

WEBER SCHOOL DISTRICT
5320 Adams Avenue Parkway
Ogden, UT

General Board Meeting
May 4, 2022

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:

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

Board Member Janis Christensen was excused and Board Member Bruce Jardine attended virtually.

Musical Presentation: Lomond View Bell Choir

1. Pledge of Allegiance: Kash Martin – Lomond View Elementary Student
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 School LAND Trust Plans
 - H. Approval of Foreign Exchange Agencies 2022-2023
3. Presentation
 - A. OWTC Presentation
4. Recognitions
 - A. Angela Wharton, Lakeview Elementary School – *WSD First Year Teacher Award*
 - B. Mandy Curtis, T. H. Bell Jr. High School – *WSD First Year Teacher Award*
 - C. Hanna Jarman, Wahlquist Jr. High School – *WSD First Year Teacher Award*
 - D. Peggy Isaac-Marsh, District Office – *WSD Classified Employee of the Year 2022*
 - E. Mark Womack, T. H. Bell Jr. High School – *WSD Teacher of the Year 2022*

5. Discussion/Action Items
A. Administrative Appointment(s)

AGENDUM ITEM #2 – Consent Calendar

A. Minutes

That the minutes for the Study Session and General Board Meeting Session dated April 13, 2022 be approved.

B. Warrant Register

That check numbers 00019986 through 00020340; and 00539470 through 00540367 totaling \$8,363,480.33 dated April 26, 2022, be approved.

C. Budget Update

That the budget update dated April 27, 2022, be approved.

D. New Hires

That the list of personnel changes and additions dated April 1, 2022, through April 28, 2022, be approved.

E. Bid/Purchase Approvals

That the approval of the Purchase of Staff and Student Devices be approved.

F. Leave of Absence Requests

There was no leave of absence requests.

G. Approval of School LAND Trust Plans

That the approval of School LAND Trust Plans be approved.

H. Approval of Foreign Exchange Agencies 2022-2023

That the approval of Foreign Exchange Agencies for 2022-2023 School Year be approved.

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 – Presentation

A. OWTC Presentation

OWTC President Jim Taggart explained OWTC has been around for 51 years and is the largest technical college in Utah. The biggest part of their success comes from a partnership with Weber School District. Enrollment growth was down so they met with Superintendent Stephens for help to figure out the problem. It was noted they had been competing with CTE programs for the same student. Students now can attend CTE in their high school and credits will transfer to OWTC. In the past eight years, over 4,000 district students have enrolled in college courses at OWTC. This has saved students and parents over \$3 million in tuition. More students are completing full certificates before they graduate. Jim noted Superintendent Stephens has been a great mentor. He compared him to a welder and described a skilled welder as one who knows how to weld two pieces together. The strongest part of the structure is actually the weld. Superintendent Stephens has done this his entire career with parents, teachers, students and leaders. An example was shared of how Superintendent Stephens says something different to every student in the graduating line. President Taggart awarded Superintendent Stephens with the College Medal of Excellence presented by Board Member Paul Widdison and a certificate as an “Honorary Welder” and an OWTC belt buckle.

Superintendent Stephens noted the partnership with the OWTC is the model in the state because they work together and are not competing. Students are the winners. Superintendent Stephens thanked Jim Taggart and Dale Pfister, former CTE Director, for starting the great partnership.

AGENDUM ITEM #4 – Recognitions

A. Angela Wharton, Lakeview Elementary School – *WSD First Year Teacher Award*

Executive Elementary Director Dave Hales introduced Angela Wharton, 2nd grade teacher at Lake View Elementary. Angela was born and raised in Florida, then in 2010 her husband got a job and they located here in Utah where she finished her bachelor’s degree at Weber State University. Both her dad and sister are teachers. Education in her home was a high priority. She loves being around kids and wanted to leave a positive impact on the future while making learning fun. Students from her classroom shared what they love most about being in Mrs. Whartons class and shared letters. Colleagues shared she is the “Bob Ross” of teachers and treats every student with kindness and love. She is an example of focus, talent and dedication. Lakeview Elementary Principal Spencer Okey shared Angela has an acute awareness of what her students need. He explained during her interview, everything said about her tonight resonated in the room and she was hired immediately.

Angela shared how honored she is and thanked her family and team for their support.

B. Mandy Curtis, T. H. Bell Jr. High School – *WSD First Year Teacher Award*

Secondary Education Supervisor Clyde Moore introduced Mandy Curtis, math teacher at T.H. Bell Jr. High. In her classroom, you observe she is a natural teacher, teaching at eye level, and making magic happen with an interactive classroom where everyone is engaged in learning. Principal Lenn Ward’s nomination letter states she works hard, brings her “A” game, is student ready, cheerful, passionate and kind. Her Superpower is building relationships with kids and kids want to be there. Students from her class shared she is an amazing teacher, has the best attitude, is kind, and they feel happier in her classroom. She makes math fun, doesn’t treat you like a kid, and is always interested in what you have to say. She has helped students learn better and easier, and helps us make goals in Homebase advisory period. Mandy was asked about her

biggest a-ha teaching moment and noted seeing expectations need to be modeled by behavior and building relationships by talking to kids. A quote was shared from Albert Einstein, “I have no special talents. I am only passionately curious.” Mandy’s former math teacher, Sheri Heiter, Director of Curriculum and Assessment explained she has always been a hard worker. Mr. Moore concluded with a final remark from Principal Lenn Ward stating she is an ambassador for the teaching profession and for her students.

