## MILLARD SCHOOL DISTRICT DELTA, UTAH

Following are the minutes of the Board of Education meeting held Thursday, November 10, 2022, at the District Office, Delta, Utah.

Meeting convened at 1:00 pm

The President of the Board called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. The Business Administrator was directed to call the roll which indicated the Board Members shown below were present. The President stated that the meeting was a regularly called meeting and that notice of the time, place, and agenda of the meeting had been posted to the Utah Public Notice website and the Millard School District webpage, found under BoardDocs. The local news media, each member of the governing body, the Millard County Commission Chair, and the mayor of each incorporated city within Millard County, have been notified as to where the electronic notice and agenda can be found within BoardDocs, with a copy being evidenced by a true and correct copy thereof being attached thereto. Exhibit #10.

Call to Order

Members in attendance:

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Todd E. Holt, President
David E. Lund, Vice President
Joyce C. Barney, Member
Adam R. Britt, Member
Jennifer Finlinson, Member
David V. Styler, Superintendent
Corey S. Holyoak, Business Administrator

Opportunity was given to any public present to offer an opening reverence.

Opening Reverence: David Lund

Pledge of Allegiance: David Lund

Prior to the Board of Education meeting, the Members of the Board met in a Board Work Session, in which the following items were reviewed and discussed:

Board of Education Work Session

- 1. Review and Discuss Action Items
- 2. Policy Considerations

#### 1st Reading

Policy 5075 – Curriculum Elective Instruction – Driver Education

#### 2nd Reading

Policy 4030 – Criminal Background Checks and Employee Reporting of Arrests

Policy 5130 – American Heritage in the Curriculum

- 3. Todd Burke Request for assistance with Doctoral Dissertation
- 4. Donor's Choose Report
- 5. Zion's Bank Estimates
- 6. Philip Wentworth Naylor Wentworth Lund Architects
- 7. USBA Power-up Review

Member Barney made a motion to go into Closed Executive Session to review and discuss the character and professional competence of individuals, or physical or

Closed Executive

mental health of an individual (personnel assignments, concerns, and staffing for 2022-2023 school year), as provided for in Utah Code: 52-4-205(1)(a), seconded by Member Lund, with the voting as follows:

Member Barney	Aye
Member Lund	Aye
Member Holt	Aye
Member Britt	Aye
Member Finlinson	Aye

Member Lund made a motion to return the meeting to a Regular Session, seconded by Member Barney, with the voting as follows:

Regular Session

Member Lund Aye
Member Barney Aye
Member Holt Aye
Member Britt Aye
Member Finlinson Aye

Time of the Closed Executive Session was from 1:05 pm to 1:35 pm.

Time

I, Todd E. Holt, President of the Millard School Board of Education, certify and swear that the purpose of the above Closed Executive Session was to review and discuss the character and professional competence of individuals, or physical or mental health of an individual (personnel assignments, concerns, and staffing for the 2022-2023 school years) as provided for in Utah Code: 52-4-205(1)(a).

Certification

Todd E. Holt, President

Corey S. Holyoak, Business Administrator

<u>Minutes</u>

Minutes

Minutes of the Board of Education meeting held October 13, 2022 were approved, as corrected, by a motion from Member Barney, seconded by Member Lund, and carried unanimously by the Members of the Board.

Board President's Report

Report

Board President's

None

Superintendent Styler's Report

None Superintendent Styler's Report

Business Administrator Report

BA Report

FY 2022 Actual AFR and APR Financial Reports

Consent Items

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The following Consent Items were presented to the Members of the Board for review and consideration:

Payment of Bills / Approval of Financial Reports

Payment of bills from check #23673 to check #23796, inclusive, and ACH #810 through #848 inclusive, Zions First National Bank, along with the financial reports from General Accounts.

Exhibit #11.

Payment of Bills / Approval of Financial Reports

## Substitute Teacher Requests

Substitute **Teacher Requests** 

Jenny Morris – Delta

Makayla Oldroyd – Delta

# 2022-2023 School Year Compulsory Attendance Compliance

2022-2023 Compulsory

Parent(s) Child(ren) School/Grade Attendance Compliance

Michelle Cropper Kyleigh Cropper DMS / 6th grade Cameron Chapman MHS / 12th grade Bryan Chapman Angela Macias Antonio Macias DHS / 9th grade

Recommended for approval.

Land Trust Amendment

## Delta North Elementary Land Trust Amendment

Mrs. Delna Bliss, Principal of the Delta North Elementary School, requested an update to her school's Land Trust Plan for FY 2023.

