

TINTIC SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES – NOVEMBER 2023 MEETING

Date: November 20, 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:

Members Present:

Heather Young	President
Jean Rowley	Vice President
Jessica Nielsen	Member
Ryan Despain	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 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., in which the following items were reviewed and discussed:

Consent Agenda Review

Minutes: October 16, 2023 Meeting Minutes
Warrants: October #00009553 to #00009607

There were no questions regarding the minutes.

Mr. Jeremy Snell, Business Administrator, discussed various warrants from the October check register. Member Grimstead asked regarding a payment to Charter School Therapy. Mr. Snell stated this is a service for the Special Education program. There were no further questions regarding the warrants.

Board Development

President Young stated that this is a new heading on the agenda where board members are encouraged to discuss issues in their committees and professional development or Master Boards training. President Young also stated that the Board Communication heading in the regular portion of the meeting will be where board members can report on unique events.

Member Grimstead reported that he completed the Master Boards training and that the Safety Committee has been meeting regularly. Member Grimstead stated that the District has received a \$552,000 grant to be used to upgrade or install safety measures for all campuses and that the

committee is working to prioritize the safety needs in order to spend the grant money responsibly. Member Grimstead explained that the Safety Committee has met with administrators and representatives from the I Love You Guys Foundation for training and will be training staff on standard response protocols starting on December 1, 2023. Member Grimstead reminded board members to be reaching out to legislators with issues and invitations. Member Grimstead stated he attended the Eureka Elementary Community Council meeting and reported that the Trustland funds plan is being followed.

Member Nielsen distributed a map to board members and explained her efforts in creating a clear and more correctly detailed map of the voting district boundaries. Member Nielsen stated she has been working with the attorney in taking the steps to redo the voting district boundaries, update the county records, and include the updated map in the board handbook.

Member Despain stated the Safety Committee is going well and thanked board members for completing a survey regarding board evaluation.

Secondary Data Report

Mrs. Jennica Beckstrom, High Schools Principal, presented and explained data for the 2022-2023 school year for attendance, Mathematics, Language Arts, Science, and Post Secondary Readiness with Graduation Rates. Mrs. Beckstrom stated that their plan to improve the scores and data for student performance will include tutoring, USBW resources, pre/post assessments, benchmarks and interim testing, and summer school. Mrs. Beckstrom stated that the summer school program will be funded with Trustland and TSSA dollars.

Elementary Data Report

Mrs. Karen Kramer, Elementary Schools Principal presented and explained data for the 2022-2023 school year regarding the school report card, Mathematics, Early Literacy, Reading, and Science. Mrs. Kramer stated that to improve scores and data for student performance teachers will continue training and find different masteries in math and science to help find any gaps in instruction. Mrs. Kramer stated that a new aide has just started working at the Eureka Elementary school and is expected to assist teachers in boosting student data scores.

Superintendent Report

Discussion moved to Unfinished Business portion of the meeting due to time.

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 Despain led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Reports

Mr. Seth Edwards, Band Teacher, brought students from various Eureka Elementary classes to perform music on their instruments for the board. President Young thanked the students and Mr. Edwards for his dedication to the students, schools, and the district.

Mr. Brian Underwood, Maintenance Director, stated that he is finishing up many of the summer projects and that the new mechanical flag has been installed in the high school gym which will be dedicated on November 20, 2023 at a wrestling tournament. Mr. Underwood reported that the boiler room issues have been repaired and that the heat is working in the high school. Member Grimstead asked Mr. Underwood to report on the work being done in the old cafeteria building. Mr. Underwood stated that Kramer Construction is helping to create storage space for a walk in freezer and storage rooms to accommodate food for the West Desert lunch program. Mr. Underwood explained that one of the maintenance trucks is gone for repairs and that the bobcat will be used for snow removal until it is returned. Mr. Underwood reported he is looking at purchasing parking lot sander. Mr. Underwood reported that there is an issue with the EPA and arrival of the new electric buses likely will not be until winter of 2025. Member Grimstead asked if the charging stations will be installed in the interim. Mr. Underwood stated that he is in the process of getting bids to upgrade the electrical wiring to accommodate the charging stations. President Young asked regarding the progress of the cardio room. Mr. Underwood stated the contractor is still waiting for the new windows to be built. President Young thanked Mr. Underwood for his report.

