

Jordan School District
MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
March 24, 2026

The Board of Education of Jordan School District met in study, general, and closed sessions on Tuesday, March 24, 2026, beginning at 4:04 p.m. at JATC South (Board Conference Room), 12723 S. Park Avenue (2080 West), Riverton, Utah. The sessions were also provided electronically via YouTube.

STUDY SESSION

Those recognized or signed in as present:

Niki George, Board President
Bryce Dunford, First Vice President, arrived at 4:05 p.m.
Brian W. Barnett, Second Vice President
Erin Barrow, Board Member
Lisa Dean, Board Member
Darrell Robinson, Board Member
Suzanne Wood, Board Member
Anthony Godfrey, Superintendent
John Larsen, Business Administrator
Michael Anderson, Associate Superintendent
Paul Van Komen, BVKTS Law
Brad Sorensen, Administrator of Schools
Sandy Riesgraf, Director, Communications
Tom Gatten, Principal, Herriman High School
Lisa LeStarge, Administrative Assistant

President George presided and conducted. The Board of Education met in a study session to discuss the following:

A. Exception Request to Administrative Policy AA414 *Student Overnight Travel*

Brad Sorensen, Administrator of Schools explained this request is being made by Herriman High School Track and Field to allow the team to compete with a select number of qualifying athletes in a prestigious meet in Portland, Oregon. He invited Principal Thomas Gatten, of Herriman High School, to give more information.

Mr. Gatten said this national low elevation competition, held on April 23 through 25, 2026, is open to qualifying students in grades nine through twelve. He projected that fifty percent of the funds will be covered by fundraising and that the combined total of all the meets this season would likely be under \$2000. Mr. Gatten said students must have a 2.0 GPA to compete and three days of school will be missed.

Mr. Sorensen said this is a national meet specific to high schools and the request was received by the Administrator of Schools on March 4, 2026. It was not brought to the March 10th Board meeting, where another request was made by this school, due to a delay in processing; however, the request meets the timeframe allowed in policy.

Darrell Robinson expressed frustration that this request was not brought to the Board along with the other request they received by this group a few weeks ago. President George agreed, noting that one exception to the Overnight Travel policy has already been approved for this group. She said she is concerned with a precedent being set by allowing another exception.

Lisa Dean said liability should be considered with student travel. She also expressed concern about the athletes missing additional school days.

Ms. George suggested changing wording in the policy. She advocated for a conservative approach to student travel.

MOTION: It was moved by Bryce Dunford and seconded by Darrell Robinson to approve the exception request for travel for the Herriman Track Team.

Ms. Barrow said she would have liked the coach to be more particular about which meets they wanted to attend, so multiple exceptions weren't being brought to the Board.

Board members discussed changing confusing language in the policy. Concerns about liability and missing school were additional topics Board members said should be considered.

Mr. Barnett wanted to make sure the students are meeting GPA requirements and are able to finance the trip with the help of fundraisers. He said acceptable safety measures are taken and Dr. Godfrey agreed, noting that Jordan has travel insurance on every student.

President George called for a vote on the motion to approve the exception travel request for Herriman High School. The motion passed with a vote of four to three as follows:

Bryce Dunford	Yes
Darrell Robinson	Yes
Niki George	No
Brian Barnett	Yes
Erin Barrow	Yes
Lisa Dean	No
Suzanne Wood	No

It was decided to bring back Policy AA414 to a future meeting for clarification and potential revisions.

B. Review of Process and Timeline for School LAND Trust and Teacher and Student Success Act (TSSA) Plans and Approvals

Associate Superintendent Mike Anderson gave a brief training on the process of reviewing school LAND Trust and TSSA plans. He explained the involvement of School Community Councils in developing and approving the plans. Dr. Anderson provided a timeline, explaining that copies of the school plans will be provided to Board members along with instructions on April 13, 2026. He asked Board members to complete the review and approval process by Friday, April 24th so the plans can be placed on the April 28, 2026 general session agenda for formal Board approval. He noted that they must be uploaded to the State's website by mid-May in order for schools to receive the funding.

Dr. Anderson thanked Lisa LeStarge, Administrative Assistant, for working with principals and the State LAND Trust office on school plans. He reassured Board members that guidelines, a checklist, and examples will be sent to assist them in the approval process, and said they may contact him or Lisa LeStarge if they have questions.

