

TINTIC SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES – FEBRUARY 2023 MEETING

Date: February 27, 2023
Time: 3:30 p.m.
Location: Tintic School District Offices
Eureka, UT

The meeting of the Tintic Board of Education was called to order by President Despain at 3:30 p.m. President Despain instructed the Business Administrator to call the roll which indicated the following Board members were in attendance:

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

Finance Training

Prior to the Work Session the Members of the Board met at 2:00 p.m. and participated in finance training presented by Mr. 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 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., in which the following items were reviewed and discussed:

Consent Agenda Review

Minutes: January 23, 2023 Meeting Minutes
Warrants: December #00008960 to #00009027

There were no questions regarding the minutes.

Mr. Jeremy Snell, Business Administrator, discussed various warrants from the January check register. There were no questions regarding the warrants.

Unfinished Business

Board members discussed issues with amending class sizes and consequences of students moving into district boundaries when the classrooms are already at capacity due to out of district students. Superintendent Thornock stated he needs to find more policy information and contact the Utah School Board of Education and learn more regarding this issue. Board members decided to table the issue until Superintendent Thornock has obtained more information.

Member Rowley stated she is working to make changes to the Board Handbook and will be highlighting all of the changes for this year. Member Rowley stated she would like to add a link to the Public Comment pamphlet. Board members stated they would like to review the committees and appoint Member Nielsen to serve on some of the committees.

Communications from Board Members

Member Young reported that she attended the Eureka Elementary School Trustland meeting and stated she would like to go out to the West Desert and asked Superintendent Thornock to provide information on the next few trips being made out there.

Member Rowley reported she attended the Tintic High School and West Desert Community Council meetings via Zoom, and stated they have good plans in place.

President Despain reported he attended State Wrestling and is still participating in Spanish Class activities.

School Trustlands

Board members decided to remove School Trustlands from the monthly agenda because they get email reminders from the schools to attend the meetings.

Professional Development

Member Grimstead reminded board members that their Professional Development task is to review the Board Handbook.

Portrait of a Graduate

President Despain stated a Portrait of a Graduate meeting was scheduled, but then cancelled due to snow, and that he is hoping to meet during March to get the polls or surveys out to the community, administrators, and teachers to gather information to aid in creating a Portrait of a Graduate. President Despain reported he learned the state is also putting together a Portrait of a Graduate and hopes they could use it as a template and personalize it to fit Tintic School District.

Regular Meeting

Call to Order and Recognition of Guests

President Despain called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Vice President Young led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Board Election

President Despain explained he is resigning from the Board President position and asked the board members' forgiveness in not being able to fulfill the commitment.

Member Grimstead nominated Vice President Heather Young for the position of President of the Tintic School Board of Education. Member Despain seconded the nomination.

No other nominations were offered. Vice President Young was elected President of the Tintic School Board of Education.

Member Grimstead nominated Member Jeana Rowley for the position of Vice President. Member Nielsen seconded the nomination.

No other nominations were offered. Member Rowley was elected for the position of Vice President of the Tintic Board of Education.

3. Reports

Mr. Mark Allen, Technology Director, reported he has been working behind the scenes to upgrade the internet server structure to support future growth. Mr. Allen stated he received a computer science grant that is being used to expand and upgrade the Tintic High School intercom system, renovate the library for more opportunities for online learning and college classes, and building new computers with the help of West Desert students for the West Desert teachers to use. Mr. Allen stated he is working on several other programs as well. Member Despain stated he has seen the improvements to the Tintic High School Library and is impressed. President Young thanked Mr. Allen for his report.

4. Citizen Comments

There were no citizen comments.

5. 2023-2024 School Fees and Spend Plans Review

Board members discussed the fee schedule as presented and asked questions of Mrs. Jennica Beckstrom, High Schools Principal. Mrs. Beckstrom reminded board members that the fees are not completely itemized to allow for fluctuation in the pricing and availability of the items. Board members mentioned they thought some of the fees seemed too low. Superintendent Thornock stated that students will never pay more than the fee listed but will only be charged for money spent; i.e. if an item listed was not available to order, the student would not be charged for that item.

Member Young asked regarding the new Game Club Fee Schedule. Mrs. Beckstrom stated that this is mainly for the West Desert students to participate in eSports, but could apply to Tintic High students as well.

After further discussion, board members asked to have the Junior Varsity and Varsity fees delineated.

Superintendent Thornock stated there is currently a bill before legislation to do away with school fees and that only extra-curricular activities would have fees.

6. Superintendent Report

Superintendent Thornock thanked Mrs. Beckstrom for her input on the School Fees, that he would try to make them more clear and send them to the Utah School Board of Education for approval.

