

Jordan School District
MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
September 22, 2026

The Board of Education of Jordan School District met in study, general, and closed sessions on Tuesday, September 22, 2026, beginning at 5:31 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
Lisa LeStarge, Administrative Assistant
Devonare Howland, President, Jordan Education Association

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

- A. **Review of Administrative Policy DP344 *Vacation Schedule for Twelve-Month Personnel***
Business Administrator John Larsen said this review is a continuation of a prior study session discussion on Policy DP344. The policy was revised for further clarification about the employee group to whom it applies: 245- and 242-day employees.

Ms. Barrow mentioned during the prior study session it was proposed to add a link for administrators in the policy, but it is not included in the draft version. Board members agreed the link was not necessary.

- B. **Teacher and Student Success Act (TSSA) 2027-28 Plan Framework**

Associate Superintendent Anderson gave a brief history of the TSSA, noting its purpose is to provide funds for teaching and student development. He said school boards are required to approve the framework schools will use.

Framework typically includes: 1) school-based coaching, 2) professional learning, and 3) school-based initiatives. In addition, a component has been added based on a new law regarding elementary literacy: Schools must meet the goal of 80 percent of third graders reading on grade level or 50 percent of the funds must be allocated to helping with literacy.

Dr. Anderson said most elementary schools are already focused on literacy needs. He also noted the framework includes acknowledgement of adherence to this law.

Mr. Dunford expressed gratitude for the way the framework was written, giving principals flexibility to address school-based needs with the funding.

Dr. Anderson thanked the Teaching & Learning team and gave a brief timeline of the TSSA plan submissions and approval process.

C. Board Member Professional Development Moment

Lisa Dean gave highlights from the book *Collaborating with the Enemy* by Adam Kahane. She said there are four options when faced with conflicting ideas: adapt, force, exit, or collaborate. The author promotes "stretch" or unconventional collaboration, in which everyone is allowed input.

D. Board Level Policy Review

- 1) GP106 Board First Vice President's Role**
- 2) GP107 Board Second Vice President's Role**
- 3) GP111 Type of Meetings**
- 4) GP112 Closed Sessions of the Board**
- 5) GP114 Board Representation on District Committees and Other Organizations**

Erin Barrow, member of the Policy Committee, invited discussion about GP Policies, beginning with GP106 and GP107, proposing a combination of the two which would allow the Executive Committee greater flexibility in dividing vice presidents' assignments. It was suggested there must also be an established hierarchy in case of an absence of one of the Executive Committee members.

Ms. Barrow invited discussion on GP111, noting changes made for greater clarification. Board members conferred about the need and requirements of holding a meeting in July each year, including options for a virtual meeting or Board summit.

Policies GP112 and GP114 were revised for greater clarification about closed topics and Board representation on District Committees. Suzanne Wood suggested clarifying external versus internal organizations when specifying committee representation.

It was decided to expand GP105 to address Executive Committee Roles and retire Policies GP106 and GP107. In addition, Policies GP111, GP112, and GP114 will be brought back to the October 13, 2026 study session for further discussion prior to a vote in the subsequent business meeting.

At 6:33 p.m., the meeting adjourned. The general session started at 6:39 p.m.

GENERAL 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, arrived at 7:08 p.m.
John Larsen, Business Administrator
Michael Anderson, Associate Superintendent
Paul Van Komen, BVKTS Law, excused
Lisa LeStarge, Administrative Assistant
Devionare Howland, President, Jordan Education Association
Brittany Bauer, Administrator, Data & Operations, Human Resources
Mayor Lorin Palmer, Herriman City

President George presided and conducted. She welcomed those present. Yolanda Rothfuss, CTE teacher at Valley High School, led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance and Reverence was given by Randall White, science teacher at Valley High School.

Celebrating Valley High School

Principal Jacinto Peterson and students Haylee Sommers and Ava Peteron, of Valley High School, presented information to the Board about the good things happening at this school and reviewed some of the programs and activities in which students and faculty members participate.

Resolutions of Appreciation

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

John Calvin Evans – employed by Jordan District from 1974 to 2009
Marion Eloise Bird Millerberg – employed by Jordan District from 1963 to 1987
Margie Leyba Perry – employed by Jordan District from 1975 to 2001
Michael Raymond Smiley – employed by Jordan District from 1991 to 2014
Larry Vernon Thomas – employed by Jordan District from 1969 to 1999

Board Member Recognitions

Lisa Dean mentioned a local news station featured two Herriman High School baseball players today. She said Joel P Jensen Middle School will hold their Fall Fest Thursday, September 24, 2026 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. during Parent Teacher Conferences. She highlighted Portrait of a Graduate skills being taught at this school.

Suzanne Wood recognized all who helped facilitate the recent VIP visit by Supreme Court Justice Sotomayor. She thanked Communications Director Sandy Reisgraf for her significant effort on this event and said she is an exceptional asset to the District.

Erin Barrow reported on the student body officer luncheon held on September 8, 2026. She said SBOs at Valley were very positive and supportive of all students and she expressed gratitude for all Jordan student leaders.

Nik George expressed pride in homecoming royalty nominees at Copper Hills High School, for supporting a student involved in a peer program that connects students with disabilities and their mainstream peers. Ms. George thanked CTE for hosting the Economic Summit where business partnerships highlight educational and career opportunities for students, including job shadowing, internships, and apprenticeships. She also celebrated JATC South Construction Trades students who helped with the 9/11 Patriot Day observation in South Jordan and JATC South Landscaping students who helped with waterwise plantings at the Governor's mansion.

