

WEBER SCHOOL DISTRICT
5320 Adams Avenue Parkway
Ogden, UT

General Board Meeting
December 1, 2021

The Board of Education of Weber School District held a Board Meeting in the Board Rooms at 5320 Adams Avenue Parkway, Washington Terrace, Utah. The meeting convened at 6:00 p.m.

The following Board Members and Superintendency were present:

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| Jon Ritchie | Board President |
| Dean Oborn | Board Vice President |
| Paul Widdison | Board Member |
| Doug Hurst | Board Member |
| Jan Burrell | Board Member |
| Bruce Jardine | Board Member |
| Janis Christensen | Board Member |
| Jeff Stephens | Superintendent |
| Lori Rasmussen | Assistant Superintendent |

Assistant Superintendent Art Hansen and Business Administrator Robert Petersen were both excused.

Musical Presentation from “Matilda”: Students from Weber High School – Savanna Chertudi (Miss Honey) and Christine Doman (Matilda) performing “My House”.

1. Pledge of Allegiance: Christine Doman
2. Consent Calendar
 - A. Minutes
 - B. Warrant Register
 - C. Budget Update
 - D. New Hires
 - E. Bid/Purchase Approvals
 - F. Leave of Absence Requests
 - G. Approval of LEA License and Endorsement Lists December 2021
3. Recognitions
 - A. Mark Daniels, Weber High School – *2021 Utah School Teacher of the Year Award*
 - B. Alexandra Castellano Smith, Sand Ridge Jr. High – *NEA Teaching Excellence Award*
4. Superintendent Stephens Report to Board

5. Discussion/Action Items
 - A. Approval of 2022-2023 School Calendar – 2nd Reading
 - B. Consideration of a resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of not more than \$90,000,000 General Obligation School Building Bonds; delegating authority to certain officials to approve the final terms and provisions of and confirm the sale of such bonds and providing for related matters.
 - C. Approval of Independent Auditors Report

AGENDUM ITEM #2 – Consent Calendar

A. Minutes

That the minutes for the Study Session and General Board Meeting Session dated November 3, 2021 and Special Board Meeting dated November 16, 2021 be approved.

B. Warrant Register

That check numbers 00018143 through 00018469; and 00534358 through 00535374 totaling \$7,294,822.89 dated November 22, 2021, be approved.

C. Budget Update

That the budget update dated November 21, 2021, be approved.

D. New Hires

That the list of personnel changes and additions dated October 29, 2021, through November 22, 2021, be approved.

E. Bid/Purchase Approvals

F. Leave of Absence Requests

There was no leave of absence requests.

Board President, Jon Ritchie, called for a motion to approve the Consent Calendar.

Motion: Doug Hurst

Seconded: Jan Burrell

That the above Consent Calendar be approved. Voting was unanimous in support of this motion.

AGENDUM ITEM #3 – Recognitions

A. Mark Daniels, Weber High School – *2021 Utah School Teacher of the Year*

Secondary Education Director Gina Butters began noting Mark Daniels is currently playing Scrooge at the Washington Terrace Playhouse. Gina shared a quote from thirteenth century poet Rumi, “Wherever you stand be the soul of that place”. Mark embodies this, as he elevates and takes people to higher ground. We are recognizing him as the Utah State Educator of the Year and he will now go on to compete at the national level. He is the theatre arts teacher at Weber High School where he has influenced thousands of kids teaching for seventeen years. As a Weber High alumnus, he wanted to spend his career there. Mark has stated being named State and District Teacher of the Year is intimidating, but will do his best to represent Weber School District.

One of Mark’s students stated, he is the teacher I respect the most. Being around him makes me happy and I always look forward to his class because I feel like he sincerely cares about me. Principal Chris Earnest says she wishes she could clone him because he makes a connection with all students in all classes. He is Mr. Weber! He lives his craft and is passionate, and helps prepare kids for life.

B. Alexandra Castellano Smith, Sand Ridge Jr. High – *NEA Teaching Excellence Award*

Secondary Education Supervisor Clyde Moore introduced Alexandra Smith. She has been a teacher at Sand Ridge Jr. High for four years. Alexandra graduated from Southern Utah University and is currently working on her master’s degree in English, has volunteered to serve as a policy ambassador for UEA and a member of Weber School District Equity Justice and Inclusion Committee. The NEA recognized her in October and she has been selected as one of the five finalists. On February 11, 2022 she and her husband will attend the NEA Gala in Washington D.C. Assistant Superintendent Art Hansen first met her in a recruiting event where she was offered an early contract. Clyde Moore was principal at the time and hired her at Sand Ridge Jr. High. She has a positive impact on the students and always does what is best for kids. Principal Shirley Patton noted she has compassion, professionalism, creativity, leads by example and knows service is important. Restorative Practices and 504 Coordinator Karen Miller noted she is always looking for ways to improve her students and has a heart of gold. One of her students said, “She is the kind of person I want to be”. Mr. Moore, concluded his remarks stating Alexandra teaches at a high level of learning and has a great impact on her students.

