

WEBER SCHOOL DISTRICT
5320 Adams Avenue Parkway
Ogden, UT

Study Session
August 3, 2022

The Board of Education of Weber School District held a Study Session in the Superintendent's Office at 5320 Adams Avenue Parkway, Washington Terrace, Utah. The meeting convened at 5:00 p.m. The following Board Members and Superintendency were present:

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

Board Member Jan Burrell attended virtually.

Community Relations Specialist Lane Findlay advised the Board on how to approach the public hearing portion during the Truth in Taxation Hearing tonight. The standards to follow were explained with instructions on how the public hearing will be conducted allowing individuals a three-minute time limit. It was suggested to designate a district staff member to address individuals that continue outside of the time limit instead of law enforcement.

Superintendent Butters asked Business Administrator Robert Petersen to give a quick overview of his presentation for the Truth in Taxation Hearing. It was noted there are urgent needs for the district including teacher and staff salaries, capital improvement and school safety enhancements. We have one of the lowest paid teacher salaries in the state.

An example from a property tax rate sheet was discussed. The average home in Weber School District is \$526,000. We are proposing to raise the voted levy to 0.001061 to generate an additional \$9,614,928 with the average annual increase of \$133.08.

It was noted the Board is sensitive to tax payers and the needs of children: If we don't make a local effort we are in jeopardy of losing \$16.7 million. Voted leeway rate history was discussed noting the voter authorized rate of 0.001123 in 2016 has declined because assessed values have gone up and the Board didn't want to add to taxpayers. The proposed rate is 0.001061 noting within the Wasatch Front, Weber School District rates are at thirteen out of fifteen. A recent state legislative audit concluded Weber School District's tax rate is too low.

M & O Fund Expenses were also discussed noting Weber School District has over 72% going toward instruction. This is higher than the state average of 68%. Our lowest fund is district administration and staff at 2.01%. Weber School District maintains modest unallocated fund balances.

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.