

WEBER SCHOOL DISTRICT
5320 Adams Avenue Parkway
Ogden, UT

Study Session
September 1, 2021

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
Janis Christensen	Board Member
Doug Hurst	Board Member
Paul Widdison	Board Member
Jeff Stephens	Superintendent
Art Hansen	Assistant Superintendent
Lori Rasmussen	Assistant Superintendent
Robert Petersen	Business Administrator

Board Vice President Dean Oborn and Board Member Bruce Jardine were excused. Board Member Jan Burrell attended virtually.

Superintendent Stephens began with an overview of the bond presentations held at schools and city council meetings. Approximately 67 presentations will be made prior to the election. During previous bonds, town halls were held, but due to COVID they have not been able to. It was noted along with the presentation a video is shown discussing some key points; what is a bond, enrollment growth, surveying with focus groups shows support in favor of the bond as long as it doesn't raise the tax rate, bond projects summarized with future projects noted and information on when ballots will be sent out. It was noted the more people are informed about the bond the more they are in favor of it. Employees may not advocate during work hours for the bond. Superintendent Stephens concluded noting tax rates have decreased the last several years and the presentations have been very positive.

Dr. Robert Petersen began discussing preliminary enrollment numbers noting in September and October enrollment continues to adjust. Elementary enrollment is up by 253, junior high 172, high school 96 and district wide over 500. Last year elementary enrollment was the most affected due to the pandemic and the opening of a charter school in Roy. By cone, Bonneville is down, while Fremont, Roy and Weber enrollments are up. Growth continues on the north and west sides of the county. October 1st count will be more accurate.

Open enrollment results from Dr. Robert Petersen were then shared. It was noted there is a new enrollment system, Employee Navigator. Medical enrollment numbers have increased by 6, dental increased by 156 and vision increased by 290 employees. Those not eligible for medical insurance are still eligible for life insurance and other benefits. It was noted there has been some challenges dropping University of Utah and switching to all HSA. Efforts to advertise from the district were then noted.

Superintendent Stephen concluded the meeting noting the agenda for Board Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.