

Jordan School District
MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
September 8, 2026

The Board of Education of Jordan School District met in study and closed sessions on Tuesday, September 8, 2026, beginning at 4:01 p.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 (excused)
John Larsen, Business Administrator
Michael Anderson, Associate Superintendent
Paul Van Komen, BVKTS Law (excused)
Cody Curtis, Administrator of Schools
April Gaydosh, Administrator of Human Resources
Carolyn Gough, Administrator of Teaching & Learning
Brad Sorensen, Administrator of Schools
Scott Thomas, Administrator of Auxiliary Services
Buddy Alger, Director, Student Services
Jared Covili, Innovative Coaching Consultant, Teaching & Learning
Kierra Beddes, Innovative Coaching Specialist, Teaching & Learning
Roxane Siggard, Administrative Assistant
Brandon Bateman, AV Department
Rich Graham, AV Department
Devionare Howland, President, Jordan Education Association

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

A. Technology Use in Jordan School District

A discussion on technology use in Jordan School District schools was introduced by Carolyn Gough, Administrator of Teaching & Learning, who stated that the topic was prompted by Richard Culatta's visit in August and the development of a policy statement for administrative policy AA445 *Student Information Acceptable Use Policy*.

Jared Covili, Innovative Coaching Consultant, Teaching & Learning, gave background on Jordan District's involvement on a national task force to teach digital citizenship and healthy technology use. The Jordan task force continued the work on digital citizenship and ways to make it more effective in Jordan District by developing three projects: 1) revise the Acceptable Use Policy to reflect more proactive language; 2) create school/classroom posters to draw a connection between digital citizenship and Portrait of a Graduate; and 3) design a digital citizenship discussion card deck for teachers and families to use with students.

Their recommendation for the next school year is to retain Policy AA445 while adopting the task force's student- and parent-friendly version as a reference document. To fulfill legal requirements, the task

force-designed posters would be displayed in each classroom instead of the full policy, and digital citizenship conversation cards would be printed for use in schools and homes.

Superintendent Anthony Godfrey arrived at 4:25 p.m.

Superintendent Godfrey clarified that the document and poster are the means used by the administration to implement policy AA445. A formal approval from the Board is not required.

Dr. Godfrey said they will use multiple ways to communicate the information to the community and that Jordan District is taking a deep, well-thought-out approach as to what is next to be prepared to function well in a digital world. Board members agreed they are comfortable with this level of implementation and will contact staff if concerns arise.

B. Review of Administrative Policy DP344 *Vacation Schedule for Twelve-Month Personnel*

April Gaydosh, Administrator of Human Resources, stated the purpose of the proposed revisions to Policy DP344 *Vacation Schedule for Twelve-Month Personnel* is to clarify to whom it applies. The policy governs only education support professionals (ESP) on 242- and 245-day contracts and does not include other employees on contracts with fewer days. It was suggested that language be added specifying the employee groups to whom this is applicable, and also add a link to the separate policy regarding vacation for administrators.

Staff was directed to bring changes to the next study session with potential approval at the business meeting.

C. Boundary Change Options

Dr. Michael Anderson, Associate Superintendent, and Buddy Alger, Director of Student Services, presented information on the proposed boundary changes. Dr. Anderson summarized the areas and boundary proposals as:

1. Airport Area – West Jordan
The purpose is to align high school boundaries with middle and elementary school boundaries. Schools impacted are Copper Hills and West Jordan High Schools. No students are impacted.
2. Homestead at Butterfield – Herriman
The proposal is to move the boundary line so it does not divide the new development. Schools impacted are: Herriman and Oak Leaf Elementary Schools. Permits would be available to the 11 impacted students.
3. South Area – Herriman, Bluffdale, Riverton
The proposed revisions adjust boundaries to align with new roads and parcel lines in the South Hills development. Schools impacted are: Riverton and Mountain Ridge High Schools; Hidden Valley and Fort Herriman Middle Schools; and Mountain Point and Blackridge Elementary Schools. No current students are impacted.
4. Juniper Crest Area – Herriman
Proposed changes will adjust boundaries to align with new roads in the developments, including Mountain View Freeway, and parcel lines that have changed. Schools and students impacted are: South Hills and Fort Herriman Middle Schools (205 students); and Ridge View, Juniper, Mountain Point and Blackridge Elementary Schools (155 students). Busing will also be affected; however, no high school boundaries will need to be adjusted, as all homes in this area are assigned to Mountain Ridge High School.