Ms. Wood said she was very impressed with school plans last year and the efforts of principals in providing detailed, thoughtful goals.

C. Review of Proposed Revisions to Board Level Policies GP100 *Global Governance Commitments* and GP101 *Governing Style*

Ms. Barrow shared revised drafts of Policies GP100 and GP101 and requested feedback. Mr. Dunford said the policies are not on the agenda to be approved today, but the Committee is seeking opinions on current draft revisions.

Board members discussed wording changes on both policies. The Committee agreed to make recommended changes and bring the policies back to a future meeting for further discussion.

MOTION: At 5:25 p.m., it was moved by Bryce Dunford and seconded by Erin Barrow to go into closed session. The motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

CLOSED SESSION

Those recognized or signed-in as present:

Niki George, Board President
Bryce Dunford, First Vice President
Brian W. Barnett, Second Vice President
Erin Barrow, Board Member
Lisa Dean, Board Member
Darrell Robinson, Board Member
Suzanne Wood, Board Member
Anthony Godfrey, Superintendent
John Larsen, Business Administrator
Michael Anderson, Associate Superintendent
Paul Van Komen, BVKTS Law

President George presided and conducted. The Board of Education met in a closed session to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual; property, potential litigation, negotiations, and security measures. The closed session discussion was recorded and archived.

At 6:21 p.m., the meeting was declared adjourned. The general session started at 6:34 p.m.

GENERAL SESSION

Those recognized or signed in as present:

Niki George, Board President
Bryce Dunford, First Vice President
Brian W. Barnett, Second Vice President
Erin Barrow, Board Member
Lisa Dean, Board Member
Darrell Robinson, Board Member
Suzanne Wood, Board Member
Anthony Godfrey, Superintendent
John Larsen, Business Administrator
Michael Anderson, Associate Superintendent
Paul Van Komen, BVKTS Law
Cody Curtis, Administrator of Schools
Brad Sorensen, Administrator of Schools
Scott Thomas, Administrator of Auxiliary Services
Kurt Prusse, Director, Purchasing
Sandy Riesgraf, Director, Communications
David Rostrom, Director, Facility Services
Ian Roberts, Facility Capital Outlay Manager
Shawn McLeod, Principal, Herriman High School
Lisa LeStarge, Administrative Assistant
Tracy Miller, District 45, Utah House of Representatives

President George presided and conducted. She welcomed those present. Herriman High School Student Body Officers Avery Syrett, Evelyn Bateman, Annie Peterson, and Reganne Conover conducted a flag ceremony and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. Reverence was given by Afton Smith, SBO at Herriman High School.

Celebrating Herriman High School

Spencer King, Student Body President of Herriman High School, presented information to the Board about the good things happening at this school and reviewed some of the programs and activities in which students and faculty members participate.

Resolutions of Appreciation

Lisa Dean read a Resolution of Appreciation for the following former Jordan District employees who recently passed away:

- Leilani Marie Asay – employed by Jordan District from 1976 to 2006
- John Bernell Christofferson – employed by Jordan District from 2019 to 2026
- Judy Jones Jackman – employed by Jordan District from 1983 to 2023
- Krista Kay Johnson Nunes – employed by Jordan District from 2002 to 2007 and 2019 to 2024
- Lynne Johnston Price – employed by Jordan District from 1981 to 2001
- Terry Eugene Shoemaker – employed by Jordan District from 1979 to 1980
- Brad Michael Smith– employed by Jordan District from 2020 to 2026

Board Member Recognitions

Erin Barrow recognized the Bingham High School Ballroom Team and Coach Gina Terrell for success across two recent State competitions. She said the Division One team received one first-place and six second-place wins and the Division Two team received seven first-place wins. Ms. Terrell extended an invitation to all to attend the Bingham Ballroom concert on April 29, 30 and May 1, 2026.

Ms. Barrow attended the recent Jordan Education Access Committee (JEAC) meeting, School Community Council meetings, and many presentations of the Jordan Education Foundation Outstanding Educator Awards. She expressed appreciation to all educators for providing a quality education and safe classrooms for students.

Lisa Dean said she recently witnessed student ambassadors in action at the State Unified Basketball Tournament. She thanked West Jordan High School administration and coaches for their efforts in making this a successful event. Ms. Dean also enjoyed the JEAC celebration, Majestic Arts Academy Student Art Show, and JEF Outstanding Educator Awards. She expressed gratitude for the Foundation’s work in honoring outstanding educators and the community donors who sponsor this event.