Personnel Items

#### Personnel Items

## Letters of Resignation

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Casey Padron – DMS Instrumental Music Teacher Carl Camp – MHS Head Girls Soccer Coach Lee Glazier – DMS Head Custodian Lori Brown – MHS Head Tennis Coach

### Recommendation for Various Positions

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Ashlyn Finlinson – DHS Instructional Assistant Courtney Chlarson – DMS Instructional Assitant Jane Saldana – FES Instructional Assistant David Andrade - DMS Interim Instrumental Music Teacher Daniel Lake – DHS Head Girls Wrestling Coach

Member Britt made a motion to approve and accept the Consent Items, as listed above, seconded by Member Lund, and carried unanimously by the Members of the Board.

<u>Information Items</u> **Information Items** 

# SEDC Legislative Luncheon

SEDC Legislative Luncheon

December 14, 2022 at 12:00 pm Washington County School District's Board Room St. George, Utah

## EskDale High School Christmas Banquet

EskDale Christmas Banquet

December 15-16, 2022 5:30 pm / 6:30 pm NV/UT Shiloah Community Center

#### Utah School Boards Association Annual State Conference

**USBA** Annual Conference

Thursday – Saturday / January 5-7, 2023 Little America Hotel Salt Lake City, Utah

**NSBA** Annual Conference

#### National School Boards Association Annual Conference

Friday – Monday / March 31 – April 3, 2023 Orlando, Florida

Action Items Action Items

# **Approval of Policies**

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Policy 4030 – As updated per motion

Member Barney made a motion to approve the policy, subject to a spelling correction, seconded by Member Lund, and carried unanimously by the Members of the Board.

## Employee Sick Leave Request

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Mrs. Stacy Best has recently been diagnosed with Thyroid Cancer, and has had to miss an extended period of work due to treatment and surgery. She is requesting her position be held for her through any future absences relating to this diagnosis. She is also requesting an additional three sick days as provided by Policy 4240.

Member Lund made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Member Barney, and carried unanimously by the Members of the Board.

# 2023-2024 School Year - Draft

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Member Finlinson made a motion to approve the 2023-2024 School Year calendar, seconded by Member Britt, and carried unanimously by the Members of the Board.

## **Employee Maternity Leave Request**

April Finlinson's baby is due December 27th. Due to complications, she is requesting an 11-day extension to her maternity leave for a total of 26 school days (November 23 through January 15).

Member Finlinson made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Member Britt, and carried unanimously by the Members of the Board.

## Out-of-State Travel Request from Delta High School Football Coaches

The Delta High School football coaching staff is requesting to attend an out-of-state coaching clinic.

Employee Maternity Leave Request

Out-of-State Travel Request National Gun T System Clinic
February 16-18, 2023
Batesville, Arkansas
Coaches attending: Colin Christensen, Jake Abbott, David Schena, Tyrel
Curtis, Gerry Banda, Curtis Petersen, and Ty Ashton

The expenses will be covered completely by the DHS football account.

Member Lund made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Member Finlinson, and carried unanimously by the Members of the Board.

### Additional Information Item

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#### Pornography in School Libraries – April Love

Mrs. April Love presented some information and expressed concern relating to books in Millard School District libraries, which may contain sexually explicit content.

She expressed her desire that the District comply with H.B. 374, signed into law in June of 2022, relating to "Sensitive Materials in Schools." She also suggested a few ways to prevent such material from entering District libraries.

Subsequently, Superintendent Styler described how the District is complying with the new law. He stated that Millard County schools are taking action to remove any books found to contain inappropriate content, as described by the law, from their libraries. He also reassured that the only books that will be removed without going through the review committee, will be those with content that is explicitly pornographic or obscene.

President Holt expressed his appreciation for the concerns brought to the District's attention.

## Public Comments in Break

Christina Allen – a parent of Delta High School student, a children's author, and a board member of the League of Utah Writers – addressed the Board. She expressed support for readers to be able to choose the books that are right for them, even if that book would not be right for someone else. She expressed support for School District librarians and their efforts. She also expressed concern regarding the removal of books from school libraries.

Massimo Lovejoy, a Delta High School student, presented a petition signed by 24 Delta High students, which opposes the new district policies 5180 and 5181 relating to the censorship of books containing "sensitive material." Exhibit #12.

## **Honoring Personnel Excellence**

Honoring Excellence

#### Millard High School

Coach Cody Moat – Head Coach Boy's and Girl's Cross-Country

The Millard High School Boy's Cross-Country team won its sixth state title. The Girl's Cross-Country team placed second in the state championship meet.