Superintendent Thornock reported the Joint Legislative meetings are complete. Superintendent Thornock stated that during the legislative sessions, sixty new bills were introduced and teacher

raises were discussed. Superintendent Thornock stated he would report with more information as it becomes available.

Superintendent Thornock reported he is working on the issue of the amount of keys to the buildings and that he is working on getting more grants for capital dollars to put toward safety.

Superintendent Thornock reported that school lunch is now being served at the West Desert schools and has been since February 1, 2023. Superintendent Thornock stated freezers have been ordered and there have been people going to the West Desert on a steady schedule and deliver the food orders. Superintendent Thornock stated Mr. Underwood, Maintenance Director, was able to repair a vent hood in the kitchen, but that the extra food prep for the West Desert schools is taking a toll on the equipment at Eureka Elementary. Superintendent Thornock stated that the hydroponics units that the West Desert schools received last year are growing enough produce for a daily salad bar.

Superintendent Thornock stated that the snow removal has taken precedence over other maintenance projects and thanked Mr. Underwood and Mr. Beckstrom for their efforts with this unending task.

Superintendent Thornock reported Mr. Underwood is currently in St. George attending the Rural Water Users conference which keeps him certified for taking care of the water well at West Desert.

Superintendent Thornock explained to board members his reasoning behind having late start days instead of virtual learning days when there has been inclement weather, stating that the late start provides for safety measures to be taken and allows for students to still get good education and access to a meal. Superintendent Thornock stated he feels virtual learning provides inferior education and that our students deserve more. Member Rowley stated the communication from schools regarding late start days has improved greatly.

7. Action Items

Consent Agenda

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

Approval of Amending Class Sizes

Member Grimstead offered a motion to table approval of Amending Class Sizes in order to gather more information before making a decision. Member Despain seconded the motion. Motion was tabled with all members voting unanimously.

8. Executive Session

Motion to adjourn to Closed Executive Session to review and discuss the pending litigation of the Juul Lawsuit Settlement, as provided for in Utah Code § 52-4-205(1)(a) was offered by Member Grimstead, seconded by Member Nielsen with the voting as follows:

Member Rowley	Aye
Member Nielsen	Aye

Member Young Aye
Member Grimstead Aye
Member Despain Aye

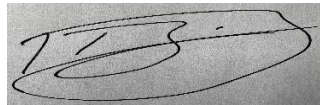
Motion to return the meeting to a Regular Session was offered by Member Rowley, seconded by Member Grimstead, with the voting as follows:

Member Rowley Aye
Member Nielson Aye
Member Young Aye
Member Grimstead Aye
Member Despain Aye

Time of the Closed Executive Session was from 4:15 p.m. to 4:17 p.m.

I, Ryan Despain, certify that I am the member of the Board of Education for the Tintic School District who presided at the closed meeting of the Board of Education held on January 23, 2023. I hereby affirm, pursuant to Utah Code §52-4-206(6), that the sole purpose of holding this closed meeting was to discuss the character and professional competence of individuals, or physical or mental health of an individual.

Attest:



Ryan Despain
Member

Juul Lawsuit Settlement

Member Rowley offered a motion to approve the Juul Lawsuit Settlement. Member Despain seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting unanimously.

9. Executive Session

Motion to adjourn to Closed Executive Session to review and discuss the character and professional competence of individuals, as provided for in Utah Code § 52-4-205(1)(a) was offered by Member Grimstead, seconded by Member Despain with the voting as follows:

Member Rowley Aye
Member Nielsen Aye
Member Young Aye
Member Grimstead Aye
Member Despain Aye

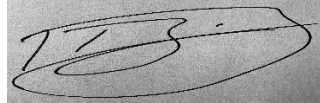
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Member Rowley	Aye
Member Nielson	Aye
Member Young	Aye
Member Grimstead	Aye
Member Despain	Aye

Time of the Closed Executive Session was from 4:19 p.m. to 4:50 p.m.

I, Ryan Despain, certify that I am the member of the Board of Education for the Tintic School District who presided at the closed meeting of the Board of Education held on January 23, 2023. I hereby affirm, pursuant to Utah Code §52-4-206(6), that the sole purpose of holding this closed meeting was to discuss the character and professional competence of individuals, or physical or mental health of an individual.

Attest:



Ryan Despain
Member

10. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Tintic School District Board of Education will be held on March 20, 2023 at 3:30 p.m. at the Tintic School District Office, 545 E. Main Street, Eureka, Utah 84628.

Minutes submitted by:

Jeremy Snell
Business Administrator