

TINTIC SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES – OCTOBER 2020 MEETING

Date: October 12, 2020
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: West Desert High School, 440 Pony Express Road,
Trout Creek, Utah 84083

The meeting of the Tintic Board of Education was called to order by President Boswell at 10:00 a.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
	Ted Haynes	Vice President
	Helen Wall	Member
	Heather Young	Member
	Greg Thornock	Superintendent
	Jeremy Snell	Business Administrator

<u>Members Excused:</u>	Heather Young	Member
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Regular Meeting

1. Pledge of Allegiance

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

2. Citizen Comments

Mr. Brett Garner, candidate for the State School Board District 3, introduced himself and explained his ideas for office, if elected, to the Board.

3. Reports

West Desert Elementary presented a song and chime number for the Board Members, followed by class presentations by the high school Engineering class, Portuguese class, and Guitar class. Ms. Emer Murphy, Student Body President, reported on activities taking place in the schools.

4. Consent Agenda

Board members had no questions regarding the personnel report or minutes.

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Warrants: August #00007150 to #00007208

Mr. Jeremy Snell, Business Administrator, discussed various warrants from the September check register. Mr. Snell informed Board members that almost all invoices for flood damage repairs at West Desert High School have been received and will be submitted to Risk Management for reimbursement. President Boswell asked if the Eureka Elementary School parking lot project is paid for. Mr. Snell stated it is. President Boswell asked for an update regarding the new bus garage. Mr. Snell stated he has been in contact with the builder who would not give a completion date. The builder stated the bus garage will not be installed until the builder is done with his current project, but it would be done before winter. Member Rowley asked regarding the payment to Pye Barker Fire and Safety. Mr. Snell stated that this company used to be called Utah Fire Equipment and that they do routine checks on the building fire extinguishers and fire suppression systems. Mr. Underwood, Maintenance Director, stated they check the lunchroom every six months and the rest of the buildings yearly.

Member Rowley asked regarding the Board Policies and when the approval of them is due. President Boswell explained that because of the amount of changes, the Superintendent will review them and bring forward any policies that need to be changed or tailored to the District and then the Board will review them. Member Wall asked regarding Policy GCG – School Climate Surveys. Superintendent Thornock stated that the three reading rule is to give Board members a chance to read through all the policies and their changes. Superintendent Thornock stated he has been going through them and has selected some policies that need to be adapted to the District for the Board to review by the third reading. Superintendent Thornock stated if there is a policy that has never been in their before, that it would be one they would need to review together. Superintendent Thornock reminded Board members of Policy EDEA – Special Education Policies & Procedures and that it is a new policy that is needed by the District for guidelines to place students in the Special Education program.

Superintendent Thornock stated the Educational Expense Agreement document built by Business Administrator, Mr. Jeremy Snell, has been revised at the request of the Board members, removing some wording and adding a Board member signature line. Member Rowley suggested further revision to the language of the Educational Expense Agreement document. Superintendent Thornock asked Member Rowley to send the revised language to Mr. Snell to be updated.

Member Haynes stated he thinks the District needs to purchase a battery charger and jumping unit for use on buses, and a skid steer needed for many purposes. President Boswell asked Mr. Underwood to share his thoughts regarding a skid steer. Mr. Underwood stated he had discussed the purchase in the past and that it would be a helpful piece of equipment to have as he is currently borrowing equipment from UDOT and Eureka City when needed.

Member Wall stated she is proud of our schools and staff, appreciates all they do, and enjoys coming to West Desert schools.

Member Rowley stated she appreciated getting an email from Eureka Elementary School regarding Community Council. Member Rowley asked if the Eureka Elementary School presentation that was scheduled for the September meeting, could be rescheduled to be presented at the November meeting. Member Rowley stated she would like to attend the National Board Conference. Mr. Snell stated it has been cancelled due to Covid-19.

President Boswell stated her appreciation for all the District staff and their efforts and how impressed she is with the students and activities happening at the West Desert schools.

Member Wall asked Mr. Snell regarding the District budget and the purchase of a skid steer. Mr. Snell stated information would be needed on costs of the machine and what attachments would be needed. Mr. Snell stated it would need to be put out for bid and it would be a capital budget expenditure, which would not affect the budgets for student's education. Mr. Snell suggested Member Haynes and Mr. Underwood meet with him and decide what machine and attachments would best fit the District, then present the information to the Board. Member Rowley asked if the Board Members can help gather information and that she would like to attend the meeting to listen.

Mr. Snell stated the National School Board Association Conference is scheduled for April 2022 in San Diego and that registration starts in October of 2021 with a registration fee of \$1000, plus airfare and hotel costs.

