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Jordan School District
MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
August 25, 2026

The Board of Education of Jordan School District met in study, general, and closed sessions on Tuesday, August 25, 2026, beginning at 4:01p.m. at JATC South (Board Conference Room), 12723 S. Park Avenue (2080 West), Riverton, Utah. The sessions were also provided electronically via YouTube.

STUDY SESSION

Those recognized or signed in as present:
Niki George, Board President
Bryce Dunford, First Vice President
Brian W. Barnett, Second Vice President
Erin Barrow, Board Member
Lisa Dean, Board Member
Darrell Robinson, Board Member
Suzanne Wood, Board Member
Anthony Godfrey, Superintendent
John Larsen, Business Administrator
Michael Anderson, Associate Superintendent
Paul Van Komen, BVKTS Law
Scott Thomas, Administrator of Auxiliary Services
Sandy Riesgraf, Director, Communications
Mike Heaps, Director, Information Systems
Ian Roberts, Director, Facility Services
Anthony Muto, Network/Technical Services Manager, Information Systems
Lisa LeStarge, Administrative Assistant

President George presided and conducted. The Board of Education met in a study session to discuss the following:

A. **Discussion on Proposed Revisions to Administrative Policy AA445 *Student Information Network Acceptable Use Policy***

Business Administrator John Larsen shared a draft of Policy AA445 reflecting changes suggested by Board members in a previous study session. He explained that elements of Portrait of a Graduate were included and Board members suggested further revisions to wording.

Board members agreed with the final changes and to bringing the policy for a vote in tonight's business meeting. Dr. Godfrey proposed to the Executive Committee that Teaching & Learning be invited to the next study session to discuss how the new policy and resources will be publicized. It was agreed to add this item to the September 8, 2026 agenda.

B. **Discussion on Proposed Revisions to Administrative Policy AA417 *Fundraising***

Dr. Godfrey said the original fundraising policy is being split into three level-specific policies to give greater clarity for elementary and middle school levels and codify current procedures at the high school level.

Erin Barrow said she recently asked for feedback from PTA board members, School Community Council members, and principals and there were no concerns about fundraising.

Ms. Barrow also suggested using the words "developmentally appropriate" in future policies, rather than "age appropriate."

C. **Review of Declining Enrollment in the West Jordan Feeder System**

Brian Barnett explained procedures and the timeline outlined in Administrative Policy A13 *School Consolidation/Closure.* He said the Facilities Committee reviewed declining enrollment of schools in the West Jordan feeder system and in accordance with policy, is recommending no action be taken this year. In addition, they anticipate decisions regarding a closure be made in the month of August in the future.

Dr. Godfrey noted further information affecting the decision about schools in West Jordan will be available in a year, including class sizes, Title I funding, and programming.

Darrell Robinson suggested creating a committee to study property use after a school closure. Dr. Godfrey explained these decisions are usually decided by the Board and staff to avoid competing interests and community discord.

The Board agreed that staff will monitor school capacity, programming, Title I funds, and possibilities for the intentional use of property. It was also decided the Facilities Committee will work with Mr. Robinson on his ideas and bring the information back to the Executive Committee at a later date.

D. **2027 Summer Project Priorities**

Brian Barnett, Facilities Committee Chair, presented the 2027 summer project list and outlined the process for each Board member to vote on his/her preferred projects. Discussion was held on various aspects of the proposed projects with questions answered by Scott Thomas, Administrator of Auxiliary Services, and Ian Roberts, Director of Facility Services.

A budget of $7.5 million was proposed by Bryce Dunford, Finance and Audit Advisory Committee Chair.

Board members were cautioned not to disclose the estimated costs of potential summer projects to keep bidders from having an advantage.

Board members indicated their preferences for summer projects going to the design phase as Projects A,B,F,G,H,I,J,M,N and O. It is anticipated the projects will go to bid in November with final funding decisions made in the spring. (Attachment 1)

E. **Board Member Professional Development America 250 Project**

President George invited Board members to share experiences they had this summer aligning with the America 250 Project.

Board members Barnett, George, Dunford, and Barrow gave a brief synopsis of the patriotic books they read and shared insights and meaningful quotes. They expressed gratitude for freedom and those that helped to establish our nation.

Due to the time constraint, President George suggested the Board take a break and resume the discussion, including Agenda item F, in the subsequent study session immediately following the general session. All agreed and at 6:24 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

The general session started at 6:43 p.m.

GENERAL SESSION

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Anthony Godfrey, Superintendent
John Larsen, Business Administrator
Michael Anderson, Associate Superintendent
Paul Van Komen, BVKTS Law
Carolyn Gough, Administrator of Teaching & Learning
Scott Thomas, Administrator of Auxiliary Services
Sandy Riesgraf, Director, Communications
Ian Roberts, Director, Facility Services
Jared Covili, Consultant, Teaching & Learning
Lisa LeStarge, Administrative Assistant
Devionare Howland, President, Jordan Education Association

President George presided and conducted. She welcomed those present. Business Administrator John Larsen led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance and Reverence was given by Superintendent Godfrey.

