported that school registration was offered online and in person and went smoothly. Mrs. Kramer reported on back to school night activities. Mrs. Kramer explained the schedule for the 7 Mindsets program and that an intervention program would be introduced to assist students in knowing their grades and offering time during school to get help and complete assignments, as well as offering reward areas to those students who do not need any help. Mrs. Kramer stated that a teacher can also request students to come in for assistance during this intervention time. Mrs. Kramer reported on back to school activities at the West Desert schools, stating that Mr. Ward and Mrs. Beckstrom were in attendance. Mrs. Kramer reported enrollment numbers have increased and there will be one senior student at West Desert High School. Mrs. Kramer reported that with the recent rain fall, there was no flooding in the West Desert buildings. Mrs. Kramer reported West Desert High School has a new teacher, Mr. Eleazer Murphy, who has been working all summer to ready his classroom and curriculum. President Boswell thanked Mrs. Kramer for her report.

Mr. Mark Allen, Technology Director, reported working on four major projects over the summer. Mr. Allen explained the implementation of the new student information system called Infinite Campus and thanked Mrs. Angie Murphy for her efforts and knowledge of the program. Mr. Allen stated that there was a problem with the system accepting online registration payments, but it is now operational. Mr. Allen reported on updating the wireless network and switching login connections to personal passwords for greater system protection. Mr. Allen reported his efforts to create more reliable wifi calling by communicating with service and firewall providers and getting them to collaborate together, stating that now the wifi calling has been fairly consistent. Mr. Allen reported replacing wireless access points to improve connectivity and that he will be providing before and after data in his next report. Member Despain asked if there would be open network access for sporting events. Mr. Allen stated there will be stronger wifi signals in the gym and that if it got overloaded he could make adjustments or add another access point. Member Grimstead asked regarding the progress of the upgrading of the media center. Mr. Allen stated he has received the new computers and they should be installed in the next two weeks. Mr. Allen reported the game club will begin in the next week and will be held on Mondays from 3:30 to 6:00 p.m. Mr. Allen stated he has been working on expanding their activities to encourage more students to join. President Boswell thanked Mr. Allen for his report.

Ms. Sarah Swalberg, Athletic Director, reported on the Fall/Winter coaching assignments and stated the current assistant boys basketball coach will now be the head coach and they are looking for a new assistant coach. Member Grimstead asked if the West Desert schools would be having teams this year. Ms. Swalberg stated that it is unknown at this time. Ms. Swalberg stated that

Tintic High athletics were very well represented in the Silver Days parade as well as providing a food booth, basketball 3 on 3 contests, and organizing the annual Patia Run as fundraisers for various teams. Ms. Swalberg stated that the FFA provided a petting zoo. Member Grimstead thanked Ms. Swalberg for all of her efforts and stated she helped the Silver Days activities be better than in the past. Ms. Swalberg reported the fundraisers were a huge success. Member Grimstead offered to assist in next year's activities. Member Despain stated it was nice to see so much involvement between the school groups and the community and asked Ms. Swalberg for information on plans for the fitness center. Ms. Swalberg stated she has a lot more interest in her weight training class this year and that she will need to rearrange the fitness center to accommodate new equipment. Ms. Swalberg stated she has met with Mrs. Helen Wall to discuss the continuance of community participation and stated she would like to create an after school weight lifting club. Member Rowley asked if the weight training class is a half or full year class. Ms. Swalberg stated it is a half year class. Member Grimstead commended Ms. Swalberg in her efforts to continue access of the fitness center to the public and expressed the need of charging the public a fee to be able to maintain and buy new equipment when needed. Member Grimstead volunteered to work on a plan for charging a fee to the public. Superintendent Thornock stated he also spoke with Mrs. Wall and that they are both in agreement in needing to charge a fee. President Boswell thanked Ms. Swalberg for her report.

3. Citizen Comments

There were no citizen comments.

4. Superintendent Report

Superintendent Thornock distributed a letter that he had sent to all schools and parents stating the Covid-19 regulations and explained that these regulations are always fluid and could possibly change. Superintendent Thornock stated he has a meeting with Governor Cox on August 24, 2021 regarding Covid-19 regulations. Superintendent Thornock stated the district is fortunate to have a school nurse for the full year. President Boswell asked if the school nurse was involved with the Covid-19 regulations. Superintendent Thornock explained the school nurse is responsible for tracking consulting, getting updates from the county health department, implementing new guidelines, and reminding students to practice good hygiene. Superintendent Thornock stated that students are not required to wear a mask at this time, but they are welcome to. Superintendent Thornock stated that if any school in the district has thirty positive cases, the school would be closed and students would have to be tested before being allowed to return. Superintendent Thornock stated he would keep the board members informed of any changes. Member Rowley asked if remote learning was being offered this school year. Superintendent Thornock stated it is not at this time and that if a student is sick they will be offered make-up work. Superintendent Thornock stated that teachers are not teaching both online and on campus this school year. President Boswell asked if the district will offer booster shots. Superintendent Thornock stated he did not know at this time. Member Young asked if the increase in enrollment of students is because students who did remote learning are now in the classroom. Superintendent Thornock stated that is part of the increase and Mrs. Kramer stated there have also been students who moved into the district.