Superintendent Thornock explained three Facilities Use Request Permits for the Board to consider. Superintendent Thornock stated he contacted the Central Utah Health Department who approved of the activities as long as current regulations are followed. Member Rowley asked how long it takes to put up the screen for the drive-in movies. Mr. Underwood stated the hardware is still there from the last installation so it would not take very long. Superintendent Thornock stated the screen would be put up during work hours as to not be taxing on the maintenance or technology departments.

5. Action Items

Facilities Use Permit Requests

Member Haynes offered a motion to approve the Facilities Use Permit Requests as presented. Member Wall seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting unanimously.

Policy EDEA - Special Education Policies & Procedures

Member Rowley offered a motion to approve the Policy EDEA – Special Education Policies & Procedures as presented. Member Haynes seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting unanimously.

Tintic High School Trustland Plan Amendment

Member Rowley asked for a review of how Trustland funds operate. Mrs. Kramer stated that this amendment is due to Covid-19 and the schools moving to online learning for the end of last school year, which caused activities and other things to be cancelled. Mrs. Kramer stated the money that was planned for those activities in last school year's trustland plan was not spent and the state allowed it to be rolled over to the current year's trustland plan. Mrs. Kramer stated the amendment shows the plan for how the rolled over money will be spent.

Member Haynes offered a motion to approve the Tintic High School Trustland Plan Amendment. Member Wall seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting unanimously.

6. Superintendent Report

Superintendent Thornock thanked the Board members for passing Policy EDEA – Special Education Policies and Procedures. Superintendent Thornock asked Board members if they had any questions regarding the new Community Council members. There were no questions. Mrs. Kramer stated that at the time her member list was submitted for the Agenda, they had not voted on a chairperson, but that they do have one now.

Superintendent Thornock explained the Board Meeting Calendar and the reasoning behind a few of the dates not following the third Monday of the month schedule.

Superintendent Thornock reported concerning the Enrollment Report, stating there is less of a loss of enrollment due to Covid-19 than anticipated.

Superintendent Thornock expressed his appreciation to Mr. Underwood, Mr. LaCario, and Mr. Allen for their work on installing cabling for improved internet service at the West Desert Schools and housing.

Superintendent Thornock thanked Mr. Ward, Elementary Schools Principal, for his commitment to visit West Desert Elementary.

Superintendent Thornock presented a letter from Central Utah Health Department explaining a new rule allowing students who were exposed to Covid-19 to return to school earlier than the two-week quarantine if they have no symptoms and wear a mask. Superintendent Thornock stated there have been no new cases since the report given at the September meeting.

Superintendent Thornock presented information on the new Personalized Competency Based Learning approach he will be implementing in the District. Superintendent Thornock explained it will create a lot of changes and require much training.

Superintendent Thornock reported he is working on many grants and learning the grant system, along with Mrs. Becky Jones, Programs Director. Superintendent Thornock stated the District was awarded a grant that would be used for Social and Emotional learning and would be enough to pay wages for a school nurse who would be trained in helping with mental health issues.

Superintendent Thornock reported that personal development training in the 7 Mindsets program is being scheduled for District staff.

Superintendent Thornock reported he is meeting with and learning from superintendents from other Districts.

Member Haynes asked if there was still interest in renting the Callao school building. Superintendent Thornock stated there was interest two months ago, and that the Board needs to create a plan to either sell the property or clean it up and maintain it. Member Haynes asked about hiring local residents to clean and maintain the Callao school. Superintendent Thornock stated it could be an option.

Superintendent Thornock addressed an issue presented at the last meeting by Member Haynes regarding being more lenient with required time in buildings for staff, considering the different circumstances presented by Covid-19. Superintendent Thornock stated he spoke with the administrators regarding being lenient and fair, but also balancing time for students.

Superintendent Thornock asked Member Wall if there has been an increase in use of the Fitness Center. Member Wall stated there has been a small increase and there will be more with basketball and wrestling season starting. Superintendent Thornock asked Board members if they would like to continue to waive the fee. All Board members agreed the fee should remain waived.

Member Rowley asked regarding the policies the Superintendent would be presenting for review. Superintendent Thornock stated they would be reviewed during work sessions.

Consent Agenda

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

Board Policy Revisions - Second Reading

Member Rowley offered a motion to approve the second reading of the Board Policy Revisions as presented. Member Haynes seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting unanimously.

Education Expense Agreement

Board members agreed to table the discussion regarding the Educational Expense Agreement.

7. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 12:13 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Tintic School District Board of Education will be held on November 16, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. at the Tintic School District Office, 545 E. Main Street, Eureka, Utah, 84628.

Minutes submitted by:

Jeremy Snell
Business Administrator