## WEBER SCHOOL DISTRICT

5320 Adams Avenue Parkway Ogden, UT

## Study Session June 8, 2022

The Board of Education of Weber School District held a Study Session in the Superintendent's Office at 5320 Adams Avenue Parkway, Washington Terrace, Utah. The meeting convened at 5:00 p.m. The following Board Members and Superintendency were present:

Dean Oborn Board Vice President

Doug HurstBoard MemberPaul WiddisonBoard MemberJan BurrellBoard MemberBruce JardineBoard MemberJanis ChristensenBoard MemberJeff StephensSuperintendent

Art Hansen Assistant Superintendent Lori Rasmussen Assistant Superintendent Robert Petersen Business Administrator

Board President Jon Ritchie was excused.

Superintendent Stephens began noting the transition with new Superintendent Butters has been going well.

He explained to the Board our current safety guidelines and noted it is time to re-assess safety in our schools. The following points from our initial safety plan put together ten years ago was discussed:

- 1. Video Security System the key is a police vehicle can access the camera and see what is going on. It can also be streamed into a central command center if needed.
- 2. Standard Response Protocol (SRP) We were the first entity in Utah to adopt protocol and now the state has accepted it for their SRP.
- 3. School Resource Officers (SRO) and their agreements regarding how many days they are in schools. It was noted this should be reviewed and updated.
- 4. Building Strategies An example of magnetic strips on the doors allowing them to lock when needed. Secure entrances: Plain City Elementary, West Haven Elementary, Majestic Elementary and Freedom Elementary have a common layout and noted they will be updated this summer.
- 5. Way for students to report and tip. We originally developed our own system but since then have adopted the SafeUT application.

6. Threat assessments. Superintendent Stephens concluded addressing mental health is key and we will increase our mental health specialists to twenty this year, led by Zach Leifson.

Incoming Superintendent Gina Butters distributed a handout regarding transition with the new superintendency. A study session will be scheduled in July and appointments to meet with each Board member individually.

It was noted listening sessions have been conducted with all school employees and many positive things have been shared. Gina shared some upcoming events include Learn Conference in June at Weber High School, and Youth Build graduation. Meetings have been scheduled with district leadership for team building and in August or September there will be discussion about strategic planning.

Superintendent Stephens noted we have a public comment tonight and possible concerns about libraries or school safety may be addressed. Superintendent Stephens explained HB374 sponsored by Representative Ken Ivory, initially was an option issued by the Attorney General's Office and it differed from legislative council. They are trying to line HB374 with the specific language in the bill and noting the intent is different than the language.

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.