

MEMO

TO: Weber School District Board Members: President Paul Widdison, Jon Ritchie, Douglas Hurst, Janis Christensen, Jan Burrell, Bruce Jardine, and Kelly Larson
Superintendent Gina Butters

FROM: Mary Jo Williams and Justin Skeen

DATE: February 29, 2024

SUBJECT: Recommendations for Name and Mascot of New Elementary

As per Board Policy 6600 (Naming of Schools/Facilities), a Naming Committee was organized and facilitated the processes of determining recommendations to the Board of Education for the name and mascot related to the new elementary school, which is currently under construction on location at 3300 South 5020 West, West Haven, UT. The Naming Committee was expanded to reflect the various communities in our district which may be impacted by the new elementary school and was comprised of the following members: Jan Burrell (School Board Member), Larry Hadley (Director of Facilities), Brian Anderson (Assistant Director of Facilities) Kirt Swalberg (Assistant Director of Elementary Education), Justin Skeen (school principal), Tifnee Anderson (certified staff member) Claire Widdison (classified staff member), Kristen Passey (Community Council/PTA Representatives), Shae Robinson, Candace Kusuda, Megan Higgins, Brian Hanni, Court Butler, and Camille Sanders (community members/parents), and James Abbott (West Haven City Employee) plus student and community input gathered from the surrounding community. As directed by board policy, Mary Jo Williams, Director of Elementary Education, chaired the committee.

The Naming Committee formally met five times and also interacted with the community throughout the process. The committee studied and considered the area's history, physical features and characteristics (both natural and artificial), flora and fauna, industry and land use, as well as the school's preliminary visual renderings and orientation to the mountains and nearby bays/bodies of water.

The Naming Committee narrowed the school name and mascot choices down to three suggestions:

- Haven Bay
- Haven Springs
- Haven Point

The Naming Committee narrowed the mascot choices down to four suggestions:

- Heron
- Badgers
- Bears
- Huskies

This process is now complete. Opportunities for the families of the new school community to submit school names and mascots were sent via emails and a link posted to the school website. The community suggestions were reviewed and discussed by the committee. In addition, students from all grade levels were provided the opportunity to vote on their favorite mascot options. Principal Justin Skeen would like to present those names to the Board and make a recommendation.

Thank you.