

WEBER SCHOOL DISTRICT
5320 Adams Avenue Parkway
Ogden, UT

General Board Meeting
November 6, 2024

The Board of Education of Weber School District held a Board Meeting in the Board Room at 5320 Adams Avenue, Ogden, Utah. The meeting convened at 6:00 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
Jan Burrell	Board Member
Kelly Larson	Board Member
Gina Butters	Superintendent
Clyde Moore	Assistant Superintendent
Dave Hales	Assistant Superintendent
Robert Petersen	Business Administrator

Board Member Bruce Jardine was excused.

Musical Video Performance: T.H. Bell Jr. High Band Performing *Banana Boat Song* and T.H. Bell Jr. High Orchestra Performing *Burst*

1. Pledge of Allegiance: Mason Hulet and Derek Quinonez, T.H. Bell Jr. High Students

Curriculum & Instruction Director Heather Neilson recognized Teacher Leader Maggie Huddleston on recently receiving the Dick Peterson Science Educator Award. It was noted Maggie is incredible in so many ways as part of the Curriculum department. She plays a key role in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) Expo, a multi-district event. She also is the STEM Fair Director and last year at the ISEF (International Science Education Fair) Weber District had a student win a full ride scholarship to Arizona State University. Maggie is passionate about giving opportunities and also works with MESA (Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement) students, a club that meets after school. She organizes the annual STEM Olympiad that includes every elementary in the district. Classroom support is also important to her by organizing professional development, science kit check outs, collaborates teams for science standards, newsletter for science teachers, and celebrates science teachers in the district. She is a fantastic science teacher! The following quote was shared: By doing what you love, you inspire and awaken the hearts of others.

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 – November 2024
- H. Approval of Open Enrollment Schools 2025-2026
- I. Approval Updated Policies on Consent Calendar – 7110 *Employment Background Checks*, Policy 4150 *School Attendance*, Policy 4170 *Attendance*, Policy 7120 *Code of Conduct Between Employees and Students*, Policy 7500 *Professional Interactions with Students*, Policy 7300 *Alcohol and Drug Abuse-Employees*.

3. Recognitions

- A. Jennifer Grizzell, Riverdale Elementary – *I Love Teaching Award*
- B. Nikki Wolthuis, Sand Ridge Jr. High – *I Love Teaching Award*
- C. Riverdale Lion’s Club -*Partners in Education Award*

4. Public Comment

5. Announcement of Business Administrator Appointment

6. Discussion/Action Items

- A. Administrative/Leadership Appointment(s)
- B. Approval of 2025-2026 School Calendar – 2nd Reading
- C. Approval of Updated Policy 8200 *Libraries and Sensitive Materials* – 2nd Reading
- D. Approval of New Policy 8250 *Sensitive Materials* – 2nd Reading

AGENDUM ITEM #2 – Consent Calendar

A. Minutes

That the minutes for the Study Session dated October 2, 2024 and General Board Meeting dated October 2, 2024 be approved.

B. Warrant Register

That check numbers 00029407 through 00029815; and 00569641 through 00571061 totaling \$20,625,051.06 dated October 29, 2024, be approved.

C. Budget Update

That the budget update dated October 29, 2024, be approved.

D. New Hires

That the list of personnel changes and additions dated September 27, 2024 through October 31, 2024, be approved.

E. Bid/Purchase Approvals

That the Child Nutrition Multi-Award to Local Parts and Repair Vendors be approved.

That the Automotive Software Program Renewal be approved.

That the Approval of the Purchase of CTE Robotic Arms be approved.

That the Approval of the Purchase of CTE Vehicles be approved.

That the Approval of the Purchase of Maintenance Department Vehicles be approved.

That the Approval of the Purchase of Home & Hospital Vehicles be approved.

That the Approval of DUO License Renewal be approved.

That the Approval of *Readtopia* Program Renewal be approved.

F. Leave of Absence Requests

There was no leave of absence requests.

G. Approve LEA License and Endorsement Lists – November 2024

H. Approval of Open Enrollment School 2025-2026

I. Approval of Updates to Policies on Consent Calendar – 7110 *Employment Background Checks*, Policy 4150 *School Attendance*, Policy 4170 *Attendance*, Policy 7120 *Code of Conduct Between Employees and Students*, Policy 7500 *Professional Interactions with Students*, Policy 7300 *Alcohol and Drug Abuse-Employees*.

Board President Paul Widdison, called for a motion to approve the Consent Calendar.