Resolutions of Appreciation

Lisa Dean read a Resolution of Appreciation for the following former Jordan District employees who recently passed away:

Dennis John Durrant – employed by Jordan District from 2007 to 2020
Thomas James Little– employed by Jordan District from 1980 to 2012
Joseph McCauley– employed by Jordan District from 2021 to 2026
Gerald William Pippy – employed by Jordan District from 2018 to 2026
James Richard Weimer– employed by Jordan District from 2001 to 2021

Board Member Recognitions

Erin Barrow thanked Jordan employees, families, volunteers, and the community for a successful beginning to the school year.

Lisa Dean recognized Barbie Curtis, PTSA President at West Jordan High School, for her diligent efforts in providing information to the school community and work to assure safe pickup and dropoff of students at the school. She also congratulated the West Jordan Boys Track and Field team for winning its first state title at Brigham Young University last spring. Ms. Dean read a statement from Coach Taylor Thompson, highlighting the boys' accomplishments, including breaking the 5A state record in the 4x1 event and a 27-year-old record in the 4x4 event.

Niki George recognized all Jordan employees for working hard to make a safe and welcoming space for students.

Superintendent's Recognitions

Dr. Godfrey welcomed everyone back to school, recognizing teachers and many staff members' work over the summer to prepare for the school year. He expressed gratitude for everyone who makes possible this "fresh start."

I. **Public Comments**

A. **Public Comments Regarding Non-Agenda Items**

Linda Stone, a parent, expressed concern that some students do not feel safe at school, as they are worried about U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents entering the property. She requested safe, confidential information be given to families regarding immigration enforcement.

Joshua Johanson, a parent, said he is concerned about ICE activity in and around schools in the District. He asked for better communication with Jordan families, including protection, privacy measures, and procedures regarding immigration enforcement.

Barbara Reyes, a parent, said student immigrants are worried about being detained, so some choose not to attend school. She said there is a need for more communication from the District.

Soren Simonsen, executive director of the Jordan River Commission and Watershed Council, explained cooperative work the Commission is doing with schools to improve the community, including outdoor clean-up projects. Mr. Simonsen shared information about the upcoming Days of Service activities in which Board members are invited to participate.

President George invited Mr. Larsen, business administrator, to read comments submitted to *boardcomments@jordandistrict.org* from the following individual, whose comment is summarized below:

Jason Brown, a parent, thanked the Board for their support and shared positive feelings about the new school year. He asked Board members to consider increasing wages for Education Support Professionals.

II. General Business – Consent Agenda

A. Motion to Approve Consent Agenda Items

1. Minutes

Minutes of the Board of Education meetings held July 28, 2026 and August 11, 2026, were presented to the Board of Education for approval.

MOTION: It was moved by Lisa Dean and seconded by Suzanne Wood to approve Consent Agenda item A1, as recommended. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

B. Motion to Accept Consent Agenda Items

1. Expenditures

Expenditures for the months of June and July, 2026 were provided to the Board of Education.

2. Financial Statement

Financial statements through June 30 and July 31, 2026, were provided to the Board of Education. Copies are attached at the conclusion of these minutes. (Attachments 1 & 2)

3. Non-Compliance Report

MOTION: It was moved by Lisa Dean and seconded by Suzanne Wood to accept Consent Agenda items B1 through B3, as recommended. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

III. Bid Recommendations

A. | School or Department | Items for Bid |
|---|---|
| **District Administration** | **Professional Legal Services** |
| Bidders | Amount of Bid |
| Burbidge, Van Komen, Tanner & Scruggs, LLC
Fabian VanCott | Total estimated expenditures per year:
$150,000.00 |

Lewis Brisbwis Bisgaard & Smtih LLP
Snell & Wilmer
Spencer Fane LLP

Purpose: To provide professional legal services for the District Administration Staff.

Budget: Attorney Budget

Recommendation: It was recommended awarding the contract to Burbidge, Van Komen, Tanner & Scruggs LLC and Fabian VanCott. These firms complied with the specifications, terms, and conditions outlined in the RFP documents. The Purchasing Department made the recommendation based on the results of the evaluation process, final ratings of the proposals, and which would provide the best value to the District. The contract will be for a five-year term.

MOTION: It was moved by Lisa Dean and seconded by Suzanne Wood to approve the bid for Professional Legal Services at for District Administration, as recommended. The motion passed unanimously.

