

TINTIC SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 2021 MEETING

Date: September 20, 2021
Time: 6:00 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 6:00 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
	Jordan Grimstead	Member
	Heather Young	Member
	Jeana Rowley	Member
	Ryan Despain	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 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., in which the following items were reviewed and discussed:

Personnel Report

There was no discussion regarding the Personnel Report.

Consent Agenda Review

There were no questions regarding the minutes.

Mr. Jeremy Snell, Business Administrator, discussed various warrants from the August check registers. There were no questions regarding the warrants.

Reports

Mr. Hunter Garbett, Tintic High School Student Body Officer, reported that the Tintic High School Baseball team placed first in their region and will be playing in a tournament on September 21, 2021 in Provo. Mr. Garbett stated the Drama students attended the Shakespeare Festival in Cedar City and enjoyed two different plays. Mr. Garbett reported a Hawaiian themed parking lot dance held in the end of August was well attended. Mr. Garbett explained that Utah Engineering from the University of Utah came to Tintic High School and presented many different engineering booths for the Eureka Elementary sixth grade, and West Desert and Tintic High students. Mr. Garbett reported Tintic High School will have a movie night in the parking lot on September 23, 2021 and will be showing “Cruella”. Mr. Garbett reported the FFA judging teams will be

participating in a judging contest in Nephi on September 22, 2021. Mr. Garbett stated that the Moving Museum will be at the West Desert schools on September 27, 2021. Mr. Garbett stated that school pictures for Eureka Elementary are scheduled for September 30th and for Tintic High School on September 29th. Mr. Garbett stated that the Eureka Elementary School is planning a Veteran's Day program and that the 2nd and 4th grade classes are participating in the Rad Kids program. President Boswell thanked Mr. Garbett for his report.

Mr. Brian Ward, Elementary Schools Principal, presented information to the Board on the online supplemental iReady Program being used test students at the beginning, middle and end of the school year in Reading and Math. Mr. Ward stated the program provides data on the knowledge and understanding of the individual students, putting them on an instructional path at their own specific starting point, as well as providing intervention information.

Mr. Brian Underwood, Maintenance and Transportation Director, thanked the summer hire custodial help for cleaning, repairing and getting the buildings ready for the new school year. Mr. Underwood discussed completed and upcoming projects for the West Desert Schools such as window replacements, repairs and painting in a housing unit, new drinking fountains, and a new side walk. Mr. Underwood stated there will be a sanitary survey done on the well at the West Desert schools in October. Mr. Underwood stated he is pleased with the new bus garage and that the doors are on back order, but expected in the end of November. Mr. Underwood stated he has requested bids to repair a corner of asphalt and install electricity and plumbing to the bus garage. Mr. Underwood reported that the new bus driver, Mr. Mike Sorensen, is doing well and has been assigned the Santaquin route. Mr. Underwood explained that bids for the electrical upgrade in Tintic High School will be submitted to an engineer who will recommend which bid to accept and also informed Mr. Underwood that procurement of materials is very difficult at this time. Mr. Underwood stated that Dominion Energy is claiming to be on target for natural gas hook up for the school buildings in the end of October and that gas plumbing changes should be completed and ready for the switch from propane to natural gas. President Boswell commended Mr. Underwood for keeping the school grounds nicely groomed and thanked him for his report.

Communications from Board Members

Member Young stated that her and Member Despain will be visiting the Eureka Elementary school in the next week. Member Young thanked Superintendent Thornock for the mid-month report. Member Young reported on the USBA Leadership Conference, stating she gained good information on board relationships and working together.

Member Despain stated he is excited for the Tintic High School Baseball team and their success and commended them on a 9/11 tribute they held at one of their games. Member Despain thanked Mr. Ward for the information on the iReady program and is looking forward to seeing the progress made.

Member Grimstead stated he and President Boswell were making a school visit to Eureka Elementary on September 21, 2021 in the morning. Member Grimstead reported attending Volleyball and Baseball games and that the teams are going in good directions. Member Grimstead thanked Mr. Ward for his report on the iReady program.

Member Rowley reported on the recently attended USBA Leadership Conference where they learned from other boards. Member Rowley reported the Rad Kids program began last week at Eureka Elementary and she will be traveling to the West Desert schools on September 23, 2021 to implement the Rad Kids program there. Member Rowley expressed her appreciation for Mrs. Mary Westover, West Desert Elementary teacher. Member Rowley stated the National Board Member Conference is in April 2022 in San Diego and that she would like to attend.

