

TINTIC SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES – OCTOBER 2023 MEETING

Date: October 16, 2023
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: West Desert High School
Trout Creek, UT

The meeting of the Tintic Board of Education was called to order by Vice President Rowley at 10:00 a.m. Vice President Rowley instructed the Business Administrator to call the roll which indicated the following Board members were in attendance:

Members Present:

Jeana Rowley	Vice President
Jessica Nielsen	Member
Ryan Despain	Member
Jordan Grimstead	Member
Jeremy Snell	Business Administrator
Greg Thornock	Superintendent

Members Excused: Heather Young President

Regular Session

Call to Order and Recognition of Guests

Vice President Rowley called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Consent Agenda Review

Minutes: September 18, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Warrants: September #00009488 to #00009552

There were no questions regarding the minutes.

Mr. Jeremy Snell, Business Administrator, discussed various warrants from the September check register. Member Grimstead asked regarding payment to Cognia. Mr. Snell stated this company provides high school accreditation. Member Grimstead asked regarding payment to EMS Services. Mr. Snell stated this vendor was used to purchase nursing supplies for the schools. There were no further questions regarding the minutes.

Board Communications

Member Grimstead stated that State Volleyball is coming up and that he has attended many games this season. Member Grimstead reported that the Safety Committee is working on many different

grants and has looked at the campuses and made lists of security needs to submit with the grants. Member Grimstead stated the next Safety Committee Meeting is scheduled for October 17, 2023. Mrs. April Lewis, West Desert Elementary Teacher Aide, stated that the ID badges do not work on the doors at the West Desert buildings. Principal Jennica Beckstrom stated the IT department is aware and working on a solution. Member Grimstead stated he is continually working on Master Board training.

Member Nielsen stated she is planning on attending several upcoming activities at the different schools.

Member Despain reported he attended the STEM and 4-H activities at Eureka Elementary, many volleyball games, as well as baseball games. Member Despain stated that he has seen many students attending early morning open gyms in preparation for basketball and wrestling seasons that will be starting soon. Member Despain stated he attended the USBA meeting in Nephi, Utah and gained knowledge regarding legislation and how to communicate the district's needs to them, as well as how to encourage or discourage the way they vote on issues. Member Despain stated he plans to invite legislators to visit our school campuses to help educate the legislators regarding the needs of small schools.

Member Rowley made no report.

Unfinished Business

Member Despain stated that he and Member Nielsen created a board survey to rate the importance of possible questions to be used in the Board Evaluation, as well as consolidating the number of question in each topic area. Member Despain asked board members to complete the survey by the end of October.

Superintendent Report

Superintendent Thornock stated he met with the Safety Committee and that all of the grants have been completed, one for each building. Superintendent Thornock reported that the Safety Committee is working with a group called the "I Love You Guys Foundation" to unify all of the emergency response entities and teach all to use the same new emergency response terms. Superintendent Thornock stated that yearlong plans for drills and communications are in place.

Superintendent Thornock stated his approval of the way the kitchen is arranged and being run and thanked the West Desert staff and Mrs. Sarah Hardman, Food Service Director, for their patience and work in getting the equipment needed and the program running.

Reports

Mrs. Karen Kramer, Elementary Schools Principal, distributed Community Council Committee information to the board members. Mrs. Kramer presented a slide show of a field trip that West Desert students participated in to the Great Basin National Park and Lehman Caves. Several elementary students gave reports regarding their experiences in the park and cave.

Mrs. Jennica Beckstrom, High Schools Principal, explained that the state has a rule regarding the number of members needed for the Community Council to make decisions regarding trust land funds. Mrs. Beckstrom stated that if the board approves an exemption, the Community Council can function with the number of volunteers they currently have.

Mrs. Beckstrom stated she is tutoring students after school in Math, English, and Science. West Desert Schools Student Body Officers introduced themselves and the other officers to the board and presented information on the beginning of the school year activities, events that have happened since, as well as upcoming activities in which they invited board members to attend.

West Desert students from the elementary school sang two songs for the board.

West Desert students from the high school presented a song on their guitars and invited the board members to attend a concert later in the school year.

Citizen Comments

Mr. Ed Alder, West Desert Citizen, asked the board to consider the history of the old school building on the campus and other alternatives for the building besides tearing it down. Vice President Rowley thanked Mr. Alder for his comments.

Action Items

Consent Agenda

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

Board Policy Revision - Policy DEE: Compensation and Benefits – 3rd Reading

Member Nielsen offered a motion to approve the third reading of Policy DEE – Compensation and Benefits as presented. Member Grimstead seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting unanimously.

Policy Revisions – 3rd Reading

Vice President Rowley presented information from President Young regarding the policies she was assigned to review. Member Rowley also explained part of the policies she was assigned to review to the board.

Member Despain offered a motion to approve the third reading of the Policy Revisions as presented. Member Grimstead seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting unanimously.

Annual School Board Meeting Calendar

Member Grimstead offered a motion to approve the Annual School Board Meeting Calendar with the addition of a Board Meeting on July 8, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. Member Nielsen seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting unanimously.

West Desert Schools and Tintic High School Community Council Exemption

Member Despain offered a motion to approve the West Desert Schools and Tintic High School Community Council Exemption as presented. Member Nielsen seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting unanimously.

TSSA Framework

Superintendent Thornock explained the TSSA Framework to the board and stated he will present

a timeline at the November Board Meeting.

Member Nielsen offered a motion to approve the TSSA Framework as presented. Member Despain seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting unanimously.

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 Nielsen Aye
Member Grimstead Aye
Member Despain Aye

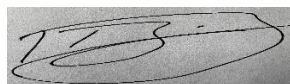
Motion to return the meeting to a Regular Session was offered by Member Nielsen, seconded by Member Grimstead, with the voting as follows:

Member Nielsen Aye
Member Grimstead Aye
Member Despain Aye

Time of the Closed Executive Session was from 11:16 a.m. to 11:24 a.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 October 16, 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
Board Member

5. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

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