B. School or Department
Facility Services

Items for Bid
Elevator Maintenance and Repair

Bidders
Kone, Inc.
Metro Elevator Utah, Inc.
TK Elevator Corporation

Amount of Bid
Total estimated expenditure: $300,000.00 (over five years)

Purpose: To provide maintenance and repairs for elevators throughout Jordan School District.

Budget: Facility Services Maintenance and Operations Budget

Recommendation: It was recommended awarding the contract to the lowest responsive, responsible and acceptable bidder, TK Elevator Corporation. The company complied with the specifications, terms, and conditions outlined in the bid documents.

MOTION: It was moved by Erin Barrow and seconded by Brian Barnett to approve the bid for Elevator Maintenance and Repair at for Facility Services, as recommended. The motion passed unanimously.

C. School or Department
Teaching & Learning

Items for Bid
Classroom & Computer Lab Management Software

Bidders
Blocksi
Concourse Tech
GoGuardian
Hapara
Lenovo/LanSchool
Lightspeed Systems
Linewize
Securly
Sergeant Labs

Amount of Bid
To be determined by school enrollment in the program

Purpose: To provide schools with instructional technology options to promote meaningful and focused learning.

Budget: School-site decides budget to use

Recommendation: It was recommended awarding the contract to GoGuardian, Lenovo/LanSchool, and Securly These companies complied with the specifications, terms, and conditions outlined in the RFP documents. Teaching & Learning made the recommendation based on the results of the evaluation process, final ratings of the proposals, and which would provide the best value to the District.

MOTION: It was moved by Erin Barrow and seconded by Darrell Robinson to approve the bid for Classroom & Computer Lab Management Software for Teaching & Learning, as recommended.

Mr. Barnett expressed concern about the omission of total expenditure amounts in the bid documents and schools being allowed to choose which technology option to use. Jared Covilli, consultant in Teaching & Learning, explained each product's software costs between $1 to $1.30 per student and individual school budgets will be used to purchase the vetted software of choice.

President George called for a vote on Classroom & Computer Lab Management Software and the motion passed with a vote of six to one. Mr. Barnett cast the dissenting vote.

D. School or Department — **Teaching & Learning**
Items for Bid — **Follett Destiny Software Suite**

Bidders: Follett Software, LLC
Amount of Bid: $257,717.31 (over three years)

Purpose: To provide a three (3) year purchase agreement for the continued licensing, maintenance, support, and online services associated with the District's Follett Destiny Software Suite.

Budget: Instructional Support Services Media Software Budget

Recommendation: It was recommended awarding the contract to Follett Software, a sole source provider, who met the specifications, terms, and conditions of the bid.

MOTION: It was moved by Erin Barrow and seconded by Suzanne Wood to approve the bid for Follett Destiny Software Suite at for Teaching & Learning, as recommended. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Special Business

A. Recommendation to Approve Administrative Policy AA445 *Student Information Network Acceptable Use Policy*

President George explained the Board process for discussion and approval of policies and asked for a motion.

MOTION: It was moved by Suzanne Wood and seconded by Erin Barrow to approve Administrative Policy AA445 *Student Information Network Acceptable Use Policy.*

Public Comment
No patrons signed up to address the Board regarding this Special Business item and no patrons accepted the invitation to speak.

Mr. Larsen said the revised Policy AA445 was posted to BoardBook and changes were required to align with new State law.

President George called for a vote on the motion to approve Administrative Policy AA445. The motion passed unanimously.

A copy of Administrative Policy AA445 is attached at the conclusion of these minutes (Attachment 2)

B. **Recommendation to Retire Administrative Policy AA417 *Fundraising* and Approve the Following New Administrative Policies:**

- **AA417A *Fundraising for High Schools***
- **AA417B *Fundraising for Middle Schools***
- **AA417C *Fundraising for Elementary Schools***

Dr. Godfrey explained these policies clarify fundraising procedures for elementary and middle schools and codify fundraising procedures at the high school level.

MOTION: It was moved by Suzanne Wood and seconded by Erin Barrow to retire Administrative Policy AA417 *Fundraising* and approve New Administrative Policies AA417A *Fundraising for High Schools*, AA417B *Fundraising for Middle Schools*, and AA417C *Fundraising for Elementary Schools*.

Public Comment
No patrons signed up to address the Board regarding this Special Business item and no patrons accepted the invitation to speak.

Board members Barrow, Dean, and Robinson thanked Dr. Godfrey and President George for their efforts with the fundraising policies.

President George called for a vote on the motion to Retire Administrative Policy AA417 and Approve New Administrative Policies AA417A, AA417B, and AA417C. The motion passed unanimously.

A copy of these new Administrative policies are attached at the conclusion of these minutes (Attachments 3, 4, & 5)

V. Information Items

A. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Godfrey said the District is experiencing declining enrollment but has adapted by effectively adjusting the size of staff, while still meeting the needs of students.

