

WEBER SCHOOL DISTRICT
5320 Adams Avenue Parkway
Ogden, UT

Study Session
October 6, 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
Dean Oborn	Vice President
Janis Christensen	Board Member
Doug Hurst	Board Member
Paul Widdison	Board Member
Jan Burrell	Board Member
Bruce Jardine	Board Member
Jeff Stephens	Superintendent
Art Hansen	Assistant Superintendent
Lori Rasmussen	Assistant Superintendent
Robert Petersen	Business Administrator

Superintendent Stephens began reviewing the list of upcoming events. Especially noting all of the school plays coming up and how wonderful it is so many of our students participate each year. Weber High will perform Matilda, Bonneville - Mama Mia, Weber High - Catch Me If You Can, Roy High, Pirated.

Also noted, on November 16th, at 6:00 p.m. we will have a short Board meeting required by law following an election with a bond initiative. The county will provide official results of election then as a Board we canvas the results, certify and make it formal.

Christmas Tree Jubilee is November 23rd which the Board will be invited to attend. The Foundation is already well underway getting everything ready. Yesterday students delivered almond knots to every person purchasing a table. It was noted volunteers are needed to help deliver trees on Saturday morning.

Superintendent Stephens is anticipating hosting the Board Christmas Social at his home with a date and time to be determined.

USBA conference is January 6-8, 2022 at Little America Hotel in Salt Lake City. Check in will be on Thursday, January 6th.

It was noted every two or three years it is beneficial as a Board to attend the NSBA Conference. This year it will be held in San Diego, California, April 1-4, 2022, This Board has only attended a few times over the years.

Superintendent Stephens noted he has been working with Weber State President Brad Mortensen, Davis Superintendent Reid Newey and Ogden Superintendent Luke Rasmussen on a joint legislative breakfast. Three tentative dates are November 29th, 30th or December 3rd held at Weber State Davis Campus. This is an effort to bring legislators together and express our appreciation to them for the support they have shown the last few years. It was noted we have a very positive relationship with our legislators. Board Member Janis Christensen, who represents Weber District on the Board of Directors, noted she will send an email with updates from the recent Board of Directors meeting.

Board Member Doug Hurst noted on Saturday October 16 2021, Superintendent Stephens will be recognized at Weber State for the Educators Award. Superintendent Stephens humbly responded that it is a great honor.

Superintendent Stephens updated the Board on bond presentations, noting they are 80-90 % completed with over 70 community presentations held in each of our cities. All have been well received. They have also presented at Rotary Club, Breakfast Exchange, and at the PTA Presidents meeting. Our goal is to be as transparent as possible, as well as answering all questions and concerns. People are aware of the need due to growth in the western part of the county. It was also noted this is the fifth consecutive bond without a tax rate and how unprecedented this is.

October 1st enrollment is in and we have had strong growth with an increase of 579 students. During the pandemic enrollment dropped, but student counts have rebounded this year.

Superintendent Stephens noted tonight there will be another public meeting associated with the bond allowing input from the public.

President Ritchie noted how much he appreciates Superintendent Stephens for his extra efforts on bond presentations, and also reading to elementary students for the summer reading program. Assistant Superintendent Lori Rasmussen also noted the expertise and knowledge he conveys to constituents during the bond presentations.

Business Administrator Dr. Robert Petersen went over the legal requirements to pass the bond. Superintendent Stephens noted some requirements have changed from four years ago; legal notices must be posted in cities, not in newspapers due to low subscriptions. The friends of bond committee have yard signs as we cannot advocate for the bond, just educate. Superintendent Stephens concluded noting signs have been placed in front of schools only giving information on the bond.

Meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m.