Niki George congratulated West Hills Middle School Concert Choir for attaining perfect scores at the Advanced Choir Festival and the Copper Hills High School Jazz Band who received superior ratings at the Varsity Jazz Band Festival. Members of the Jazz band are as follows:

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| Andrew Bawden | Anthony Diaz | Mason North |
| Sean Breyer | Jack Erickson | Eden Nicolaysen |
| Beckett Brunson | Connor Francis | Jacob Pace |
| Adam Carbine | Asia George | Alex Rich |
| Owen Carver | David Martinez | Jaiden Rohan |
| Jeremy Castro Rancel | Noelia Morales Aldrete | Ben Rollins |
| | | Liam Sawyer |

Ms. George attended the Midas Creek sixth grade play as well as a number of Outstanding Educator Award celebrations. She said the JEF Awards were especially meaningful to her this year as her sister was one of the recipients.

Superintendent’s Recognitions

Dr. Godfrey recognized the grounds and maintenance crews for their hard work on the acres they maintain throughout Jordan School District.

I. **Public Comments**

A. **Opportunity for Public Comment on Student Fee Schedule 2026-27**

No members of the public signed up to address the Board regarding the proposed 2026-27 Student Fee Schedule and no audience members accepted the invitation to speak.

B. **Public Comments Regarding Non-Agenda Items**

Representative Tracy Miller expressed gratitude for the involvement of Jordan School District's administration during the recent legislative session. She specifically thanked Business Administrator John Larsen and Associate Superintendent Mike Anderson for communicating with lawmakers, answering questions, and developing a positive rapport with members of the legislature.

President George invited Mr. Larsen, business administrator, to read comments submitted to *boardcomments@jordandistrict.org* from the following individuals, whose comments are summarized below:

Debra Springer expressed support for building a fieldhouse at Copper Hills High School.

Mike Taylor wrote in support of adding a fieldhouse to Copper Hills High School, saying it would benefit many groups and provide a safe place to practice in inclement weather.

Paulina Mangum expressed concern about the placement of a G5 tower on the grounds of Jordan Ridge Elementary School, saying it could be a potential health risk.

II. **General Business – Consent Agenda**

A. **Motion to Approve Consent Agenda Items**

1. **Minutes**

Minutes of the Board of Education meetings held February 24, 2026 and March 10, 2026, were presented to the Board of Education for approval.

2. **School LAND Trust Final Plans for 2024-25**

School LAND Trust Final Plans for 2024-25 were presented to the Board of Education for approval.

MOTION: It was moved by Erin Barrow and seconded by Suzanne Wood to approve Consent Agenda items A1 through A2, as recommended. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

B. **Motion to Accept Consent Agenda Items**

1. **Expenditures**

Expenditures for the month of February 2026 were provided to the Board of Education.

2. **Financial Statement**

The financial statement through February 28, 2026, was provided to the Board of Education. A copy is attached at the conclusion of these minutes. (Attachment 1)

3. **Non-Compliance Report**

MOTION: It was moved by Erin Barrow and seconded by Suzanne Wood to accept Consent Agenda items B1 through B3, as recommended. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

III. **Bid Recommendations**

A.	<u>School or Department</u> Copper Hills High School	<u>Items for Bid</u> Classroom Furniture
	<u>Bidders</u> Edutek Corporation Meteor Education LLC School Specialty	<u>Amount of Bid</u> \$355,205.21

Purpose: To replace existing classroom furniture at Copper Hills High School

Budget: TSSA Funds

Recommendation: It was recommended awarding the contract to state contract vendor, Meteor Education LLC. State contract: C24-051

MOTION: It was moved by Suzanne Wood and seconded by Erin Barrow to approve the bid for Classroom Furniture at Copper Hills High School as recommended.

Ms. George questioned the budget being recommended for the classroom furniture and Business Administrator John Larsen said TSSA funds may or may not be allowed for this type of purchase.

He said if the Board voted to approve this bid, administrators would work with the school on an appropriate source of funding. Mr. Robinson suggested an amended motion to reflect this recommendation.

