

WEBER SCHOOL DISTRICT
5320 Adams Avenue Parkway
Ogden, UT

Study Session
April 10, 2024

The Board of Education of Weber School District held a Study Session in the Board Room at 5320 Adams Avenue, Ogden, Utah. The meeting convened at 5:00 p.m. The following Board Members and Superintendency were present:

Paul Widdison	Board President
Jon Ritchie	Board Vice President
Doug Hurst	Board Member
Janis Christensen	Board Member
Bruce Jardine	Board Member
Jan Burrell	Board Member
Kelly Larson	Board Member
Gina Butters	Superintendent
Clyde Moore	Assistant Superintendent
Dave Hales	Assistant Superintendent
Robert Petersen	Business Administrator

Also attending, WEA President Jennifer Gravier, Speech and Language Pathologists Sarah Cox, Kylin Long and teacher Amy Kendell.

President Widdison welcomed everyone and reminded Board Members, Friday, May 3rd they will tour the new schools.

Superintendent Butters and Assistant Superintendent Dave Hales updated the Board on the Strategic Plan and “Our Core Four”. It was explained we are required to have core values and a mission and vision statement. The following values have been selected:

1. Character
2. Commitment
3. Connection
4. Community

Mission Statement:

Preparing Future-Ready Learners and Leaders

Vision Statement:

With **CHARACTER** as our guide, **COMMITMENT** as our foundation, **CONNECTIONS** as our bridge, and **COMMUNITY** as our strength, we aim to empower all learners to achieve success and realize their fullest potential.

Examples of the Board Imperative were shared with the Board with two options:

Option 1: A condensed statement

Option 2: Possible introductory page to the Strategic Plan highlighting the following areas: Every Student Deserves Individualized Attention, Holistic Development, Empowerment Through Engagement, Technology as an Instructional Support, Partnerships for Connection and Success.

Business Administrator Dr. Robert Petersen discussed the process of issuing revenue bonds, financing of our projects and the completion of the three school builds and rebuild of Roosevelt Elementary. Two sources of funding will be coming in simultaneously. The timeline process for lease revenue bonds and regular G.O. (General Obligation) bonds was shared noting we will postpone the public hearing until May 1, 2024 Board Meeting, which is required by law to receive the economic impact of SB86 *Local Government Bonds Amendment*. June 12, 2024 Board Meeting will be the final public hearing required by SB86.

Secondary Education Director Brock Mitchell explained the request from Roy City community members about the possibility of naming the Roy High baseball field after Fred Thompson, long time coach and teacher at Roy High School. It was noted he coached from 1974-1994 and is a member of the Utah High School Sports Hall of Fame. Policy requires organizing a committee to begin the process and Mr. Mitchell is also requesting Board Member Jan Burrell represent the Board. It was noted there is not currently a name for the baseball field.

Superintendent Butters explained the need for more PD (Professional Development) time for teachers. Elementary Education Director Mary Jo Williams and Secondary Education Director Brock Mitchell explained a proposed schedule for next school year. Elementary schools currently only have about 30 minutes on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Fridays. Adjusting the Wednesday schedule will allow one hour of dedicated time. Wednesday schedule, school would dismiss at 12:15 p.m. to allow one hour dedicated to professional development and still give teachers 2 ½ hours of prep time. Brock noted the secondary schedule would change to Wednesday early out every week dismissing at 1:15 p.m. This schedule would still meet the required 990 hours of school each year.

Legal Counsel Heidi Alder noted tonight New Policy 7145 *District Personnel Electronic Device* will be brought to the Board on a second reading. Since last meeting, there have been no further revisions.

First readings include:

Revised Policy 4370 *Graduation Requirements* update was needed to comply with state board of education graduation requirements. Also added section seven with additions on how to award credit from different institutions and transfer of credits.

New Policy 4175 *Home and Hospital*. We have had a process to provide instructional services for students who have physical needs not allowing them to attend school, but no policy in place with procedures and criteria on what to do.

Policy 6150 *Media and Public Relations*. We have many requests from media or third parties wanting to talk to teachers or students or wanting to use our schools to interview our students. We needed a policy in place to refer back to when we have these requests.

Meeting adjourned at 5:39p.m.