WEBER SCHOOL DISTRICT

5320 Adams Avenue Parkway Ogden, UT

Study Session June 11, 2025

The Board of Education of Weber School District held a Study Session in the Board Room at 5320 Adams Avenue, Ogden, Utah. The meeting convened at 5:00 p.m. The following Board Members and Superintendency were present:

Paul Widdison Board President Doug Hurst Board Vice President

Janis ChristensenBoard MemberBruce JardineBoard MemberJan BurrellBoard MemberKelly LarsonBoard MemberWyle WilliamsBoard MemberGina ButtersSuperintendent

Clyde Moore Assistant Superintendent
Dave Hales Assistant Superintendent
Brock Mitchell Business Administrator

President Paul Widdison welcomed everyone to the meeting. Board Members Janis Christensen and Kelly Larson updated the Board on the JLC (Joint Legislative Committee) priorities. Priorities shared include establishing an educational working group that includes legislators, and the JLC to find solutions that support students, educators, families and communities. Second priority is a 2% increase above the guaranteed WPU. Third priority, fulfill commitments to increase new funding for at risk students. Fourth priority, help create a future reliable workforce by providing resources to incentivize a culture of student attendance. Board Member Larson noted there was a panel discussion recently held regarding chronic absenteeism. Fifth priority, creating a plan for the economic stabilization account and one time money to be allowed to go to LEA's for flexibility. Sixth priority, collaborating with the JLC on a long-term educational framework. Another goal for the next legislative session is to reduce compliance reporting and simplifying education code. Board Member Larson concluded noting the best way to communicate with legislators is to come to them with solutions and not just problems. Board Member Christensen added legislators have asked to be contacted by text instead of email.

Superintendent Butters gave a shout out to Secondary Education Directors Matt Williams and Rob Lake and all district leaders who supported our high schools and the amazing graduation ceremonies.

Learn Conference was recently held at West Field High School and it was noted over 400 educators attended the two-day conference. Topics included AI, and tech tools for more engagement in our schools.

The Goal Foundation has been in partnership with the Weber School Foundation and recently received a \$27 thousand donation for helping with transportation during the recent Ogden Marathon.

A Purple Star Schools event was recently held at Roy High School with the following schools currently Purple Star Schools: Roy High, Fremont High, Weber High, West Field High, Mt. View Jr., North Ogden Jr., Rocky Mt. Jr., Roy Jr., Majestic Elementary, West Haven Elementary and Farr West Elementary. Rocky Mt. Jr. High Principal Quincey Mogolich received the Impact Award at the event.

Assessment School Improvement Director Dr. Bryan Becherini updated the Board on the Dual Language Immersion study. First recommendation from the survey included to remove or continue the DLI program. Second recommendation based on survey responses is whether to expand our DLI programs. Next steps moving forward with DLI will be to review in the August Board Meeting and put together recommendations for DLI. We want to make sure we are surveying around many areas.

Safety Officer Lane Findlay updated the Board on an overview of Two Rivers campus and the security view point issues we currently have. The building currently houses Adult Education, Two Rivers High School and Horizon Academy. It is a challenging situation and we are trying to enhance safety and security in the building. The demographics and location make it difficult. Installing Audio Enhancement and panics buttons at Two Rivers is top priority. Weapons detection equipment has also been purchased for Two Rivers and we will now need to staff it contracting an armed security officer in the entry of the building. It was noted the RFP was recently sent out. It was explained the weapons detection will be on the south side entrance of the building. The Board was also updated on how Audio Enhancement devices work in the classrooms.

Legal Counsel Heidi Alder updated the Board on policies on the consent calendar noting the combination of policies 1110 *Board Member*, 1120 *Board Members Organization*, and 1121 *Board Members Compensation*. Policy 4145 *School Entrance Requirements* was updated due to legislative changes.

2nd Readings:

New Policy 3370 *Time and Effort* has had no further discussion since last meeting.

New Policy 7200 Salary Supplement for Highly Needed Educators Program replaces our TSSP policy. Changes since last meeting include specifying who will be on the Board Appeal Committee, and definitions on what a qualifying assignment means.

1st Readings:

New Policy 1160 *Legal Counsel* was explained the district already had a policy, but needed to outline the responsibilities.

Revised Policy 4170 *Attendance* was revised to make sure it aligns with new legislation on valid excuses, discussion on citizenship grades and how administrators would like it added back in the policy post COVID. It was noted tracking attendance per class to give citizenship

has been difficult. We have taken out the citizenship piece for now and will work through it with some pilot schools.

Revised Policy 7700 *Family Medical Leave Act* requires the district to pay for parental leave and outlines different leave basis regarding medical issues. We are obligated on July 1, 2025 to have the policy in place.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.