

TINTIC SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES – MAY 2023 MEETING

Date: May 15, 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 Young at 3:30 p.m. President Young 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	President
	Jeana Rowley	Vice President
	Ryan Despain	Member
	Greg Thornock	Superintendent
	Jeremy Snell	Business Administrator

<u>Members Excused:</u>	Jordan Grimstead	Member
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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: April 19, 2023 Meeting Minutes
Warrants: April #00009180 to #00009253

There were no questions regarding the minutes.

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

Negotiations Review

Superintendent Thornock stated he has been to negotiation meetings where there has been no large demands or animosity, just a goal to pass on as much as possible to staff. Mr. Jeremy Snell stated that the legislature has appropriated \$4200 for certified teachers, but has done nothing for classified staff and that there has been discussion in the negotiation meetings to update the classified salary schedule, as well as trying to do something for cost of living. Superintendent Thornock stated the negotiations are in mid-process, they are trying to meet the needs of all departments, and they should be complete in two weeks.

Professional Development

Board members discussed options for professional development and decided to complete the mandatory training areas in the Master Boards training on finance, open meeting and trustlands on their own by the June board meeting. President Young reminded board members that the Master Board training needs to be complete by December 1st.

Unfinished Business

President Young asked board members to choose a date for the July work session. It was decided the work session will be held July 10, 2023 where board members will discuss unfinished business, policies, and the month-at-a-glance schedule. President Young and Vice President Rowley will meet to create the agenda and asked board members to submit any agenda items by the June Board Meeting.

Board members made plans to travel to the West Desert schools for award assemblies and the graduation ceremony.

Member Rowley stated she attended the Eureka Elementary Spring Sing and that the youngest students in the front rows could not be seen. Member Rowley asked if risers could be purchased for performances like this and for use at graduation. Mr. Snell suggested these performances could be moved to the high school auditorium. Superintendent Thornock stated he would speak with Principal Kramer and look at the cost of different options and report back at the June board meeting.

Member Despain reported he attended the Band Lagoon trip and enjoyed getting to know the new band teacher, Mr. Seth Edwards. Member Despain stated Mr. Edwards has a lot of ideas and is already connecting with the students and can see the program starting to grow. President Young reported she also had a conversation with Mr. Edwards and that she is excited to see the direction the band program will go. Member Despain reported Mr. Edwards would like to start a high school choir.

President Young asked regarding the Special Education Policy and Procedures manual and why it needs to be approved again. Mrs. Jennica Beckstrom, High Schools Principal, stated that the state made changes to the wording and the referral process and are now requiring the manual to be approved every year.

Member Despain asked Mrs. Beckstrom to explain the ‘respect challenge’ at Tintic High School. Mrs. Beckstrom stated students participated in a challenge to show respect to staff and fellow students and were rewarded with a ticket. If a student accrued twenty tickets they would be invited to attend a movie at a theater in Payson. Mrs. Beckstrom reported that ninety-five students qualified to go, but only sixty-eight attended. Mrs. Beckstrom stated this was an activity to help build respect that was lacking as well as part of a positive reinforcement program.

Member Despain reported that the state has published its Portrait of a Graduate and that he will start going through it and discuss it at the July Work Session.

President Young asked if the presentation that was requested of Superintendent Thornock regarding the West Desert lunch program would be given at the June board meeting since it will also be the budget hearing. Mr. Snell stated that there could be a budget amendment for the lunch program after all the data is gathered.

Regular Meeting

Call to Order and Recognition of Guests

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

1. Pledge of Allegiance

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

2. Reports

Mrs. Jennica Beckstrom, High Schools Principal, introduced the new Band teacher, Mr. Seth Edwards. Mr. Edwards stated he has felt a tremendous welcome and support and is excited to grow the Band program. President Young thanked Mr. Edwards for being here.

Tintic High School Student Body Officers, Ms. Eloisa Thornock and Ms. Kinzley Davis, reported that next week will be the election of new student body officers for the upcoming school year, T Night is coming up, and also explained a Kindness Project happening in their school.