President Boswell thanked Mr. Ward for his iReady presentation, and stated all of the schools look nice and she is glad school is back in session. President Boswell, as well as other board members, stated that parents of students had asked for information regarding the high school dress code. Superintendent Thornock distributed a copy of the Student Handbook containing the dress code for board members to review, as well as copies of dress codes from several other school districts for comparison. Superintendent Thornock explained the Tintic dress code is not as severe as the other districts and has been updated with picture examples at the request of some parents. Member Grimstead stated this Student Handbook was available for all students at the time of registration and is also available online. Board members discussed the purpose of having a dress code is to provide an environment conducive to learning and that according to policy this issue falls under the jurisdiction of the building administrators. Board members decided to discuss the dress code further in Executive Session.

Reading Assignment Discussion

Board members discussed the content of Chapter 1 in “Coming to Order” and planned to read Chapter 2 for the discussion at the October Board Meeting.

Member Rowley stated there are policies ready for review and that she will be assigning them to the board members through email.

Member Rowley explained that registration for the National Board Member Conference is time sensitive and asked for more discussion on attending. Member Grimstead stated he would like to attend. Board members decided to review personal calendars and discuss attending the conference at the October meeting. Superintendent Thornock stated the Fall Regional meeting will be September 29, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at Juab School District and that he sent the invitation to board member’s email. Superintendent Thornock stated the Legislative Dinner will be held October 28, 2021 from 5:30 to 7:30 at the Juab Innovation Center and that it is very important for the board to attend this meeting.

Regular Meeting

Call to Order and Recognition of Guests

President Boswell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Adult Education Graduate, Miss Nikka Powell, led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Adult Education Graduation

Mrs. Amy Sorensen and Mrs. Nancy Underwood, Adult Education Directors, carried out a graduation ceremony for Ms. Nikka Powell, where President Boswell presented Ms. Powell with her Adult Education Diploma.

3. Citizen Comments

Mrs. Rebecca Richardson and Mrs. Afton Mannino addressed the board regarding the Tintic High School dress code and issues with enforcing it. President Boswell thanked Mrs. Richardson and Mrs. Mannino for their comments.

4. Superintendent Report

Superintendent Thornock stated he holds meetings with the administrators weekly and have been focusing on student assessment. Superintendent Thornock stated that throughout all of the meetings he has been attending, the common theme has been athletics and activities with respect to Covid-19 and hardly any mention of academics. Superintendent Thornock stated, that while athletics and activities are important, he would like Tintic to lead out in changing the discussion topic back to academics. Superintendent Thornock stated he would like to attend more governmental meetings as has attended town meetings and county commissioner meetings. Superintendent Thornock stated that Juab County is funding a portion of the Student Resource Officer and that the county is disappointed that Eureka City is not paying their share. Superintendent Thornock stated that Eureka City pays an amount to Juab County for a Nephi City Police Officer and hoped to present the idea of sharing this officer with Tintic School District. Superintendent Thornock reported attending a Utah Rural Schools Association board meeting and feels it is important to represent Tintic with political connections. Superintendent Thornock reported attending the Utah Superintendent meeting where the topic of concern was teacher wages being enough to keep up with rising housing costs and cost of living increases. Superintendent Thornock discussed attending interagency meetings as well as the school administrators, school nurse and councilor where different organizations come together to offer services and work together in behalf of students and families. Superintendent Thornock stated he would like to host one of these interagency meetings at Tintic School District once a year. Superintendent Thornock reported attending the USBA Leadership Conference with Board Member Young and Rowley where they learned information regarding board relations with the community and one another. Superintendent Thornock stated he dedicates three hours per week to elementary school systems and data collections. Superintendent Thornock stated he met with the Adult Education directors and reports they are working hard and have created a program comparable to what larger school districts use. Superintendent Thornock reported the ESSER 3 grant has been completed and submitted and that he is working to learn the grant system with the help of contacts at the state level. Superintendent Thornock stated that current or upcoming grants he is working on are Game Club, GEARS, TSSA, and a computer science grant. Superintendent Thornock stated that a new marquee was ordered in July and that the company is stalled until certain components become available. Superintendent Thornock stated he has scheduled a topographical survey company to survey for a new track, but that they are back logged. Member Despain expressed appreciation to Superintendent Thornock for the mid-month report as it allowed him to answer questions a community member had and stated he understands vendors everywhere are struggling to acquire materials. President Boswell thanked Superintendent Thornock for his report.

There were no questions regarding the Enrollment Report.

5. Action Items

Consent Agenda

Minutes: August 23, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Warrants: August #00007900 to #00007907

Member Grimstead offered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Member Young 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 Boswell	Aye
Member Young	Aye
Member Grimstead	Aye
Member Despain	Aye

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

Member Rowley	Aye
Member Boswell	Aye
Member Young	Aye
Member Grimstead	Aye
Member Despain	Aye

Time of the Closed Executive Session was from 6:50 p.m. to 7:40 p.m.

I, Janice Boswell, 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 September 20, 2021. 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:



Janice Boswell
President

7. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Tintic School District Board of Education will be held on October 11, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at the West Desert High School, Trout Creek, Utah.

Minutes submitted by:

Jeremy Snell
Business Administrator