

MINUTES FOR AUGUST 23, 2023

The August 23, 2023 meeting of the Board of Education, held at the District Office, 120 North Main, Huntington, UT, was called to order at 6:30 pm by Board President Royd Hatt. Vice President Tracey Johnson, and members Kenzi Guymon, Todd Huntington, and James Winn were also present. Superintendent Ryan Maughan and Business Administrator Jackie Allred were also in attendance along with student board member, Kallee Lake.

WORK SESSION:

A1. Boys Volleyball at Emery High: Discussions were led by Steven Gordon, Principal, and Jake Atwood, Athletic Director. UHSAA has created a Southern and Northern 3A division. There are currently only nine 3A high schools with committed boys' volleyball teams. A large concern is having enough athletes for currently offered Spring sports and adding another sport, and not having a current feeder program from younger athletes. Some solutions allow students to attend a high school that has a program with the UHSAA co-op guidelines or having an open gym/club program during this Spring to see if there are enough athletes to start a program. Jackie Allred presented the financial impacts of adding another activity at a high school level along with feeder programs at each middle school.

A2. National Archery in Schools Program: Jody Carter, Principal at Huntington Elementary, would like to propose a new archery program at the school. Archery is an activity that helps many students that don't participate in other sport activities. The barrier would be no transportation for students for the morning practice times. Data and documentation was given providing positive results for archery programs in schools.

A3. Transportation Funding: Jackie Allred and Tracy Rowley, Transportation Supervisor, explained the state's formula for transportation funding through reimbursing actual costs in miles and minutes. The state's guideline for mechanic to vehicle ratio also indicates the district would be eligible for 3.17 mechanics where only one is currently employed. The efficiency ratio – which decreased FY24 funding – is affected by to/from miles and minutes. Additional discussion was held on wage rates and possible benefits.

A4: HB61 – School Safety Update: With the HB61 School Safety grant deadline on September 15th. Each school is responsible to appoint a School Safety Supervisor, complete a threat assessment, and enter a grant request to address the weaknesses of the school. Rural schools are given priority in this competitive grant funding. Tyson Huntington, Emery County Sheriff, explained the trainings and coordinating efforts his office is willing and able to help the school district with safety at every level.

ADJOURNMENT (B): Royd Hatt motioned and was seconded by Tracey Johnson to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