Tintic High School FFA students presented a slide show of what FFA is about and the competitions and awards received this year. Superintendent Thornock stated that this program has changed the culture of the school and thanked Mrs. Warnick, Tintic FFA Advisor, for her efforts. President Young stated she did not realize all that the FFA program entailed until she attended the judging competitions, and stated it is a great program for students to participate in. President Young thanked Mrs. Warnick for her hard work. President Young thanked the FFA students for their report and congratulated them on their accomplishments. FFA students asked if the board would financially support Mrs. Warnick and Superintendent Thornock to travel with the State winning Milk Quality team as they compete and the National FFA Convention. President Young stated the board is in support of them going and will consider financial support.

Mr. Brian Underwood, Maintenance and Transportation Director, thanked the Board and the District Office for the staff appreciation day at Young Living Farm. Mr. Underwood stated he is starting on projects that were put off due to snow and has an upcoming meeting to prioritize summer projects. Mr. Underwood explained he has been working on sprinkler systems.

Mr. Underwood reported he met last week with a company for information on charging systems for the electric buses. Mr. Underwood stated he got an extension on the funding for the electric buses due to length of time it is taking to get companies to respond with financial information.

Mr. Underwood reported that a contractor, Thermal West, is scheduled to abate the asbestos in the old building at the West Desert campus.

President Young asked how the treadmill room remodel is progressing. Mr. Underwood stated the windows have just been finished and they are waiting for more equipment to be removed.

Member Despain asked regarding the new grass at the track. Mr. Underwood stated it is looking good and that the hydro seed company is coming back to re-seed some bare spots and help with charging the sprinkler system. Mr. Underwood stated the grass at the West Desert campus is looking good also. Member Rowley asked if there is an issue with watering some new trees at the

West Desert. Mr. Underwood stated they are having to be hand watered and when a drip system is installed it will need to come from the irrigation well and not the culinary well, which will take some work. President Young thanked Mr. Underwood for all he does and for his report.

Mrs. Karen Kramer, Elementary Schools Principal, stated her appreciation to the Maintenance Department for cleaning and sweeping the debris from the parking lots.

3. Citizen Comments

There were no citizen comments.

4. Superintendent Report

Superintendent Thornock stated that he spoke to the state regarding what the next step in building the lunch program at the West Desert schools should be, explaining that the state people would like to confer within their offices and get back to him. Superintendent Thornock stated the state would like to meet with all parties involved, including board members, virtually for further discovery and discussion to develop the next steps. Superintendent Thornock stated that the current food being served is USDA approved. Superintendent Thornock stated the district did not receive an equipment grant and that he is planning to re-apply as well as apply for other grants to help fund the lunch program. President Young thanked Superintendent Thornock for setting up a meeting with the state.

Superintendent Thornock stated he will be meeting with administrators to discuss problems and successes of the 2022-2023 school year and plan for the upcoming school year. Superintendent Thornock explained he and the administrators try to meet with a growth mindset so that the culture of the schools are continually growing, learning and improving.

Superintendent Thornock stated there are many capital projects in planning stages, as well as professional development trainings for the academic year.

Superintendent Thornock expressed his appreciation for the administrators, office staff, board members, and for the opportunity to fill in as teacher for the guitar class.

5. Action Items

Consent Agenda

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

Tuition Agreement between White Pine School District and Tintic School District

Member Despain offered a motion to approve the Tuition Agreement between White Pine School District and Tintic School District as presented. Member Nielsen seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting unanimously.

Special Education Policy and Procedures Manual

Member Rowley offered a motion to suspend the three-reading rule and approve the Special Education Policy and Procedures Manual as presented. Member Despain seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present 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 Rowley, seconded by Member Despain with the voting as follows:

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

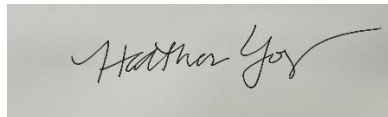
Motion to return the meeting to a Regular Session was offered by Member Rowley seconded by Member Despain, with the voting as follows:

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

Time of the Closed Executive Session was from 4:15 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

I, Heather Young, 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 May 15, 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:



Heather Young
Board President

7. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Tintic School District Board of Education will be held on June 26, 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