VI. Discussion Items

A. Committee Reports and Comments by Board Members

Erin Barrow announced the Jordan Parent Advisory Committee Meeting on November 5, 2026 at the JATC South campus. Board members Robinson and George committed to attend. Dr. Anderson agreed to inform principals and send out invitations to School Community Council leadership.

Suzanne Wood invited everyone to the Fall Family Fair on August 31, 2026 at the Viridian Center from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. The open house event is sponsored by Language & Culture Services. She announced a back-to-school party for the Native American Program on September 17, 2026 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Western Springs Park in Riverton.

Brian Barnett requested an internal auditor examine the District's policies, processes and practices regarding objective sensitive materials. He also asked if staff could return with a proposal to measure the success of Policy AA440 *Library Media Selection and Review*.

Mr. Dunford explained that the Board would need to use an external hired auditor if they agree on a need, as the internal auditor is under the direction of the Superintendent and not hired by the Board. He said, based on Policy GP103 *Board Members' Principles of Operation: Conduct and Ethics,* he feels like Mr. Barnett's request is not something the Board should consider. Other Board members expressed satisfaction in the policy implementation process, suggested more time be allowed for adjustment to new regulations.

President George announced a Utah State Board Association (USBA) meeting on September 24, 2026 where feedback will be taken on legislative priorities. The New Board Member Conference will be held December 5, 2026 at the Provo Marriott Center, and Legislative Day in the Classroom is scheduled for September 2026.

Ms. George mentioned the October Board meetings are scheduled close to Fall Recess this year and asked Board members if they wished to change the schedule. It was decided to cancel the October 27, 2026 business meeting and change the October 13th meeting to a business session. The following motion was made:

MOTION: It was moved by Bryce Dunford and seconded by Darrell Robinson to cancel the Board meeting on October 27, 2026 and move the business meeting to the October 13th study session. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Godfrey said the calendar will be updated and re-posted.

Darrell Robinson noted his involvement with The 9/11 Project, a South Jordan community event to be held September 10-14, 2026 at the USU Bastian Agricultural Center. Field trips are being planned for students to participate and all are welcome to attend.

Bryce Dunford said the Utah High School Activities Association (UHSAA) is undergoing an alignment process. He announced the state has created an algorithm that classifies high school teams based on: 1) Size, 2) Economic need, and 3) Success on the field. Region assignments will be made by December 1, and a public hearing will be held on December 8, prior to a vote on December 17, 2026. The new classifications will be in effect for 2027-2029.

Lisa Dean said there are new members of the Jordan Education Foundation Board of Directors and many volunteer opportunities are posted on their website. Ms. Dean said she will attend a meeting for Salt Lake Parks and Recreation on September 9, 2026.

B. **Topics for *Bulletin Board***

Board members discussed the frequency of the *Bulletin Board* publication and it was decided it will be sent bi-monthly starting in September 2026. Ms. George will collect ideas from Board members and give them to Communications staff for the upcoming edition.

At 8:29 p.m., President George declared the meeting adjourned and announced that the Board would return to study session.

STUDY SESSION, Continued

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President George presided and conducted. The Board of Education continued its study session to discuss the following:

F. **Board Member Professional Development America 250 Project, Continued**

President George invited the remaining Board members, who didn't get an opportunity to speak on this topic in the earlier study session, to explain what they did this summer to participate in the America 250 Project.

Board members Robinson, Wood, and Dean shared information about books they read, historical sites they visited, and activities they participated in to celebrate the nation's anniversary.

Ms. George thanked all Board members for participating and announced that the 2027 National School Board Association (NSBA) Conference will be held in Washington D.C.

At President George's invitation, Dr. Godfrey, Dr. Anderson, and Mr. Larsen also shared thoughts on the America 250 Projects in which they participated this summer. Ms. George thanked everyone for their comments and asked if Board members had thoughts on a future Board development topic or book study.

Board members agreed to take turns sharing a professional development "gem" at the monthly study session, and to including a book study discussion on the agenda for the study session prior to each month's business meeting. President George requested book recommendations be shared with a member of the Executive Committee.

G. **Board Member Professional Development Moment**

Darrell Robinson distributed a handout to everyone highlighting valuable resources he has used for his own professional development. He explained the highlighted websites align with his goals to be a "reformer of education" and noted his desire to help Jordan stay on the cutting edge of innovation and be the "school of choice" for all students.

Ms. Wood was assigned to present the next Professional Development Moment in the August 8, 2026 study session.

MOTION: At 9:23 p.m., it was moved by Erin Barrow and seconded by Suzanne Wood to go into closed session, after which the meeting will be adjourned. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

CLOSED SESSION

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President George presided and conducted. The Board of Education met in a closed session to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual; property, potential litigation, negotiations, and security measures. The closed session discussion was recorded and archived.

At 9:43 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

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Attachment