

TINTIC SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES – OCTOBER 2022 MEETING

Date: October 17, 2022
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:

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| <u>Members Present:</u> | Janice Boswell | President |
| | Jordan Grimstead | Member |
| | Heather Young | Member |
| | Jeana Rowley | Member |
| | Ryan Despain | Member |
| | Greg Thornock | Superintendent |
| | Jeremy Snell | Business Administrator |

Regular Meeting

Call to Order and Recognition of Guests

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

1. Pledge of Allegiance

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

2. Citizen Comments

There were no citizen comments.

3. Consent Agenda Review

Minutes: September 8, 2022 and September 15, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Warrants: September #00008686 to #00008741

Board members had no questions regarding the minutes.

Mr. Jeremy Snell, Business Administrator, discussed various warrants from the September 2022 check register. Member Grimstead asked regarding payment to Cognia. Mr. Snell stated this company provides the high school's accreditation. Member Despain asked regarding payment to Design West Architects. Mr. Snell explained this company was hired to design the track reconstruction. Member Young asked why such a large amount was paid to Tintic High School.

Mr. Snell explained that this check included site based funds for the school year as well as reimbursements for Trustland expenditures. There were no further questions.

4. Reports

West Desert Elementary students performed two songs for the board members.

Ms. Kylie Reil presented information on the school's new hydroponic growing kits the students have been learning with and had Member Despain and Member Rowley plant seeds in one of the kits. Ms. Reil stated they plan to test if the plants can be transplanted in outdoor gardens and that they would like to be able to have a hydroponic growing kit in each student's home.

Mr. Eleazer Murphy, West Desert High School teacher, explained that the school also has a large, classroom sized hydroponic growing system to learn and experiment with. Mr. Murphy stated that Snow College has provided the school with older woodshop machines, that the students are refurbishing them and using them to learn wood working skills, and are currently refurbishing an old desk from the World War Two era to be able to accommodate computer cords and other technology needs. Mr. Murphy stated that he is teaching the Digital Studies and Literacy course where the students are learning to build computers and use the latest office software programs.

Mr. Daniel Kimball, West Desert High School teacher, presented his students in his Portuguese class, who performed a short play in the language. Mr. Kimball reported teaching several classes to include: Language Arts, Guitar, Earth Science, Drama, and eSports after school. Mr. Kimball stated that in his science class, students have to solve an engineering problem in space exploration and are studying how to use the hydroponics systems they received to see if they can overcome the variables that space presents to be able to grow with hydroponics on Mars. Mr. Kimball stated that the eSport students, of which there are seven, are competing state wide and nationally and have received a \$1500 grant from Ken Garff to use for gaming equipment. Mr. Kimball reported he also advises the student council.

Mr. Kimball stated that upcoming events include a community Halloween carnival and trunk-or-treat, a Veteran's Day program, and Thanksgiving Tuesday. He reminded the board that they are all invited to attend.

5. Board Policy Revisions

Board members reviewed and discussed the policies that were assigned to them.

6. Communications from Board Members

Member Young stated she attended the West Desert High School and Eureka Elementary School Community Council meetings and expressed her appreciation to the administrators for making the Trustland information easy to understand. Member Young reported attending an FFA judging competition in Nephi and the Science night at Eureka Elementary. Member Young stated that as a board, they discuss visiting the West Desert schools more often, but do not follow through, and asked the board members to discuss how they can improve. Mrs. Angie Murphy, West Desert School's Secretary, stated that they hold monthly community engagement nights every third Wednesday of the month and stated she would send the board members a calendar to help them in their scheduling. Member Young asked if the board members wanted to attend events together or

individually. Board members decided to find activities that fit their schedule and invite the other board members to attend.

Member Despain stated he helped Mrs. Peggy Drussel, School Nurse, with administering eye exams for Eureka Elementary and Tintic High students. Member Despain stated he attended Science Night at the Eureka Elementary school and enjoyed seeing the teachers having a good time with students and their parents. Member Despain stated he has been attending volleyball games and is excited for the eSports happening at West Desert High.

President Boswell stated she attended Science Night and expressed her appreciation for the teachers and their efforts.

Member Grimstead stated he also attended Science Night, volleyball games, baseball games, and that State volleyball is coming up. Member Grimstead stated he attended an assembly at Tintic High School featuring Ryan Stream, where the fifth and sixth grades attended also. Member Grimstead reported that the Tintic High athletic teams participated in a service project to clean up the Eureka Cemetery. Member Grimstead stated he attended a meeting with county commissioners along with Superintendent Thornock and Superintendent Hughes of Juab School District, to discuss and protest the removal of the book mobile services, which ended with the result of the service still being cancelled. Member Grimstead stated he attended the Joint Legislative Committee meeting with Superintendent Thornock and President Boswell. Member Grimstead stated he would like to publish a pamphlet with information on the seven duties of a board member.

Member Rowley stated she appreciates the extra effort with community involvement to help bridge the gap between school and community and that the administrators are doing great new things in their buildings. Member Rowley reported the RAD Kids program is going well and expressed her gratitude for the Student Resource Officer, Deputy Don Beese, for his help with the program. Member Rowley also expressed her appreciation for the school nurse.

7. Action Items

Consent Agenda

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

Board Policy Revisions – 1st Reading

Member Despain offered a motion to approve the Board Policy Revisions – 1st Reading as presented. Member Rowley seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting unanimously.

Tintic High School Trustland Plan Amendment

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

West Desert High School Trustland Plan Amendment

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

Eureka Elementary School Trustland Plan Amendment

Member Young offered a motion to approve the Eureka Elementary School Trustland Plan Amendment as presented. Member Grimstead seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting unanimously.

8. Superintendent Report

Superintendent Thornock introduced Mrs. Sarah Hardman, Food Services Manager, and explained they are in the process of discovering options for a breakfast and lunch program at the West Desert schools. Superintendent Thornock stated if an option can be made to work, it will be on a trial basis.

Superintendent Thornock stated he has received a \$50,000 grant to use to improve the playground at the West Desert schools. Ms. Swasey Timm, West Desert resident, asked what would be done with the old playground equipment. Superintendent Thornock stated it could be moved to the Callao campus and would discuss it more after the meeting.

Superintendent Thornock reported that part of the Computer Science grant will be used at the West Desert schools in the Digital Literacy class to teach typing and grade level coding.

9. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Tintic School District Board of Education will be held on November 21, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the Tintic School District Office, 545 E. Main Street, Eureka, Utah 84628.

Minutes submitted by:

Jeremy Snell
Business Administrator