Motion: Doug Hurst

Seconded: Jan Burrell

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

AGENDUM ITEM #3 – Recognitions

A. Jennifer Grizzell, Riverdale Elementary – *I Love Teaching Award*

Elementary Education Assistant Director Kirt Swalberg introduced Jennifer Grizzell, kindergarten teacher at Riverdale Elementary. It was shared she has taught for over a decade and is described as a master teacher. She is a leader on her team, shares lessons and other teachers are also seeing growth. She finds the humor with kindergartners. She is the safety coordinator for the school and trains the staff. Students commented she makes sure we are safe, and she is fun. It is important to her that every child succeeds in her classroom.

B. Nikki Wolthuis, Sand Ridge Jr. High – *I Love Teaching Award*

Secondary Education Assistant Director Matt Williams introduced Nikki Wolthuis, Counselor at Sand Ridge Jr, High. Principal Quinn Talbot noted she is a rock star and there is no situation too difficult. She helps students feel connected, supported and truly loved. She is realistic, and honest with kids and adults in the building. Students noted she is fun, energized and has a positive energy. With every conversation, she is all in with students and makes sure every student is heard. She helps with behavior plans, intervention ideas, looks at data and finds specific things to help students succeed and knows how to connect with kids. Students noted she makes sure all students are included in activities and understands everyone's point. She embodies the culture that everyone is different, but *One Sand Ridge*.

C. Riverdale Lion's Club, *Partners in Education Award*

Elementary Education Assistant Director Kirt Swalberg introduced the Riverdale Lion's Club for the Partners in Education Award. Riverdale principal Jennifer Thomas explained how they helped with small libraries and provided benches outside where students can read before school. They sponsor art shows with a cash reward and host an annual spaghetti dinner where the money raised goes back to the school to clear negative lunch balances. They are a great community support to the entire Riverdale community providing bunkbeds for families, and eye glasses. It was explained they have been a club in Riverdale since 1954.

AGENDUM ITEM #4 – Public Comment

- Cambria Hubert - SBO President at Sand Ridge Jr. High. - She enjoys the community event nights with the Latinos in Action and the *One Sand Ridge* moto. All the clubs and groups coming together along with student councils with representatives from each club or group. She loves attending Sand Ridge Jr. High and the community they have fostered.
- Janel Hubert – Sand Ridge Jr. High PTSA President - Wanted to express all the strides taking place at Sand Ridge Jr. High and in the community. Principal Talbot and all the staff have been so great. She also appreciates the PR on social media and the good things happening in the school.

AGENDUM ITEM #5 – Announcement of Business Administrator Appointment

President Widdison explained the Board recently went through an extensive process to find Business Administrator Dr. Robert Petersen’s replacement when he retires. They are pleased to announce Brock Mitchell as the new business administrator for Weber School District.

AGENDUM ITEM #6 – Discussion/Action Item

A. Administrative/Leadership Appointment(s)

Superintendent Butters explained with Brock Mitchell moving into the business administrator position it is necessary to replace him as Secondary Director and recommending Matt Williams, with Rob Lake as Assistant Director, Principal at Roy Jr. Melinda Stimpson, and Ashley Blaisdell as the Assistant Principal at T.H. Bell Jr. High.

Motion: Jon Ritchie

Seconded: Janis Christensen

A brief synopsis was given for each new appointee and each introduced family in attendance.

B. Approval of 2025-2026 School Calendar – Second Reading

Secondary Education Director Matt Williams explained the calendar committee has met multiple times with many groups providing input. The committee recommends the Board approve the presented 2025-2026 school calendar on a second reading.

Motion: Janis Christensen

Seconded: Jan Burrell

That the Approval of 2025-2026 School Calendar be approved on a second reading. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

C. Approval of Updated Policy 8200 *Libraries and Sensitive Materials* – 2nd Reading

Legal Counsel Heidi Alder noted Policy 8200 *Libraries and Sensitive Materials* had no changes since last reading. It is recommended the Board approve Updated Policy 8200 *Libraries and Sensitive Materials* on a second reading.

Motion: Janis Christensen

Seconded: Jan Burrell

That the Approval of Updated Policy 8200 *Libraries and Sensitive Materials* be approved on a second reading. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

D. Approval of New Policy 8250 *Sensitive Materials* – 2nd Reading

Legal Counsel Heidi Alder noted Policy 8250 *Sensitive Materials* also had no changes since last reading. It is recommended the Board approve New Policy 8250 *Sensitive Materials* on a second reading.

Motion: Doug Hurst

Seconded: Jon Ritchie

That the Approval of New Policy 8250 *Sensitive Materials* be approved on a second reading. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

President Widdison called for a motion to adjourn the General Session of Board Meeting.

Motion: Jon Ritchie

Seconded: Janis Christensen

That the General Session of Board Meeting be adjourned. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

General Board Meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.