

TINTIC SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES – FEBRUARY 2022 MEETING

Date: February 28, 2022
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
	Ryan Despain	Vice President
	Heather Young	Member
	Jeana Rowley	Member
	Jordan Grimstead	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:

Consent Agenda Review

There were no questions regarding the minutes.

Mr. Jeremy Snell, Business Administrator, discussed various warrants from the January check register. Member Rowley asked regarding the Fee in Lieu payments and how often they are sent out. Mr. Snell stated that Fee in Lieu payments are paid quarterly after the end of each term. Mr. Snell stated that a discrepancy in the mileage calculations had been discovered and steps have been taken to measure actual mileage, as well as additional checks sent to correct the issue.

Reports

Mr. Ron Stewart, CPA of Gilbert and Stewart distributed copies of his audit report to all board members. Mr. Stewart explained how the audit was conducted. There were no questions regarding the audit report.

Tintic High School Drama students performed a small portion of their upcoming play, *Little Women*, and reported the play is scheduled for March 18-19, 2022. The drama students also reported they have a Region and State competition in April.

Tintic High School Student Body Officers reported the success of the Junior High play entitled *Princess Party Smack Down* and that the Wrestling team had great success with Jaden Kreigh as Tintic's first State Champion, Garrett Kirgan placing Second, Dalton Holden, Aiden Despain,

Gordan Grimstead, Neut Kunz, and Degan Hansen placing Fifth, and Coach Mike Tromble winning the Coach of the Year Award. The Student Body Officers reported the Tintic High School Boys Basketball Team won the Region Champion title and will be competing at State later this week. The Student Body Officers presented a short commercial promoting the CTE program where Tintic students were featured, and stated it can be viewed on Centra Com Channel 10. The Student Body Officers reported that Tintic High School students participated in a Nugget Party, a Miner Mash activity, and Sophomores and Juniors were able to take part in ACT Bootcamp where students practiced and learn test taking techniques to help them as they take the ACT test scheduled for March 8, 2022.

Mr. Brian Ward, Elementary School Principal, presented information regarding the iReady Math All-star Recognition Program, stating it is a supplemental program offering additional instruction and practice for twenty minutes per day and that it is partially sponsored through the state with a grant.

Mr. Brian Underwood was excused from presenting his report.

Communications from Board Members

Member Young reported attending the Junior High play *Princess Party Smack Down* and that she would not be able to attend the USBA Region training meeting on March 9, 2022. All other board members stated they would also not be attending.

Member Despain stated that he attended an activity promoting the CTE program where he learned how to rope with a lasso. Member Despain stated he attended the Miner Mash activity and was impressed with the creative planning and the student attendance.

President Boswell stated she is pleased to see the marquee running. Mr. Snell stated that the new marquee was purchased with District Maintenance and Operation funds and not from donated or community money. Superintendent Thornock stated the new marquee is easier to maintain and repair.

Superintendent Thornock stated that the new cooling units that will be installed in the classrooms at Tintic High School can also be used for a backup heating system if the main heating system failed.

President Boswell asked regarding the non-functioning scoreboards. Superintendent Thornock stated they are being worked on and that the District now is required to add shot clocks.

Member Grimstead stated that the Wrestling team was awarded Academic All-State for having the highest GPA of all the 1A Wrestling teams in Utah. Member Grimstead stated this award means more to him than any other wins or losses. Member Grimstead reminded board members to complete their school visits and to check their calendar for the visitation schedule. Member Grimstead reported that House Bill 331 that would take funds from public schools and send the funds to private schools, fell. Member Grimstead stated that UHSAA is currently looking into starting a 1A football program with eight man teams and that he would like to see it at Tintic. Member Grimstead stated he hopes the track renovation could help make the football and other opportunities available to students.

Member Rowley expressed her appreciation to the maintenance staff and bus drivers for their efforts during cold spells and heavy snow. Member Rowley stated she is planning to attend an activity at Eureka Elementary on March 3, 2022 and the next West Desert Trustland meeting.

Board Meeting Format and Time Schedule Discussion

Board members discussed the day of the week and time of board meetings and reasons they are scheduled the way they are. Member Grimstead pointed out that all the other evenings of the week are scheduled with sports and other after school activities. Member Despain stated that the reason for the discussion was mainly to consider the time of the meeting to be able to accommodate public and/or students and staff that needed to attend the meeting. Member Grimstead stated he researched the meeting times of other school boards and presented his findings. Board members discussed that the meeting was changed to 6:00 p.m. to accommodate the public, but that only two meetings out of the last twelve were attended by any public. Board members decided to move the Reports portion of the agenda to the main meeting, start the work session at 2:30 p.m. and the regular board meeting would begin at 3:30 p.m.

Reading Assignment Discussion

Board members discussed topics from chapter five of their reading assignment.

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

Member Grimstead led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Citizen Comments

Ms. Janet Latimer, a parent of West Desert School students, stated all parents received a letter from the elementary and high school saying their student(s) needed to quarantine for a certain amount of time due to Covid 19 exposure, and then upon return to school, students were told to wear a mask or they needed to leave the school. Ms. Latimer read a letter signed by several West Desert parents stating that they would no longer comply with mask, quarantine, or social distancing regulations and that it should only be the parent's choice to comply or not. Superintendent Thornock stated that it is not required for students to wear a mask, but is strongly recommended by the health department. Superintendent Thornock stated he feels like the restrictions will be lessened and he will make it clear what the regulations are. Ms. Latimer stated the regulations are clear to her now and that West Desert parents do not want their children missing any more school due to these issues.