Superintendent's Recognitions

The Superintendent's arrival was delayed, so this agenda item was not addressed at this time.

I. Public Comments

A. Public Comments Regarding Non-Agenda Items

Mayor Lorin Palmer, Herriman City, announced a new reading campaign in Herriman called "Herriman Reads" that begins September 28, 2026. It will include 30 days, with 30 books, and 30 "My Little Libraries" in the city. Mayor Palmer said he will go live on Instagram every night to read a children's story along with someone in the community. He hopes to bring greater awareness to literacy efforts.

Superintendent Godfrey arrived at 7:08 p.m. and joined the meeting in progress.

Devionare Howland, JEA President, introduced JEA representative Connor Bertoch, saying the organization includes representation from all school levels. She thanked the Board members for their support.

Superintendent's Recognitions

Superintendent Godfrey praised Valley High, saying the school has a positive impact on students and is a great option for anyone seeking a good quality education.

II. General Business – Consent Agenda

A. Motion to Approve Consent Agenda Items

1. Minutes

Minutes of the Board of Education meetings held August 25 and September 8, 2026, were presented to the Board of Education for approval.

2. LEA-Specific Licensing

It was recommended that License and Endorsement Applications submitted by educators be approved (Administrative Rule R277-301-7).

MOTION: It was moved by and seconded by Suzanne Wood to approve Consent Agenda items A1 and A2, as recommended. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

B. Motion to Accept Consent Agenda Items

1. Expenditures

Expenditures for the month of August 2026 were provided to the Board of Education.

2. Financial Statement

The financial statement through August 31, 2026, was provided to the Board of Education. A copy is attached at the conclusion of these minutes. (Attachment 1)

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. <u>School or Department</u>	<u>Items for Bid</u>
Copper Hills High School	Furniture
<u>Bidders</u>	<u>Amount of Bid</u>
Edutek Corporation	\$361,946.84
Meteor Education LLC	
School Specialty	

Purpose: To replace existing classroom furniture at Copper Hills High School

Budget: TSSA Funds and District Furniture Budgets

Recommendation: It was recommended awarding the contract to state contract bidder, Meteor

Education LLC. The company complied with the specifications, terms, and conditions outlined in the bid documents.

MOTION: It was moved by Lisa Dean and seconded by Darrell Robinson to approve the bid for Furniture at Copper Hills High School, as recommended. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. **Special Business**

A. **Recommendation to Approve Proposed Revisions to Administrative Policy DP344
Vacation Schedule for Twelve-Month Personnel**

President George said this agenda item has been discussed in prior study sessions and is ready for a vote. She called for a motion.

MOTION: It was moved by Lisa Dean and seconded by Suzanne Wood to approve proposed revisions to *Administrative Policy DP344 Vacation Schedule for Twelve-Month Personnel*.

Public Comment

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

President George called for a vote on the motion to approve proposed revisions to Administrative Policy DP344. The motion passed unanimously.

A copy of Administrative Policy DP344 is attached at the conclusion of these minutes (Attachment 2)

V. **Information Items**

A. **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Godfrey expressed appreciation for Justice Sotomayer and her staff for her impactful two-day visit to Jordan District. He praised Communications Director Sandy Reisgraf for her incredible work and thanked everyone involved for providing this remarkable opportunity.

VI. **Discussion Items**

A. **Committee Reports and Comments by Board Members**

Darrell Robinson thanked all who worked on the recent 9/11 commemorative event. He expressed a desire to assist parents more in the education of their children.

Suzanne Wood announced Multilingual Family Night on October 8, 2026, where students who have achieved English proficiency will be honored. She encouraged staff, teachers, and administrators to attend the event at Mountain Ridge High School from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Lisa Dean reported on new items discussed at a recent Salt Lake County Parks and Rec meeting. They announced a new ebike ordinance being enforced with signage and a general obligation bond that will provide repair, completion, or new construction on multiple improvement projects in the county.

Suzanne Wood also announced Orange Shirt Day on September 30, 2026, to show solidarity with Native American students. She said the Government Relations Committee has two visits scheduled at Jordan high schools, where legislators will visit classrooms and meet with students. She thanked Dr. Anderson for facilitating the visits.

President George gave a reminder about the upcoming USBA meeting Thursday, September 24, 2026. Mr. Robinson suggested requesting that future meetings not be scheduled on Parent Teacher Conference evenings. Ms. George said she will add this to a future USBA meeting agenda.

Bryce Dunford attended a recent South Jordan Redevelopment Association (RDA) meeting and explained the need to approve tax increment projects. He agreed to send a report on this meeting to any Board member who wants a copy.

Lisa Dean announced the Licensed Employee Advisory Committee (LEAC) will meet on November 9, 2026 at 4:30 p.m. More information will be forthcoming.

B. Topics for *Bulletin Board*

Suzanne Wood read a positive text she received from a constituent who appreciated the publication. Dr. Godfrey mentioned that the latest edition of *Bulletin Board* was sent to 102,000 people today.

MOTION: At 7:43 p.m., it was moved by Lisa Dean and seconded by Erin Barrow 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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Lisa Dean, Board Member
Darrell Robinson, Board Member
Suzanne Wood, Board Member
Anthony Godfrey, Superintendent
John Larsen, Business Administrator
Michael Anderson, Associate Superintendent

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 8:53 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

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Attachments