Deputy Don Beese, Student Resource Officer

Deputy Beese reported his duties and time schedule in the schools to the board and explained he is also to respond to community calls. Deputy Beese explained that he is involved with many different trainings and will be helping to implement the standard response protocol with the District Safety Committee on December 1, 2023. Deputy Beese stated that a possible purchase with the safety grant money would be video monitors for the schools front offices as well as his office that show many different live camera angles.

New Hire Introduction and Tintic High School English Projects

Mrs. Jennica Beckstrom, High Schools Principal, introduced Mrs. Shannon Bullock as the new aide at Tintic High School and explained a few of her duties. Board members welcomed her to the district.

Mrs. Beckstrom distributed samples of projects that students have completed in their English classes at Tintic High School.

Elementary Schools Early Childhood Team Recognition

Mrs. Karen Kramer, Elementary Schools Principal, explained the accomplishments of the Early Childhood Team whose members are Mary Westover from West Desert Elementary and Stephanie Grimstead, Amy Sorensen, Nancy Underwood, and Dayna Rush from Eureka Elementary. President Young thanked the team for their hard work and dedication.

Board Communications

Member Grimstead reported attending the National FFA Convention with President Young, to support the Tintic High School Milk Quality team as they competed nationally and that the team earned a gold ranking and placed twelfth in the nation, as well as each team member earning a silver ranking individually. Member Grimstead stated he attended a band concert and is pleased to see the band and pep band making a come-back. Member Grimstead reminded board members to invite legislators to the upcoming Operetta.

Member Nielsen reported attending the West Desert Community Council meeting and expressed her appreciation for what is accomplished at the West Desert schools.

Member Despain reported attending the Veterans program at Eureka Elementary school and the Tintic High School Drama production. Member Despain expressed his appreciation to Mrs. Cami Johnson for a job well done with the boosters and raffle, stating she was able to get a lot of quality donations that brought in a lot of money. Member Despain stated his appreciation to the new Assistant Wrestling Coach, Mr. Mike Lovell, explaining that Mr. Lovell is also well organized and good with the students in the shop classes.

President Young reported attending a band performance in Cedar City where they were welcomed and taught by other high schools.

3. Unfinished Business

Superintendent Thornock gave his report at this time, stating that he attended the high school play, that Winter sports seasons have begun, and that he attended an early morning workout with the Tintic High School Basketball and Wrestling teams. Superintendent Thornock stated his appreciation for Mr. Lovell and the way he gets the students to be respectful and disciplined.

Superintendent Thornock explained that the upgrades to the old lunchroom building are to have storage for large shipments of free food that USDA sends, as well as storing food for the West Desert until delivery. Superintendent Thornock stated he is working on grants for beef and buffalo meat for the schools.

Superintendent Thornock reported he met with the administrators to study the attendance policy as the state has changed it several times. Superintendent Thornock stated they would like to adopt the latest version and need to have the board approve the removal of the old ones.

Superintendent Thornock stated that he received all of the safety grant money he applied for but wants to be conservative in the spending of it due to legislature possibly updating House Bill 61 to call for an armed guard on every campus. Superintendent Thornock stated the state has not yet explained how this would be funded.

Superintendent Thornock stated that some of the district vehicles are getting high in miles and that a plan needs to be put in place for their replacement.

Superintendent Thornock stated he is working on getting driving simulators for the Drivers Education Program and that they would be very beneficial to the West Desert students.

Superintendent Thornock expressed his gratitude for his office staff, the administrators, and the Parent Teacher Organization.

4. Citizen Comments

There were no citizen comments.

5. Action Items

Consent Agenda

Member Grimstead offered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Member Nielsen 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 Rowley with the voting as follows:

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

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

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

Time of the Closed Executive Session was from 5:45 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 November 20, 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 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 December 18, 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