He was also recognized for being inducted into the first-ever Spartan Hall of Fame. Coach Moat is a two-time Spartan World Champion (2012 and 2017).

## Honoring Excellence

### School Food Pantry Organizer

Cindy Gardner – Delta Middle, Delta South Elementary, Delta High

Mrs. Gardner was recognized for her outstanding service to students in need and to the community.

## Student Excellence / Deseret News Academic All-State

Student Excellence

#### Delta High School

Amy LeBaron – Tennis Brynnleigh Goodwin – Cross Country Paige Curtis – Cross Country Gage Smith – Cross Country Maggie Wood – Volleyball Tanner Taylor – Football

## Millard High School

Ellie Adams – Cross Country Zoie Whitaker – Cross Country Kara Camp – Cross Country Kristen Remkes – Cross Country Ethan Bishop – Cross Country Lacey Taylor – Soccer Taylor Davies – Football

Each student was presented a Certificate of Excellence.

#### Communications for Board Members

Thank You:

DYAC and Community First

School Newsletters:

Delta North Elementary School's "Bulldog Bulletin" – November 2022 Delta North Elementary School's Spanish Bulletin – November 2022 Delta Middle School's October 2022 Newsletter Fillmore Elementary School's "Chipmunk Chat" – November 2022 Fillmore Middle School's October 2022 Newsletter

**Public Comment** 

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Tallon Taylor, Delta High School Student Body Vice President, addressed the Board to express a desire for caution in the removal of any books from school libraries. He stated that there are terrible occurrences in today's world that are written about, which Delta students may not ever experience. He believes that writings depicting such events can be of value in offering students perspective and helping them empathize with others.

Michelle Lovejoy, a parent of Delta High School students, expressed her opposition to banning books. She stated that her children have the right to choose what they read.

David Barrus, the Millard High School Librarian, noted that the District librarians have been proactively reviewing lists of books containing potentially inappropriate material, to identify whether those books are found in the school library and whether the content of those books should be reviewed according to policy.

LynnDell Watson, the Delta High School Librarian, mentioned her appreciation for those who expressed support for the librarians. She also mentioned that she has been working with administration to remove any materials in violation of the new law.

Communications for Board Members Laura Bassett, the Delta Middle School Librarian, expressed the care that District school librarians take in performing their duty, and she mentioned examples of how she guides students in selecting materials to read. She noted that it is impossible for one person to know the content of over 5,000 books. She also expressed her desire to help the students of this District grow.

Katie Lebbon, a concerned parent, expressed that there was no intention to hurt anyone's feelings in bringing concerns to the District regarding books with questionable content. She noted that her desire is to ensure that the materials in District school libraries comply with state law.

Chris Haught, Librarian Trainer from the Southwest Educational Development Center, addressed the Board in support of the District school librarians. She appreciated the Board support of the librarians, and she complemented the librarians on the excellent job they do in performing their duties.

#### **Board Member Comments**

Board Member Comments

Member Britt expressed appreciation for the attendance. He mentioned that he believes that the parties involved in the library materials discussion are mostly on the same page. He noted his excitement of the excellent scores District schools received.

Member Finlinson mentioned that there is an administrator from Beaver School District that has expressed interest in researching the District because of excellent performance. She also mentioned that she believes we have great people working in our district and in the community, which makes it a great place to be. She mentioned that the District will continue to work to comply with the law discussed earlier in the meeting.

Member Barney agreed with comments made by Chris Haught. She mentioned that we need to weigh both sides, but that ultimately the District has to do what the state has asked. She expressed that student education should be the number one priority.

Member Lund also expressed appreciation for the attendance. He appreciated those bringing questionable materials to the attention of the Board. He noted that our differences of opinion make us stronger.

Member Holt also noted the attendance and mentioned that it can be frustrating when no one is present. He also pointed out that the education of our children is the District's number one goal. He shared examples of teachers that had a profound impact on the lives of his children.

Superintendent Styler addressed the students in attendance and thanked them for being at the meeting. He expressed his belief that the appropriate way to disagree is not through social media, but that opposing sides should come together and work out differences in a respectful way. He expressed his appreciation and support for those in our District who do such a great job.

Corey Holyoak agreed with all the previous comments.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Millard School District Board of Education will be held on Thursday, December 15, 2022, at 1:00 pm, at the District Office, 285 East 450 North, Delta, Utah.

Next Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 pm.

Attest:			
Signed:		Signed:	
	President		Business Administrator