IRON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BUILT IRON STRONG

# Board Briefs

INFORMATION FROM THE MARCH. 24, 2026, BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

# ICSD seeks applicants for board seat

Superintendent Dr. Lance Hatch reviewed the requirements for replacing a board vacancy with board members during Tuesday's work meeting.

Hatch said the steps for replacing a board member midterm are outlined in Utah Code 20A-1-511. However, provisions in other laws must also be followed, such as interviewing and discussing applicants in an open meeting.

The vacancy is in District 2. Board President Ben Johnson resigned from his seat a week ago. Hatch said Johnson submitted a letter of resignation and the county clerk was notified on Wednesday, March 18, which started the 30-day countdown to find a replacement.

The vacancy and steps were posted on March 25 and can be found on the district website under public notices. All applications must be completed and arrive at the District office by April 8. Since the District is on Spring Break, applications submitted after April 3 must be sent electronically to the superintendent.

Hatch said he will screen applications for three items, including:

- They are a registered voter;
- Live in a primary residency within District 2;
- They have been a resident in District 2 for at least a year.

Applicants who meet these requirements will be interviewed in a special meeting on April 14. The Board will discuss and vote on the replacement during that meeting and administer the oath of office once an applicant receives a majority vote by four members.

"Once that happens, then you're done with the process and we have a new board member," he said.

At the beginning of the business meeting, Board Vice President Michelle Tullis publicly thanked Johnson for serving.

"I know I'm grateful for him and the time that he served," she said. "We appreciate the thoughtful perspective he brought to every discussion and the many hours he committed on behalf of our schools."

In other business, the board unanimously appointed John Taylor to serve as the new Board President.

The vacancy notice and application can be found at: https://www.irondistrict.org/page/public-notices

## Board looks at school fees update, attendance flowchart and more

Board members reviewed changes to the fee schedule for 2026-27. Business Administrator Todd Hess said potential changes requested from schools have been included.

Hess reminded board members that schools can adopt fees that are less than those listed on the maximum fee schedule. There are a few fees that have a significant increase, including high school arts. most of those are due to inflation. Others are little changes. Some of those are due to credit card charges which carry a fee. The public has one more opportunity to give public comment on the fees during the April 21 regular meeting.

In other business:

- Superintendent Dr. Lance Hatch shared a flow chart that better outlines steps to take with the new attendance policy.
- The board considered adopting videos created by Vector to help with lessons that meet the state-required bullying and cyberbulling instruction for students.

Human Resources Executive Director Janette Stubbs said Vector offers hundreds of video lessons. However, the board will look mainly at adopting something that meets the state code. The video lessons would be shown in a classroom setting and be teacher led. Parents would also need to indicate at the beginning of the year that they reviewed and understood ICSD's bullying policy.