

WEBER SCHOOL DISTRICT
5320 Adams Avenue Parkway
Ogden, UT

Study Session
December 3, 2025

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 5:04 p.m. The following Board Members and Superintendency were present:

Paul Widdison	Board President
Doug Hurst	Board Vice President
Janis Christensen	Board Member
Bruce Jardine	Board Member
Jan Burrell	Board Member
Kelly Larson	Board Member
Wyle Williams	Board Member
Gina Butters	Superintendent
Clyde Moore	Assistant Superintendent
Dave Hales	Assistant Superintendent
Brock Mitchell	Business Administrator

Board President Paul Widdison welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminded the Board about the Davis -Weber- Morgan Legislative Breakfast on December 18th at the Weber State University Davis Campus.

Superintendent Butters shared with the Board a few positive happenings in the district. There have been several employees recognized by the State; West Field High School Principal Mike Martini was just named *High School Principal of the Year*. Mishy Kirby, Teacher at Bonneville High was named *Utah High School Music Teacher of the Year*. They will both be honored during the next Board Meeting.

Fox 13 News will feature Roy High School on December 11th as a *Cool School*.

The Christmas Tree Jubilee was a huge success and will soon have a report on the final numbers. This year, funds were raised for Unified Sports.

High School musicals have been taking place and encouraged all to attend. They have been amazing.

Superintendent Butters updated the Board on UHSAA Board of Trustee highlights: Representative Katie Hall has been working with UHSAA on a survey for parents, coaches, athletic directors and principals on whether there is a need for more moratoriums between sports. Possibly adding a third moratorium in the summer, data around limiting school off season participation and a longer break in between. Practices are too long, so possibly limiting to 15 hours a week from 20 hours. They will emphasize for the districts to handle it at the local level and not legislative.

We have three coaches in our district that have received the *Gold Star Coach Award*; Mo Cannon – Weber High Football, Meagan Kaufman – Roy High Drill, and John Caine – Bonneville High Girls Basketball. They will now go on to compete for the *Gold Star of the Year Award*.

All of the current sports seasons were listed on the agenda for the Board to review. Pickleball and Mountain Biking will possibly be coming up for sanctioning. It was noted that full time athletic directors are a must to manage all of these activities.

Board Member Janis Christensen reminded everyone about the upcoming USBA Conference in January.

Secondary Education Assistant Director Rob Lake explained to the Board that UHSAA has updated their handbook on policies. Previously, it read if you play in a sport at the high school, you cannot play that sport in junior high. Now 9th grade students are allowed to participate in both. This will be effective immediately.

Assessment School Improvement and Research Director Dr. Bryan Becherini, Student Access Director Jamie Ellis and Special Education Director Dr. Juliana Woodbury updated the Board on school improvement efforts for student sub-groups (Students with Disabilities, English Learners and Economically Disadvantaged).

The Designation Process:

Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI)

- Accountability score for the LPSG below the bottom 5% Title I Cut Score for two consecutive years
- Identification occurs annually

Additional Targeted Support and Improvement (ATSI)

- Current TSI school with a three-year averaged accountability score for the LPSG at or below the lowest 5% of Title I schools
- Identification occurs every three years

Comprehensive Support and Improvement – LPSG (CSI)

- Title I schools only
- Current ATSI school that does not exit ATSI within four years
- Identification aligns with ATSI exit date

TSI and ATSI designation schools for EL (English Learners) were listed noting Riverdale exited TSI in 2024 for EDA (Economically Disadvantaged), Country View exited ATSI in 2024 for EL, Wahlquist Jr., and West Haven exited in 2024 for SWD (Students with Disabilities).

CSI Designations

- Burch Creek – ELL & SWD (2024)
- Lakeview – EDA, ELL & SWD (2024)
- Municipal – SWD (2024)
- Roosevelt – ELL (2024)

- Washington Terrace – SWD (2024)

The plan going forward is transparency, educating on accountability, coaching schools, monitoring the work of SSP (School Success Plans), implementation, and providing tighter professional learning for administrators.

Students with Disabilities:

Juliana Woodbury explained there hasn't been a lot of understanding previously. They are currently making data-based decisions, and implementing evident based practices to provide meaningful inclusion.

The data for SWD was shared with the Board highlighting students who are educated with their general education peers 80% of the school day, demonstrate proficiency up to 10 times more than those pulled out more frequently from general education settings. This data also correlates with graduation rates.

Evidence- Based Approaches (SWD)

- Co- Teaching
- Separating Services from Scheduling
 - Ensuring secondary students are not in unnecessary SPED courses
 - Utilizing Advisory and FLEX courses when more minimal SPED services are needed
 - Ensuring access to school-wide interventions and individualized accommodations prior to layering on service time

It was noted 119 sections are currently being co-taught from junior high to high school.

Overall proficiency scores were then shared.

Jamie Ellis shared with the Board information on EL and noted we have over 1,400 students classified as EL. Elementary has 31 educators and 20 in secondary schools. The EL District Team was introduced and how they support EL: Providing job-embedded coaching, facilitate data driven/targeted intervention strategies, provide instructional modeling in classrooms, and provide PD for EL teams and schools.

The EL Program during the first year as a team provided trainings and visited schools. In the second year they have provided ESL endorsement and EL certification, continue to enhance PHLOTE (Primary or Home Language Other than English) rosters, collaborate with our curriculum team, use progress monitoring and data to ensure every EL student receives personalized academic support, and support teachers and leaders.

WIDA Access – Proficiency data shows we are keeping up pace with the State in terms of how many students are exiting from the exams. 35% in grades K-8 and 43% in grades 9-12 have shown adequate progress.

In October, USBE awarded Weber School District for our 38% growth rate.

Compliance and Policy Director Heather Hardy updated the Board on first readings:

New Policy 8650 *Research and Proposal* is a process for research proposals in our schools. They come from students in higher education and must be approved by the Director of Assessment School Improvement and Research.

Revised Policy 8700 *Animals in Schools* added definitions and clarifies when animals are allowed on school campuses. Distinguishes service animals, therapy animals with verification and added a section on classroom pets for instructional use.

Policies on the consent calendar:

Policy 4500 *Extracurricular Activities* was updated to align with UHSAA rules that allow 9th graders to participate in a sport at both junior high and high school levels.

Policy 8330 *CIPA (Children's Internet Protection Act)* is required by law and the State statute on internet access and aligns with State policy. The district already monitors this and will continue to do so.

Board Member Janis Christensen mentioned the Joint Legislative Priorities handout and asked everyone to review.

Meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.