

**WEBER SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**5320 Adams Avenue Parkway**  
**Ogden, UT**

**General Board Meeting**  
**September 7, 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 6:04 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
Bruce Jardine	Board Member
Janis Christensen	Board Member
Jan Burrell	Board Member
Gina Butters	Superintendent
Clyde Moore	Assistant Superintendent
Dave Hales	Assistant Superintendent
Robert Petersen	Business Administrator

1. Pledge of Allegiance: Secondary Education Supervisor Matt Williams
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 August 2022 LEA License and Endorsement Lists
3. Presentation
  - A. Smart Foodscapes and School Gardens
4. Discussion/Action Items
  - A. Approval of Administrative Changes
  - B. Approval of School Name, Mascot and Color Recommendations for New Junior High School
  - C. Approval of Interlocal Agreement with West Haven City
  - D. Approval of Revised Policy(s) 8200 *Library/Media Selection and Reconsideration*, 8210 *Library/Media Selection Criteria*, 8220 *Library/Media Reconsideration Procedure*

5. Closed Session

- A. Closed Meeting According to Provisions of Utah Code 52-4-204,205  
(This meeting is a strategy session to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual).

**AGENDUM ITEM #2 – Consent Calendar**

A. Minutes

That the minutes for the Special Study Session dated July 21, 2022, Study Session dated August 3, 2022, General Board Meeting dated August 3, 2022, Truth in Taxation Hearing dated August 3, 2022, General Board Meeting dated August 8, 2022 and Special Board Study Session dated August 19, 2022 be approved.

B. Warrant Register

That check numbers 00021389 through 00021529; and 00543579 through 00544503 totaling \$13,760,565.04 dated August 28, 2022, be approved.

C. Budget Update

That the budget update dated August 28, 2022, be approved.

D. New Hires

That the list of personnel changes and additions dated July 29, 2022, through August 31, 2022, be approved.

E. Bid/Purchase Approvals

That the approval of the Purchase of School Buses be approved.

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: Jan Burrell

Seconded: Bruce Jardine

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

### **AGENDUM ITEM #3 – Presentation**

#### A. Smart Foodscapes and School Gardens

Curriculum and Assessment Director Sheri Heiter introduced Michelle Parslow, teacher from Wahlquist Jr. High School. The STEAM Garden-Based Learning Project, instituted by Michelle with support from Utah State University’s research grant. Students are learning Science, Technology, Art and Math. In 2019, STEAM was requested to be offered at Wahlquist Jr. High, 2020 the SEED Garden Grant was received and in 2021 the garden space was built. An example of a STEAM project class is scale drawing to plan a garden area. Students learn proportion, scale, precision, creativity, budgeting, measurement of length, area and volume, and sun plots for plant planning. Construction of Wahlquist’s garden was done with the help of volunteers from the school, community and student volunteers. Wahlquist’s Garden Club, meet every week doing STEAM activities. They learn how to grow their own food and care for plants from experts. Students take home the produce they grow. Sophie, a student from Wahlquist Jr. High explained the three sister companion plants are corn, beans and squash. She explained how each plant helps each other by first building a hill of dirt, placing corn in the middle, beans on the side and squash in the back. The beans climb up the corn for support, and squash shade the ground to help with weed control. Sophie shared a story written by the garden club, “Four Brothers”.

Mrs. Parslow concluded noting project classes do nature journaling incorporating scientific and aesthetic observation, creative and technical writing, questioning, inventiveness, synthesis and mediation, focus, self-confidence and the ability to express themselves. Resources for the garden club continue to grow as they add more technology, including a weather station, drone, electronic microscope and trail camera. Preliminary research data shows statistically significant correlations with student interest in STEM careers, nature identity and interest in pursuing science, mathematics and art careers.

### **AGENDUM ITEM #4 – Discussion/Action Items**

#### A. Approval of Administrative Changes

Secondary Education Director Brock Mitchell noted secondary administrator Heather Hardy has accepted the position of Compliance Officer at the District Office. This opened up a position at T.H. Bell Jr. High for principal. Nicole Warren-Doman has accepted this position. This opened the position of assistant principal at Bonneville High School, accepted by Brook Young. Assistant principal at Rocky Mountain Jr. High will be filled with new secondary intern Cari Frederickson.