AGENDUM ITEM #4 – Superintendent Stephens Report to Board

Superintendent Stephens began his report to the Board of Education by sharing some data that has taken place over the last eleven years.

- Student Enrollment Growth
2011 - 30,400
2021 - 32,800

Noting growth has been steady. Superintendent Stephens explained his fun tradition to invite SBO officers to lunch each year the first part of August. He has enjoyed getting to know them and talk about leadership with them and how important it is being in a place to serve and help others.

- Graduation Rates
2011- 77%
2021 - 90.41%

These rates have continued to be a steady climb and noted this is the first year we have attained 90% graduation. He then shared a story about a refugee from the Congo and how he found his way to Utah. He became a kicker on the Roy High football team and also graduated from Roy High School.

- Concurrent Enrollment Classes

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| Number of Students in CE | 2011 - 1560 | 2021 - 3087 |
| Total CE Credit Earned. | 2011- 3460 | 2021 - 8318 |

 These classes are very rigorous and taught by trained teachers from universities.

- Advanced Placement

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| Total # Student Testing | 2011- 862 | 2021 - 1226 |
| Students Passing AP Tests | 2011- 524 | 2021 – 1067 |

- Mental Health Specialists
15 Mental Health Specialists (Licensed Clinical Social Workers) serving 603 students during the 2020-21 school year.
6,825 sessions (average of 11 sessions per student)
Additional 1,452 crisis situations

Superintendent Stephens shared an experience with a student who had a lot of challenges in his life but explained how he had a lot of support from his school. Former Foundation Director, Chris Zimmerman was able to have a laptop donated to help this student.

- Beginning Teacher Salaries (Recruit & retain)
2011- \$33,618
2021 - \$46,000

It was noted Weber School District has one of the highest retention rates in the state.

- Bond Elections:

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| June 2012 | \$65 million |
| Nov 2017 | \$97 million |
| Nov 2021 | \$279 million |
| Total | \$441 million |
- New Schools:
Orchard Springs
Silver Ridge
Weber K-12 Online (1,000 students)
Weber Innovation Early College High School
New Taylor High school
New West Haven Junior High school
New Elementary School in West Haven

- Replacement Schools
Wahlquist Junior High
North Park Elementary
West Weber Elementary
Burch Creek Elementary (Club Heights and Marlon Hills)
Roy Junior High
Roosevelt Elementary
- Major Additions
Rocky Mountain Junior High (10 Classroom Addition)
North Ogden Junior (New Gym/ 6 Classrooms)
Fremont High School (12 Classroom Addition)
Weber Innovations Early College High School
- Fun facts
137 School Board Meetings
Signed 55,000 Superintendent Summer Reading Awards (Read to approximately 1,200 classes)
97 High School Graduation Ceremonies
Made more the 200 Community Bond Presentations (2012, 2017, & 2021)
22 Years in District Leadership (4 years - Curriculum Director; 7 years - Assistant Superintendent; 11 years – Superintendent)
Longest serving Weber Superintendent since Parley Bates (1942 - 1957)

Superintendent Stephens concluded his report to the Board officially announcing his retirement at the end of this school year.

President Jon Ritchie thanked Superintendent Stephens and opened it up to comments from the Board. Each Board Member expressed their gratitude and love.

AGENDUM ITEM #5 – Discussion/Action Items

A. Approval of School Calendar 2022-2023 – 2nd Reading

Secondary Education Supervisor Clyde Moore noted the proposed calendar was approved on a first reading at the November 3rd Board Meeting. As requested, it was sent to all employee groups for input. No further input has been received. It is recommended the Board approve the School Calendar 2022-2023 on a second reading.

Motion: Janis Christensen

Seconded: Jan Burrell

That the Approval of School Calendar 2022-2023 be approved on a second reading. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

- B. Consideration of a resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of not more than \$90,000,000 General Obligation School Building Bonds; delegating authority to certain officials to approve the final terms and provisions of and confirm the sale of such bonds and providing for related matters.

Superintendent Stephens explained the consideration of the parameter's resolution happens prior to the issuance of bonds. It is recommended the Board approve the consideration of a resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of not more than \$90,000,000 General Obligation School Building Bonds.

Motion: Bruce Jardine

Seconded: Paul Widdison

That the Approval on Consideration of a resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of not more than \$90,000,000 General Obligation School Building Bonds; delegating authority to certain officials to approve the final terms and provisions of and confirm the sale of such bonds and providing for related matters be approved. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

- C. Approval of Independent Auditors Report

Assistant Business Administrator Seth Pilkington noted every year we go through the audit process and then introduced Matt Geddes with Squire who will go over the findings from the audit. Matt noted he met with the audit committee and reported on the findings. They did not identify any question on both federal and state funds.

Seth noted the details of the financial statements have been outlined and will be available on the district website. He also explained there was a focus on our expenditures of federal COVID relief funds noting there were no findings. He thanked everyone involved.

President Ritchie noted a motion is not required.

After determining no further business need be conducted, President Ritchie called for a motion to adjourn the general session of Board Meeting.

Motion: Paul Widdison

Seconded: Bruce Jardine

That the general session of Board Meeting be adjourned. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

General Board Meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.