AMENDED

MOTION: It was moved by Suzanne Wood and seconded by Erin Barrow to approve the bid for Classroom Furniture at Copper Hills High School as recommended, contingent on a compliant source of funding.

President George called for a vote, and the amended motion passed unanimously.

B.	<u>School or Department</u> Herriman High School	<u>Items for Bid</u> Chromebooks
	<u>Bidders</u> Bluum USA Inc. CDW Government Inc. Howard Technology Solutions Insight Public Sector Trafera	<u>Amount of Bid</u> \$149,023.00

Purpose: To provide new Chromebooks for Herriman High School

Budget: LAND Trust funds

Recommendation: It was recommended awarding the contract to the lowest responsive, responsible and acceptable state contract bidder, Bluum USA Inc. The company complied with the specifications, terms, and conditions outlined in the bid documents. State contract: MA4096

MOTION: It was moved by Bryce Dunford and seconded by Suzanne Wood to approve the bid for Chromebooks at Herriman High School, as recommended.

President George remarked that she would like to have a conversation at a future date about the distribution of current Chromebooks and changes in their use due to legislation that was recently passed. Dr. Godfrey said he and Mr. Larsen will be attending the Utah Association of School Business Officials (UASBO) /Utah School Superintendent Association (USSA) meeting on April 20 and 21, 2026 to learn the implication of recent legislation regarding technology in the classroom and guidelines for moving forward.

President George called for a vote on the motion for Chromebooks at Herriman High School. The motion passed unanimously.

C.	<u>School or Department</u> Central Warehouse	<u>Items for Bid</u> White Copy Paper
	<u>Bidders</u> Business Essentials Contract Paper Group Inc. Kelly Spicers Inc. Liberty Paper Southwest School Supply Verativ Operating Company	<u>Amount of Bid</u> \$118,608.00

Purpose: To restock white copy paper in the Central Warehouse

Budget: Inventory

Recommendation: It was recommended awarding the contract to the lowest responsive, responsible and acceptable bidder, Contract Paper Group Inc. The company complied with the specifications, terms, and conditions outlined in the bid documents.

MOTION: It was moved by Darrell Robinson and seconded by Erin Barrow to approve the bid for White Copy Paper for the Central Warehouse, as recommended. The motion passed unanimously.

D.	<u>School or Department</u> Facility Services	<u>Items for Bid</u> Trip Hazard Removal
	<u>Bidders</u> Concrete Concrete, Inc Precision Concrete Cutting	<u>Amount of Bid</u> \$225,000.00 over three years

Purpose: To provide trip hazard removal services throughout the District

Budget: Contracted Services

Recommendation: It was recommended awarding the contract to the lowest responsive, responsible and acceptable bidder: Concrete Concrete, Inc. The company complied with the specifications, terms, and conditions outlined in the bid documents.

MOTION: It was moved by Brian Barnett and seconded by Darrell Robinson to approve the bid for Trip Hazard Removal at Facility Services, as recommended. The motion passed unanimously.

E. School or Department
Facility Services Items for Bid
Stadium Lighting and Audio-visual Upgrade at Bingham High School

<u>Bidders</u>	<u>Amount of Bid</u>
Prime Power & Electric Inc.	\$486,990.00
Tri-Phase Electric	

Purpose: To upgrade the existing stadium lighting and audiovisual equipment at Bingham High School

Budget: Districtwide Capital Audio Visual Upgrade Budget

Recommendation: It was recommended awarding the contract to the lowest responsive, responsible and acceptable bidder: Prime Power & Electric Inc. The company complied with the specifications, terms, and conditions outlined in the bid documents.

F. School or Department
Facility Services Items for Bid
Stadium Lighting and Audio-visual Upgrade at Riverton High School

<u>Bidders</u>	<u>Amount of Bid</u>
Prime Power & Electric Inc.	\$496,995.00
Tri-Phase Electric	

Purpose: To upgrade the existing stadium lighting and audiovisual equipment at Riverton High School

Budget: Districtwide Capital Audio Visual Upgrade Budget

Recommendation: It was recommended awarding the contract to the lowest responsive, responsible and acceptable bidder: Prime Power & Electric Inc. The company complied with the specifications, terms, and conditions outlined in the bid documents.

MOTION: It was moved by Darrell Robinson and seconded by Bryce Dunford to approve the bids for Stadium Lighting and Audio-visual Upgrade at Bingham High School and Riverton High School, as recommended.

