

# TINTIC SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 2022 MEETING

Date: September 15, 2022  
Time: 3:30 p.m.  
Location: Tintic School District Offices  
Eureka, Utah

The meeting of the Tintic Board of Education was called to order by President Boswell at 3:30 p.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
	Ryan Despain	Vice President
	Jordan Grimstead	Member
	Heather Young	Member
	Greg Thornock	Superintendent
	Jeremy Snell	Business Administrator

<u>Members Excused:</u>	Jeana Rowley	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**

There were no questions regarding the minutes.

Mr. Jeremy Snell, Business Administrator, discussed various warrants from the August check register. Member Grimstead asked regarding payment to Proactive. Mr. Snell explained this company is used to purchase and maintain wireless access points. Member Despain asked regarding payment to Fuel Network and asked if the district is still using propane. Mr. Snell stated that Fuel Network is the company that the district pays for fuel for buses and district vehicles and that only West Desert uses propane now that natural gas has been installed in Eureka. There were no further questions regarding the warrants.

Mr. Snell stated he included a financial report for the board to review in the September board book. There were no questions regarding the financial report.

### **Communications from Board Members**

Member Young asked regarding a possible band trip to Disneyland next school year and how it will effect school fees. Mrs. Beckstrom, High Schools Principal, explained there will not be a Disneyland trip due to not enough time to raise funds.

Member Despain stated that there are many activities going on and that he has heard good reports on the new staff and class offerings at Tintic High school, and is pleased with the idea of using fantasy football to teach statistics in math class.

Member Grimstead stated he is pleased that the Trustlands meetings are happening and that the board members are being more involved in that process. Member Grimstead reported he attended the Senior Auction at Tintic High School and that seventh grade students went on a field trip to Snow College. Member Grimstead stated he is glad that the students are experiencing fun activities along with their education. Member Grimstead reminded the board members of the training challenge issued by USBA for board members to be fully trained and forwarded a copy of the email to them.

### **School Trustlands**

Member Despain stated the board members want to be more involved with the Trustlands meetings and appreciates the communications received to inform them of the meeting dates. Member Despain reminded board members they are each assigned to a different school and the Community Council meetings are September 29, 2022 for Tintic High School and October 6, 2022 for Eureka Elementary School.

### **Professional Development**

Member Despain reminded board members that the three topics of Trustlands, Professional Development, and Portrait of a Graduate will be on the agenda for discussion each month. Board members discussed topics from chapter eleven of their reading assignment.

### **Portrait of a Graduate**

Superintendent Thornock distributed a booklet of information and competencies on Portrait of a Graduate. Superintendent Thornock stated that he will be working with Sarah Young at the state level and that she would like to come and meet with him and the committee members, which are Member Rowley and Member Despain, and then they will report to the rest of the board members.

### **Unfinished Business**

Member Grimstead reminded board members that they need to make their fourth quarter school visits with member's Young and Despain will be visiting Tintic High School and member's Boswell and Rowley will visit Eureka Elementary School.

Member Despain asked if the public comment pamphlet information could be put on the district website.

Member Grimstead stated he has received communications from a parent regarding students not being allowed to choose who they share hotel rooms with at sporting events and other functions, and that the parent feels they should have that right because they pay a fee for the student to participate. Superintendent Thornock stated he would research the issue and report back to board members.

### **Regular Meeting**

#### **Call to Order and Recognition of Guests**

President Boswell 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. Brian Underwood, Maintenance Director, reported that many of the summer projects are now complete, including the air conditioning installation at Tintic High School, in which extra power was installed for future needs. Mr. Underwood stated the track will be coated and lines painted today, and then a few little issues need to be taken care of before it is complete. Mr. Underwood reported he has a new bus driver, Mr. Rian Mason, who is a teacher at Tintic High School, as well as Mr. Ward, High Schools Assistant Principal, are in the process of completing training and certification. Mr. Underwood stated he is impressed with Mr. Chandler Beckstrom, the new Maintenance Technician, and that he will complete bus driver training also. Mr. Underwood stated these three men will be a great asset to the District.

President Boswell asked for an update on the crossing light in front of Tintic High School, stating she is pleased it has been installed. Mr. Underwood stated it is not functioning at present, but will be soon.

Member Young asked if the high school received air conditioning in each classroom. Mr. Underwood stated it did, plus two extra which service the locker rooms and wood shop as well as the main offices and faculty room. Mr. Underwood explained that the air conditioning units also provide heat and will be a backup system for the boilers. Mr. Underwood stated that he will be moving the district owned propane tanks to the West Desert schools and that this allows him to bid for a better price on propane as well as eliminate the tank rental fee. Mr. Underwood reported that the district purchased another maintenance truck. Superintendent Thornock expressed his appreciation for Mr. Underwood and all that he does for the district. President Boswell thanked Mr. Underwood for his report.

Member Rowley arrived at 3:40.

