

WEBER SCHOOL DISTRICT
5320 Adams Avenue Parkway
Ogden, UT

Study Session
August 4, 2021

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

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| Jon Ritchie | Board President |
| Dean Oborn | Board Vice President |
| Janis Christensen | Board Member |
| Jan Burrell | Board Member |
| Paul Widdison | Board Member |
| Jeff Stephens | Superintendent |
| Art Hansen | Assistant Superintendent |
| Lori Rasmussen | Assistant Superintendent |
| Robert Petersen | Business Administrator |

Board member Doug Hurst was excused.

Superintendent Stephens began by acknowledging the state auditors. He explained last legislative session Senator Greg Buxton had auditors placed in school districts or other entities for an extended period of time. The auditors will be here about six months. It was noted this is a positive thing to welcome outside eyes into what we are doing and welcome recommendations for improved performance. They will also be able to take information back to policy makers and make suggestions and recommendations.

Superintendent Stephens noted there is an item on the consent calendar needing an adjustment, the marquee for Weber Innovation High School. The previous memo in Board Book states part of the funding will be taken out of concurrent enrollment funds. The state reimburses school districts on the number of students enrolled in concurrent enrollment and receiving credit. The money should be used to enhance programs with supplies etc. It was explained the funding for the full amount of the marquee will be funded with another account. Board Member Bruce Jardine asked if the program is allowed to receive donations. It was noted donations can be processed through the foundation.

Superintendent Stephens reported he has visited nine different city council meetings regarding a bond in the upcoming election. Most recently Roy City, along with Community Relations Specialist Lane Findlay, Board President Jon Ritchie and Board Member Jan Burrell. There are four or five more meetings to attend in the next few weeks. It was noted the meetings have been very positive with a lot of support and people are recognizing the need for a bond. The survey data reflects strong support for the bond that will not raise the tax rate. Tonight, prefacing the Board discussion and decision to bond, Facilities Director Scott Zellmer will summarize the needs based on enrollment growth and aging facilities. Community Relations Specialist Lane Findlay will summarize survey data from in house and Y2 Analytics focus groups. Business Administrator Robert Petersen will provide an update on our financial

capacity. This will set the stage for a meaningful discussion and ultimately looking for a motion. Board Member Bruce Jardine noted it is great to see all the positive input. Board President Jon Ritchie noted the Board waited to bond based on recommendations from Superintendent Stephens and thanked all those involved. It was also noted increases in assessed values have allowed us to refinance and restructure existing debt resulting in a bond without a tax rate increase.

Regarding re-opening schools, Superintendent Stephens noted we are starting to see increasing decisions have to be based on state law not from the health department. For example, face masks, our stance going into this school year will be to recommend but not require masks. One concern has been the students who choose to wear a mask will not be teased or harassed. It has been explained to administrators to stress this in their schools. Quarantine protocols will also be recommended, not be required. We will contract trace and still notify. Three factors that will exempt a person: fully vaccinated, tested positive within ninety days or if a person was wearing a face mask at the time of exposure. It will be recommended to quarantine for ten days or wear a mask for the next ten days. This will be consistent with other school districts. Masks and quarantine will be recommended but not required.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.