Mandy stated she is honored and thanked her husband and kids for their support.

C. Hanna Jarman, Wahlquist Jr. High School – *WSD First Year Teacher Award*

Special Education Director Quinn Karlinsey introduced Hanna Jarman. Colleagues noted she is fun, her personality is inviting and contagious, she makes sure everyone feels loved, is patient and willing to help. Each of her students communicate in a different way and she makes them feel heard and understood. She is a natural! She engages every student, is an advocate and believes in their potential while creating routines to help them achieve. An unsolicited letter from a parent was shared stating her son is severely autistic and nonverbal. He has struggled to attend school in the past and it has taken one to three hours each day just to get him in the building. His time with Hanna has been revolutionary. He now walks in school each day and has a sense of enthusiasm. She chose to teach those who some might deem less teachable and does so with joy and grace.

Hanna noted she is honored and thanked her husband and the administration at Wahlquist Jr. High School.

D. Peggy Isaac-Marsh, District Office – *WSD Classified Employee of the Year 2022*

Assistant Superintendent Lori Rasmussen introduced Peggy Isaac-Marsh and noted her official title is, Student Systems Trainer and Support Analyst. Her title from her peers is, “Queen of Data Processing” and we do as she commands. Lori explained a queen is the most powerful chess piece and like Peggy, moves through so many obstacles with grace and is always willing to help. Peggy was hired in 2003 as a print monitor, one week before IFAS (district’s financial system) and prior to My Student launching. Peggy describing all she does: student support for the whole district, liaison between development team and users, works with USBE on data collection, state ID processing and works with all districts and charter schools in the state. Peggy is a self-learner! A quote from Nicholas Sparks was shared, “Overtime, quality of work will lead to an audience of your work.” Colleagues noted she is a trainer, trouble shooter, decision maker and she is a ferocious multi- tasker. Directors Nick Harris and Lynn Raymond noted she is an integral part of Weber School District and touches every department. She is unique, adored by everyone in Tech Services, makes others feel comfortable, has a global skill set, and excels quietly! Comments from Secondary Executive Director Gina Butters included Peggy has a can-do attitude, and patiently responds. A quote from Mr. Rogers was shared, “Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.” This is Peggy!

Peggy expressed she is thankful for her job her at Weber School District.

E. Mark Womack, T. H. Bell Jr. High School – *WSD Teacher of the Year 2022*

Assistant Superintendent Art Hansen introduced Mark Womack. It was noted there are three important things to know about Mark. 1). His upbringing on a farm in Preston, Idaho with a great family. 2). His second family is T.H. Bell. 3). His love to his school. He has taught for sixteen years, history, teaching as a profession, and skills for success. He coaches football, track and field, girls' basketball, is the athletic director, student body advisory department chair, and leadership team and district social studies curriculum fellow. Mark comes from a long line of educators. His grandma, mother, father and brother have been teachers. He gets excited to come to school every day because it is rewarding to help students have success. He greets each student outside his classes every day. His class has a mantra they recite every day, "We are smart, we are talented and we lift where we stand." Students shared they enjoy doing assignments, they see how much he cares, he's super nice, kind, passionate, forgiving, and he kindly reminds us and doesn't get mad or yell at us. T.H. Bell student body president noted he has the highest morals and integrity, teaches us about leadership, includes everyone in the lesson and never leaves anyone behind. He is the most genuine man you will ever meet. Principal Lenn Ward shared Mark takes the toughest kids in the school, helps them thrive, and he is a leader among his peers. He embodies the qualities for the whole child.

Mark noted he is blessed he gets to do what he loves every day and thanked his family.

Superintendent Stephens concluded thanking Weber School Foundation and business partner Tony Divinio for sponsoring the annual awards.

AGENDUM ITEM #5 – Discussion/Action Items

A. Administrative Appointment(s)

Superintendent Stephens noted tonight we have a follow-up from last month's Board Meeting. One of the appointees from last month, Jeff Marchant, notified Superintendent Stephens of another opportunity he received, so he will be retiring. Last month, Tana Chipp was appointed as an intern and will now be principal at Washington Terrace Elementary.

It is recommended the Board approve Tana Chipp as the principal at Washington Terrace Elementary.

Motion: Paul Widdison

Seconded: Doug Hurst

That the recommended advancement of Tana Chipp as principal at Washington Terrace Elementary be approved. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Stephens noted this leaves a vacancy for an elementary intern and introduced Olivia Lott. It is recommended the Board approve Olivia Lott as the new elementary intern.

Motion: Jan Burrell

Seconded: Dean Oborn

That the recommended advancement of Olivia Lott as the new elementary intern be approved. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Dr. Stephens provided a synopsis of the educational background and work experience of each new appointee. Each new appointee was given opportunity to address the Board and introduce family in the audience.

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: Dean Oborn

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

General Board Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.