

WEBER SCHOOL DISTRICT
5320 Adams Avenue Parkway
Ogden, UT

General Board Meeting
February 3, 2021

The Board of Education of Weber School District held a Board Meeting in the Board Rooms at 5320 Adams Avenue Parkway, Washington Terrace, Utah. The meeting convened at 6:02 p.m.

The following Board Members and Superintendency were present:

Jon Ritchie	President
Dean Oborn	Vice President
Doug Hurst	Board Member
Paul Widdison	Board Member
Jan Burrell	Board Member
Bruce Jardine	Board Member
Jeff Stephens	Superintendent
Art Hansen	Assistant Superintendent
Lori Rasmussen	Assistant Superintendent
Robert Petersen	Business Administrator

Board Member Janis Christensen joined via Google Meet.

1. Pledge of Allegiance: Assistant Superintendent Art Hansen
2. Consent Calendar
 - A. Minutes
 - B. Warrant Register
 - C. Budget Update
 - D. New Hires
 - E. Bid/Purchase Approvals
 - F. Leave of Absence Requests
 - G. Approval of LEA License and Endorsement Lists for February 2021
 - H. Approve Two Rivers High School Amended Trust Lands Plan
3. Recognitions
 - A. Tracy Woodward, Valley View Elementary - *I Love Teaching Award*
 - B. Charyce Smith, Farr West Elementary - *Extra Mile Award*
4. Presentation
 - A. The New Face of Science
5. Discussion/Action Items

AGENDUM ITEM #2 – Consent Calendar

A. Minutes

That the minutes for the Study Session and General Board Meeting Session dated January 6, 2021, be approved.

B. Warrant Register

That check numbers 00015438 through 00015663; and 00523971 through 00524782 totaling \$6,473,258.44 dated January 26, 2021, be approved.

C. Budget Update

That the budget update dated January 26, 2021, be approved.

D. New Hires

That the list of personnel changes and additions dated December 22, 2020 through January 28, 2021, be approved.

E. Bid/Purchase Approvals

F. Leave of Absence Requests

That Bailie Clark, a Special Education teacher at Roy High School, be granted a leave of absence per her request.

Board President, Jon Ritchie, called for a motion to approve the Consent Calendar.

Motion: Doug Hurst

Seconded: Dean Oborn

That the above Consent Calendar be approved. Voting was unanimous in support of this motion.

AGENDUM ITEM #3 – Recognitions

A. Tracy Woodward, Valley View Elementary - *I Love Teaching Award* Presented by Cami Alexander

Cami Alexander, Elementary Education Executive Director introduced Tracy Woodward and explained there is a sign outside her classroom door displaying her degrees and her favorite books. Tracy has been a first grade teacher at Valley View Elementary since 2013. Principal Phil Nestoryak's letter mentioned she is passionate, engaging and it's fun to see her energy and enthusiasm with students. She is positive, happy and has more energy than anyone. Even with the extra burden of COVID restrictions she has always been a positive force. Tracy seeks out best practices and resources, is willing to share with everyone and is always seeking out a better way. One faculty member mentioned how she seeks ways to get to know students better and creates partnerships with parents and guardians. Former Principal Ann Holdaway, spoke of

Tracy's ability to engage with her students and her goals always include 100% of her students making progress. She is kind, and calls her kiddos darlins, sirs and ladies. Colleagues stated she thinks outside the box, notices her kids and their unique needs and is beloved among staff.

Phil Nestoyak added that he is thankful Tracy is receiving this deserved recognition. She believes all students matter and progress at different levels. She works hard at implementing things that work, is always willing and eager to learn and helps her students understand and reach beyond their potential.

Tracy thanked Phil for nominating her and thanked the Board as well. She mentioned she truly loves teaching and going to school everyday, loves seeing kids learning to read and the excitement they have. This is her dream job!

Superintendent Stephens noted Dibels test results were brought to his attention earlier today from Tracy's class. He noted his concern for kids that have experienced academic losses, and he is worried about first and second graders in particular. At the beginning of the year in Tracy's class, there was one student on level and four above. Last month, there were seven students on level and 10 above level. She has done an extraordinary job closing the gap.

Board Member, Jan Burrell noted she has known Tracy for many years and she was the most sought out substitute in the district before she became a teacher for Weber School District.

B. Charyce Smith, Farr West Elementary - *Extra Mile Award*
Presented by Dave Hales

Dave Hales, Elementary Education Supervisor introduced Charyce Smith, head secretary at Farr West Elementary. She is a world renowned secretary, defined as "widely acclaimed and highly honored." Charyce has worked twenty one years at Farr West Elementary in many different positions, working with six different principals through the years. Her faculty had many things to say about Charyce; she is always willing to help, is the go to person for everyone in the building, a nurse, fill in teacher and does it all with a smile on her face. She is always thinking ahead and knows everything going on in the school. She is the best of the best and is a constant source of helpfulness. She is Wonder Woman!

Principal Kirt Swalberg stated there is no one that embodies more the spirit of Weber School District and Farr West elementary. She loves the kids and is a treasured employee always going the extra mile. Kirt noted it is a privilege and honor to work with her. She cares about each and every kid and person that walks through the door.

Charyce thanked everyone and expressed how much she loves her job and Weber School District. Her favorite part of her job is all the friendships she has made with co-workers, parents and students.

AGENDUM ITEM #4 - Presentation - The New Face of Science in Weber School District

Sheri Heiter, Curriculum Director explained Utah recently adopted SEED standards in science with a radical change in the way science is taught and is much more activity based. Last spring we had an adoption process for K-5 and 9-12 grades. Sheri introduced Maggie Huddleston, Science Teacher Leader.

Maggie began asking how is this year different...aside from COVID and then explained the new state science standards as follows:

New State Science Standards

- Three Dimensional
 - How scientists think
 - What scientist know
 - What scientists do
- K-12 Progressive Curriculum
- Phenomena Based

The adopted Amplify curriculum has computer simulations and tools that allow students to gather evidence to explain, and allows them to make their own energy solutions on the computer. They have readers for every unit and have access available online with Canvas. The following are areas that each grade have currently been working on:

- Kindergarten - assigned to be pinball engineers learning forces and motion.
- 1st grade - light and sound engineers learning how to figure out shadows and sound effects
- 2nd grade - glue engineers developing ideas for glue
- 3rd grade - magnetic trains and electromagnets
- 4th grade - marine scientists

Maggie concluded sharing quotes from some teachers regarding the new Amplify curriculum. “I was so happy to see that my students are so engaged that they are initiating discussions with their families and with each other out at recess.” Another shared, “My Students had so much fun learning about forces and motion! I am finally learning how to integrate other curricular areas, specifically ELA, and not stress so much about using the basil. Science is so much more engaging!”

AGENDUM ITEM #5 – Discussion/Action Items

After determining no further business need be conducted, President Ritchie called for a motion to adjourn the general session of Board Meeting.

Motion: Jan Burrell

Seconded: Bruce Jardine

That the general session of Board Meeting be adjourned. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

General Board Meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.