The timeline to meet legal requirements for notification was reviewed by Dr. Anderson:

- Mid-September: Feedback links go live

- Early October: Feedback closes
- October 13: Enrollment forecasts and share feedback results, Public Comment #1 in the Business Meeting
- November 10: Required Public Hearing and Public Comment #2
- November 24: Public Comment #3; Boundary decisions voted upon
- Fall 2027: Boundary changes would take effect

MOTION: It was moved by Bryce Dunford and seconded by Suzanne Wood to authorize staff to move forward with noticing students at schools in all four boundary options. The motion passed unanimously.

At 5:58 p.m., Paul Van Komen joined the meeting.

D. Board Member Professional Development Moment

Board Member Suzanne Wood presented the Professional Development Moment on a book she recently read, "How Not To Be a Terrible Board Member," and highlighted sections that she felt were impactful. The book focuses on the balance between "staying in your lane" and doing the work of the Board.

Lisa Dean accepted the assignment for the next Professional Development Moment at the September 22, 2026 meeting. It was agreed that the Professional Development Moment and a book study would alternate weeks.

The Executive Committee recommended "Why School Boards Matter" be the next book for professional development. The books will be ordered as soon as possible for Board members, with the first discussion on chapters one and two to take place at the November 10, 2026 study session.

E. Strategic Plan Review

President George summarized the background and purpose of Portrait of a Graduate and the Strategic Plan.

Dr. Godfrey said the key to implementing the Strategic Plan is professional development for administrators. He shared examples and reviewed programs and initiatives that are currently in progress that further objectives in each of the five areas of the Strategic Plan. A more complete accounting will take place in December 2026 when he formally reports on the progress for the year. This is the first full year of implementing the Strategic Plan.

The new USBA Master Boards document includes a recommendation to review Board-level policies relating to the Superintendent, which are the BSC policies for Jordan. Board members discussed when to renew Superintendent and Business Administrator contracts, as policy is not aligned with practice. This will be addressed further during the monthly Board policy review and with a recommendation from the Policy Committee.

F. Review of Board Level Policies GP116 through GP119

Bryce Dunford, chair of the Board Policy Committee, presented the policies and said that GP117, GP118, and GP119 were extensively reviewed within the last two years. Options for updates and clarification for policies GP116 *Cost of Governance*; GP117 *Travel and Other Board Expenses*; GP119 *Legal Counsel for the Board*, were discussed. The Policy Committee will review the recommendations and suggest language. No changes were identified for GP118 *Midterm Vacancies on the Board*.

Mr. Dunford noted the GP policies are now finished and they will be brought back in groups for approval at future Board meetings.

G. Board Member, Committee, and Superintendent Reports and Comments

Suzanne Wood reported the Government Relations Committee will meet next week. Legislators will be visiting schools this fall, and it was suggested a legislative priority might be to clean up the notification section of the boundary bill. The Fall Family Fair was a success as a unifying activity to kick off the new school year. Over 130 attended, and almost every District department came to make connections with parents.

Darrell Robinson reminded everyone that Utah Remembers 9/11 is this weekend and said Jordan District students are very involved.

Technology in schools will be the topic for the November 5, 2026 Jordan Parent Advisory Committee (JPAC) meeting. Erin Barrow said Dr. Anderson will be presenting on the new law, and Jared Covili on technology in schools. The spring JPAC meeting will also be on technology use, and any new laws will be discussed. She gave a shout-out to the Fall Family Fair, but was concerned it was not advertised on the ParentSquare feed from her children's school.

Lisa Dean mentioned Dr. Anderson is the acting director of the Jordan Education Foundation. She will attend the Salt Lake County Parks & Recreation Board meeting tomorrow. Ms. Dean also expressed appreciation to employees who made the visit by Supreme Court Justice Sotomayor a reality. The effort was incredible to make circumstances secure and right for her to be here.

President George reported on the change in leadership for the Utah School Boards Association (USBA). Board members were reminded of the upcoming USBA Region meetings on September 24, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. She also asked that information on the visit by Supreme Court Justice Sotomayor be included in the next Board Bulletin and framed that the administration, not the Board, was responsible for the opportunity.

Superintendent Godfrey echoed a thank you to those who made possible the visit by the Supreme Court Justice, and also expressed appreciation to the Board for supporting the event. He commented that over 5000 students will be bused to take part in the 9/11 Project. As one of two districts invited to participate, Dr. Godfrey said the District is moving forward with 3DE, a National Junior Achievement program that will be available to students in Fall 2027.

MOTION: At 7:48 p.m., it was moved by Erin Barrow and seconded by Lisa Dean to go into closed session for character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual; property, potential litigation, negotiations, and security measures, and at the close of that item, 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 8:11 p.m., President George declared the meeting adjourned.

JL/rs