Mr. Barnett asked why this wasn't on the summer capital projects list. Bryce Dunford gave a reminder that the Board approved a specific budget for capital audio visual upgrades.

Dave Rostrom said that last year the Finance Committee added an additional \$1 million to the Capital Projects budget to address stadium lighting and sound systems for the next four years. He said the normal annual budget allows for upgrades at about one school auditorium per year.

Bryce Dunford suggested the Board designate a permanent budget specifically to address future sound and lighting needs. Board members agreed this could be beneficial, so Mr. Dunford said the Finance Committee will discuss it further.

President George requested a vote on the motion for Stadium Lighting Upgrades. The motion passed unanimously.

G. School or Department
Facility Services Items for Bid
Intercom System Upgrade at Multiple Locations

<u>Bidders</u>	<u>Amount of Bid</u>
General Communications	\$339,322.00
WEBB Integration	

Purpose: To install intercom systems in the District Office, Auxiliary Services, and Transportation buildings.

Budget: Capital Projects Safety Budget

Recommendation: It was recommended awarding the contract to the lowest responsive, responsible and acceptable bidder, WEBB Integration. The company complied with the specifications, terms, and conditions outlined in the bid documents.

MOTION: It was moved by Bryce Dunford and seconded by Brian Barnett to approve the bid for Intercom System Upgrade at Multiple Locations, as recommended.

Ms. Barrow asked the Finance Committee to explain how this project came to light.

Mr. Dunford said the need for a central intercom system in District Office buildings was discovered firsthand when the Committee was holding a meeting during an emergency drill. They noted a phone system was being used for emergency alerts as there was no intercom system in the building and not a connected phone in every room. This was brought to the Facilities Committee, who determined it is an urgent need to prioritize safety. As there was a surplus in the capital projects budget this year, they recommended installing an intercom system in three office buildings in the District.

President George called for a vote on the motion for an Intercom System Upgrade. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. **Information Items**

A. **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Godfrey thanked the Jordan Education Foundation for their efforts in honoring District Outstanding Educators in a special way. He also thanked Board members for their participation in the award celebrations.

V. **Discussion Items**

A. **Committee Reports and Comments by Board Members**

Bryce Dunford said the internal auditor hired by the Board was asked to look at conflicts of interest within the District. The audit is complete and the report said there are no major concerns.

Brian Barnett, Facilities Committee Chair, said the Committee will meet this week to continue discussing enrollment issues in the West Jordan High School feeder area. They hope to bring a recommendation to the Board next month.

Erin Barrow announced the Jordan Parent Advisory Committee meeting to be held March 25, 2026 at the Jordan Learning Center at 6:30 p.m.

Lisa Dean reported on a recent meeting with the Salt Lake Parks and Rec Advisory Committee, saying that recreation centers will be implementing a Smartrec platform to improve their programs and services. She shared their master plan pillars and noted that 25 percent of the last ZAP tax went to deferred maintenance projects. Ms. Dean announced a ribbon cutting at the Big

Cottonwood Regional Park playground on April 16, 2026 at 11:00 a.m., and the Dimple Dell Preservation annual cleanup event on April 25, 2026 at 8:30 a.m.

Ms. Dean also announced the Jordan Education Foundation Challenge Run that helps fund classroom grants. This will be held on May 9, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. and participants may register online at jordaneducationfoundation.org.

President George thanked Board members who attended the region USBA meetings where discussion was held about legislative priorities. She asked the Board if they would like to send a thank-you letter to legislators at the conclusion of the legislative session. Board members agreed.

Ms. George asked if the Board would like to resume the practice of including a book study as part of Board professional development. All agreed and many book types, schedules, and options were discussed. President George suggested Board members share ideas with the Executive Committee and to bring this item back to a future meeting for further discussion.

Dr. Godfrey gave an update on a transportation issue brought up in a recent Board study session by Ms. Barrow. He said the principal at Westvale Elementary School contacted the parent who initiated the concern and they are working to find a solution that doesn't include busing. It was also discussed in their School Community Council and each family in the affected area was contacted. President George said it is wonderful to see the community and school working together to find the best solution for this issue.

B. Topics for *Bulletin Board*

This item was not addressed.

At 8:03 p.m., President George declared the meeting adjourned.

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Attachments