Superintendent Thornock explained there is currently a lawsuit against a vaping company for damages within districts and schools that other school districts and parent teacher organizations

are joining and asked for direction from the board members. President Boswell asked if drug sniffing dogs could find the vaping paraphernalia. Member Grimstead explained the drug dogs cannot find the devices unless they are laced with illicit drugs. Member Young asked if vaping is an issue in the district schools. Superintendent Thornock stated there have only been a few cases per year, but the paraphernalia gets harder to detect. Mrs. Kramer stated that students usually vape in the restrooms where it is inappropriate to patrol. Superintendent Thornock stated he would like to join in the lawsuit and all board members agreed. Member Rowley asked if a student is suspected of vaping if the school can charge them without evidence. Mrs. Kramer stated they cannot and that the school can be put on a lockdown and lockers searched, but that the devices are usually on the student.

Superintendent Thornock stated the new bus garage is nearly finished and thanked Mr. Snell for his efforts in keeping the project going through completion. Superintendent Thornock stated the garage doors will be on back order for two months or more. Superintendent Thornock stated the remodel of the Special Education class room is nearly completed and encouraged board members to visit and see the changes. Superintendent Thornock reported the air conditioning project at Tintic High school is still in progress and that the electrical system will need to be re-engineered to accommodate additional power needs for the air conditioning units. Superintendent Thornock stated he is currently waiting for engineering bids. Superintendent Thornock reported that the high school marquee is in the process of being rebuilt, but that the parts needed are on back order. Superintendent Thornock stated the crosswalk light project is at a standstill due to a personnel change at the state and that he is waiting for a new contact person. Superintendent Thornock stated the natural gas project is on target for October and that they are installing in schools and businesses first. Superintendent Thornock reported the employee housing at the West Desert has had repairs to the sheetrock and been repainted, as well as the gym entrance. Superintendent Thornock stated the West Desert schools will be getting a security system with a key card entry like the Eureka schools. Member Rowley asked if there were only a few windows being replaced in the West Desert schools. Superintendent Thornock stated that many windows needed to be replaced. Superintendent Thornock reported he is working with Mr. Snell to plan for vehicle replacement some time in the next five years since the district vehicles are getting older and have high mileage. Superintendent Thornock stated he is experiencing some political opposition from the Juab County Commissioners regarding our Student Resource Officer (SRO) and has a meeting scheduled with them. President Boswell said she would attend the meeting also. Superintendent Thornock reported on Opening Institute, stating all of the staff had a great attitude even though they were tired from the long trip on a hot bus. Superintendent Thornock explained that the three districts involved would like to centralize the meeting for the upcoming years, possibly on the Snow College campus. Superintendent thanked his staff for their efforts in planning the activities and the trip for Opening Institute.

There were no questions regarding the Enrollment Report.

5. Action Items

Consent Agenda

Minutes: June 21, 2021 and July 16, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Warrants: June – July #00007769 to #00007899

Member Despain offered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Member Grimstead seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting unanimously.

Early Learning Plan

Member Grimstead offered a motion to approve Early Learning Plan as presented. Member Young seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting unanimously.

American Rescue Plan

Superintendent Thornock explained the American Rescue Plan is part of the ESSER 2 & 3 funding previously explained to the board that will grant \$190,000 to the district for the air conditioning project and assist with new positions to help with learning loss due to Covid restrictions over the last school year.

Member Despain offered a motion to approve the American Rescue Plan as presented. Member Rowley seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting unanimously.

Winter/Spring Coaching Assignments

Member Rowley offered a motion to approve the Winter/Spring Coaching Assignments as presented. Member Young seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting unanimously.

Policy BBG – Board Members: Compensation & Expenses

Mr. Snell explained the updated wording on the policy that assists in determining Tier 2 retirement eligibility and if elected or appointed officials qualify.

Member Grimstead offered a motion to suspend the three reading rule and approve Policy BBG – Board Members: Compensation & Expenses as presented. Member Young seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting unanimously.

6. Adjournment

Member Rowley offered a motion to adjourn. Member Young seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Tintic School District Board of Education will be held on September 20, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Tintic School District Office, 545 E. Main Street, Eureka, Utah 84628.

Minutes submitted by:

Jeremy Snell
Business Administrator