Ms. Latimer asked regarding the status of having a lunch program at the West Desert schools. Superintendent Thornock stated that food service is a federal program, requiring breakfast and lunch to be served, and that the District does not have the funding for upgrading the kitchen facility and paying a food service staff at this time. Superintendent Thornock stated that he would be willing to budget for a food pantry of snacks so that no students go hungry, but that it would not comply with food program regulations. President Boswell thanked the West Desert parents for coming.

3. School Fees and Spend Plans Review

Superintendent Thornock stated that the wording of “Spirit Pack” in the spend plans should be clarified. Member Despain stated he does not like the use of “etc.” in the spend plans. Member Young asked what the spirit pack includes and that it is not an itemized list of what is included for the cost. Superintendent Thornock asked if the board supports removing the language of spirit pack and “etc.” and adding itemized lists. Member Young stated she would like the coaches to be required to provide the items on the spend plans and not ask parents to provide additional items. Mr. Snell stated that if additional items are needed then fundraising should be done. Member Young asked what the process is if students pay for items, but then do not receive them. Mrs. Kramer, High School Principal, stated the money for those items would be refunded. Member Young stated that the fees need to be clear to everyone involved and training provided to those assessing the fees if needed. Member Young asked for clarification on what the Spirit Squad and Stunt Squad are and how they differ from the Cheerleaders. Mrs. Kramer stated she did not have any information. Member Despain and Superintendent Thornock stated that clarification is needed on the Cheer, Spirit and Stunt Squad, removing the language of spirit pack and etc., adding more itemization, and develop and provide training to coaches and parents.

4. Superintendent Report

Superintendent Thornock reported on the legislative meetings he has been attending at the State Capitol and explained he meets with Utah Rural Schools Association, Utah School Superintendent Association, Rural Caucus, and Central Utah Education Services meetings.

Superintendent Thornock thanked the school administrators for their efforts and in coming together to make plans and participating in training in preparation for the up-coming changes in building principals for the next school year.

Superintendent Thornock stated he attended State Wrestling and is pleased with the progress in the program and the award to the coach.

Superintendent Thornock reported attending Tintic High School Homecoming and the first State play-in game for boys Basketball. Superintendent Thornock stated the high school will be sending a support bus to Richfield on Wednesday, March 2, 2022, if enough students sign up to go.

Superintendent Thornock stated that Mr. Snell designed the sweaters that were ordered for Christmas, but were not received until February. Superintendent Thornock reported that the District Office staff visited the Eureka schools to distribute the sweaters to each employee on Valentine’s Day to express appreciation for all of their hard work and dedication, and that the West Desert sweaters were sent out to those employees.

Superintendent Thornock reported that Mrs. Elinda Nedreberg won an Excellence in Teaching Award from the Utah Education Association.

Superintendent Thornock asked Mr. Snell to update the Board regarding the status of the track project. Mr. Snell stated the Request for Proposal meeting was held with the architect present to answer any of the contractor’s questions and allow them to see the site to better prepare their bids. Three contractors attended the meeting. Mr. Snell stated the Request for Proposals are due March 1, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. and the winning bid will be announced.

Board members stated their appreciation to Superintendent Thornock for attending the legislative meetings and sacrificing the time away from his family.

5. Action Items

Consent Agenda

Minutes: January 24, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Warrants: January #00008174 to #00008265

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

Approval of Financial Audit Report – FY 2021

Member Despain offered a motion to approve the Financial Audit Report FY – 2021 as presented. Member Young seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting unanimously.

Superintendent Notice of Contract Renewal

Member Rowley offered a motion to approve the Superintendent Notice of Contract Renewal as presented. Member Young seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting unanimously.

Tintic High School Trustland Plan Amendment

Mrs. Karen Kramer explained the amendment to the Trustland Plan to add funding to the FFA program for students to attend a State Leadership Convention and a State Judging Competition. Mrs. Kramer explained that FFA is a new program and was not in existence at the time the Trustland Plan was created, but that for the next school year FFA will be added to the school fee schedule.

Member Despain offered a motion to approve the Tintic High School Trustland Plan Amendment as presented. Member Grimstead seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting unanimously.

2022 Board Meeting Calendar Amendment

Member Grimstead offered a motion to approve the 2022 Board Meeting Calendar Amendment as discussed and move the regular meeting time to 3:30 p.m. with exception of the October meeting which will remain at 10:00 at West Desert High School. Member Rowley seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting unanimously.

6. 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 Boswell Aye
Member Young Aye
Member Despain Aye
Member Grimstead Aye

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

Member Rowley Aye
Member Boswell Aye
Member Young Aye
Member Grimstead Aye
Member Despain Aye

Time of the Closed Executive Session was from 7:23 p.m. to 8:05 p.m.

I, Janice Boswell, 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 February 28, 2022. 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:



Janice Boswell
President

7. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Tintic School District Board of Education will be held on March 21, 2022 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