

WEBER SCHOOL DISTRICT
5320 Adams Avenue Parkway
Ogden, UT

Study Session
October 5, 2022

The Board of Education of Weber School District held a Study Session in the Training Room at Weber Innovation High School, Ogden, Utah. The meeting convened at 5:15 p.m. The following Board Members and Superintendency were present:

Jon Ritchie	Board President
Dean Oborn	Board Vice President
Doug Hurst	Board Member
Bruce Jardine	Board Member
Jan Burrell	Board Member
Janis Christensen	Board Member
Gina Butters	Superintendent
Clyde Moore	Assistant Superintendent
Dave Hales	Assistant Superintendent
Robert Petersen	Business Administrator

Board Member Paul Widdison was excused. Also attending, WEA President Jenny Graviat, Reading Specialist Meredith Hoskins and Librarian Shaundell Smith.

Facilities Director Larry Hadley updated the Board on construction projects. Community Relations/Safety Director Lane Findlay provided time lapse aerial video of the projects. Larry met today with the junior high for a site walk. He meets Thursdays with the high school and every other Wednesday with work related to the new elementary in Salt Lake City until we break ground. Larry explained we are on schedule to open all three schools August 2024. The Mountain View Jr. High build is moving quickly with all slabs poured, walls and decking. Sheet rocking began today. Ivory Homes has given the LDS seminary two lots to build on. Material shortages continue to be a problem with the progress. The road to Wilson Lane has been paved but not stripped.

Westfield High School weight room and gym are going up first. The current issue is cement, but the footprint will be finished tomorrow. In addition to materials, water is also an issue. Currently 4300 West has every utility running down it but water pipe sizes are an issue. Backstops and fencing are in for the football, and softball fields. Seminary building is fenced off and is located near the church. This building is currently on schedule.

We have received documentation for the contractual agreements on the elementary school. Design documents are 90% complete and the plan is to break ground in December 2022.

District Legal Counsel Heidi Alder noted we are presenting revised Policy 8200 *Sensitive Materials/Library Policy* tonight on a second reading. We continue to receive feedback and update the Board. One change is the list identifying what is the basis of criteria for determining if material is educationally suitable. The list has been narrowed down for the librarians. It was reiterated how important it is to have a broad selection of criteria because there are many reasons a librarian chooses to select a certain book. They want the Board to know how important it is to have a lengthy list to bring in books with a wide array of materials. All factors from the list are based on entire content of the book to be appropriate.

Reconsideration committee makeup was also changed to add an additional parent, totaling four. One member of a community council, one from PTA and two randomly selected. Another change is if there is a tie vote with the reconsideration committee, the district reconsideration committee will make the final determination. Board Member Janis Christensen asked to consider a complete report on this process by October 1, 2023.

It was noted, currently on our district website there is a reconsideration form available. Once the policy is adopted, if a parent requests their student not to have access to a book then it will go into effect immediately. Board Member Jan Burrell asked if it is an electronic request. It was noted it will need to be submitted by parents in writing. Board Vice President Dean Oborn asked what the process is if a parent doesn't like a book in a classroom. It was noted it will go through a different process and we will be updating that policy.

Meeting adjourned at 5:48 pm