## **3. Citizen Comments**

There were no citizen comments.

## **4. Superintendent Report**

Superintendent Thornock expressed his appreciation to the board members for approving the change of the board meeting date to allow him to attend a training meeting.

Superintendent Thornock reported the track is near completion and thanked Mr. Snell for his efforts in helping to accomplish this project. Superintendent Thornock stated this is only phase one of the project and would like to start planning the next phase to include restrooms, a snack shack, and storage shed, as well as a plan to protect the new track from vandalism while still providing access for community use.

Superintendent Thornock reported the crosswalk is near completion and another no parking sign, as well as painting the curb red, will be done.

Superintendent Thornock reported the air conditioning in Tintic High School is working great and he visited classrooms and could feel the difference they are making.

Superintendent Thornock asked Mrs. Beckstrom, High Schools Principal, to report on a new tradition at Tintic High School. Mrs. Beckstrom stated that the new tradition is that senior students were allowed to choose a parking spot to be theirs until the end of the school year. The students were given washable paint to personalize their spot. Superintendent Thornock stated he is hoping that activities like this will help build a positive culture in the school.

Superintendent Thornock reported a greenhouse kit that was received through a grant has been delivered and that he would like it to be built on the cement pad where the propane tanks currently are, after they are moved to the West Desert.

Superintendent Thornock reported that a \$50,000 grant was received through the health department to be used at the West Desert schools to build a new playground. He also reported that Mrs. Westover, West Desert Elementary teacher, received a grant for a hydroponics unit.

Superintendent Thornock reported he had some cleaning done on the Callao campus grounds.

Member Despain asked regarding a grant for chromebooks. Superintendent Thornock reported that Mr. Mark Allen, Technology Director, applied for and received a grant for all new chromebooks for every student in the district. Mrs. Beckstrom stated they have been received and are being prepared for distribution to the students. Member Despain asked what will be done with the current chromebooks. Mrs. Beckstrom stated they will dispose of the oldest ones and the rest of them will be in classrooms and used to loan to students when needed.

Superintendent Thornock stated that the bus route for the out of district students from Utah County is at capacity and any students that are allowed to enroll from that area will not be guaranteed transportation, as per the counsel of the attorney. Mr. Underwood stated there are forty-four high school and twenty-two elementary students currently enrolled from that area. Mrs. Beckstrom stated the tenth grade class is currently one student over capacity and the seventh grade class is right at capacity.

Superintendent Thornock reported the bookmobile is scheduled to be de-funded and that he has reached out to county commissioners who stated they are looking for other alternatives. Superintendent Thornock encouraged board members and school administrators to also contact the county commissioners to protest losing the bookmobile service.

Superintendent Thornock stated he has been attending Teachers Academy training with other districts where they receive training on emergency situations such as active shooter drills, concealed carry information, etc. Superintendent Thornock stated there is much concern because each district has different protocols and language pertaining to emergencies of this nature and it causes problems for law enforcement to know how to respond correctly. Superintendent Thornock, along with other district leaders, encourage board members to speak with legislatures to help remedy the issue. Superintendent Thornock stated that Lance Everill from Jordan School District is an expert in this area of safety and is coming to meet with him, the Student Resource Officer and the safety committee to look at the buildings and current safety plans to lend ideas and suggestions. Superintendent Thornock reminded Member Grimstead and Member Despain they

are on the safety committee. Superintendent Thornock stated that the safety committee also needs to plan for suicide prevention.

Superintendent Thornock stated he is applying for a grant in computer science which would allow for the district to provide a program similar to Edgenuity to teach students typing, coding, and other computer science topics to all students K-12. Superintendent Thornock stated there would also be money for the Robotics program through this grant.

Superintendent Thornock reported on cosmetic changes in Tintic High School in the front lobby, hall area, and faculty room. President Boswell stated she appreciates the efforts being made to create and encourage school spirit.

## **5. Action Items**

### **Consent Agenda**

Minutes: August 3-4, 2022 and August 16, 2022 Meeting Minutes  
Warrants: August 2022 #00008637 to #00008685

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

Member Grimstead offered a motion to approve the TSSA Plan as presented, with the directive to receive the plan earlier next year to be able to review and converse together and with the Community Council. Member Despain seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting unanimously.

Board members discussed the Board Member Compensation and decided to change the yearly wage to not exceed \$10,200 and to do away with health insurance benefits, stating that this saves the district money now and in the future when insurance premiums increase. Board members stated the wage increase amounts to the same amount as they currently receive, but will now be received as a monetary stipend instead of a wage and health insurance benefit.

Member Despain offered a motion to approve the Board Member Compensation amendments as presented. Member Young seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting unanimously.

## **6. Adjournment**

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

The meeting adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Tintic School District Board of Education will be held on October 17, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at West Desert High School, Trout Creek, Utah.

Minutes submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Jeremy Snell  
Business Administrator