It is recommended the Board Approve the Administrative Changes.

Motion: Janis Christensen

Seconded: Paul Widdison

That the administrative changes be approved. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

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

## B. Approval of School Name, Mascot and Color Recommendation for New Junior High School

Secondary Director Brock Mitchell noted he will explain the process the naming committee conducted. The new junior high in West Haven is scheduled to open August of 2024. This has been a two-month process gathering information from community, and committee collaboration to provide name recommendations to the Board. Policy 6600 *Naming of Schools/Facilities* explains how naming is determined. Boundaries have not yet been determined. Committee member names were shared with Director Brock Mitchell as chair of the committee.

The goal for meeting #1 was to provide 3-4 recommendations to the Board. Data from the high school naming committee was used and committee members met with community members for additional recommendations. West Haven City mayor provided history on the area to the committee about the community characteristics as a rural farming community, country living at its best and spectacular views of western sunsets and eastern mountain ranges.

### Naming:

- Area originally comprised of Kanesville, Taylor and Wilson
- Community wanted a rural way of life
- Taylor and Wilson combined to create West Haven
- West Haven was chosen by ballot – Bob Holmes was first mayor

### Physical Features:

- Lakes, bay, mountain valleys, majestic peaks, sloping plains, rivers, marshes, sloughs
- “Lake Effect” – thunderstorms develop and roll up frequently

### Animal Life:

- Coyotes, rabbits, skunks, porcupine, bobcats, birds (duck pheasant, geese), deer, elk, antelope
- Main herds after bison, elk deer and antelope – horses, cows, goats

At the second meeting an initial list was created from community suggestions for names and mascots. Student art was also brought before the committee. Committee was broken into small groups to narrow names and mascots down to three.

Meeting #3 the committee reviewed previously created names then settled on names and all members given opportunity to electronically rank their list. Sky Haven Thunderbirds, Ridge View Mavericks, West Sky Thunderbird and finally Mountain View Mavericks ranked at the top. Color recommendations are teal and charcoal grey.

Brock concluded his presentation with a final recommendation of Mountain View Mavericks, with colors teal and charcoal grey.

It is recommended the Board approve the recommendation of School Name, Mascot and Colors for the New Junior High School.

Motion: Jan Burrell

Seconded: Bruce Jardine

That the Approval of School Name, Mascot and Colors recommendation for new junior high school be approved. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

### C. Approval of Interlocal Agreement with West Haven City

Business Administrator Robert Petersen noted the new junior high in West Haven City will have an additional gym built similar to the agreement we had when South Ogden Jr. High was built. West Haven City will pay \$3.1 million for the added gym. They will have access in evenings after 5:30 p.m. and weekends. Maintenance and utility costs will be shared with the city. The agreement was drafted by District Legal Counsel Heidi Alder and West Haven City Council has approved the agreement.

It is recommended the Board approve the Interlocal Agreement with West Haven City.

Motion: Paul Widdison

Seconded: Dean Oborn

That the Approval of the Interlocal Agreement with West Haven City be approved. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

### D. Approval of Revised Policy 8200, 8210 & 8220 *Sensitive Material/Library* – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

Online Digital Learning Director Nick Harris noted revised policy 8200 includes a selection and reselection procedure and definition of sensitive material as per HB374. It combines policies 8210 & 8220. District leaders have met with parent and employee groups for input. A few librarians were in attendance tonight and introduced.

The following additions/changes have been made to the policy:

- Purpose and Philosophy statement
- The District will accommodate parent's request to not allow their child access to certain instructional materials
- Definition of "sensitive materials"
- Selection and De-selection Criteria (age appropriateness)
- Feasibility and what are realistic for librarians to review with three to five reliable selection aids, and one source must be parent centered when available.
- In direct response to HB374 prohibiting sensitive material defined as pornographic or indecent material. A process for reconsidering materials was added and a safeguard on front end make sure librarians are not selecting books with sensitive materials. All librarians will be trained.
- Principal will be notified of titles added to the library and books under reconsideration
- The District website will list titles under reconsideration.
- Request for education suitability to discuss with librarian then principal
- Request for reconsideration as sensitive material. Process the District is presenting is twofold when there is a challenge it goes through different processes.
- Committee will consist of librarian/media specialist, two qualified teachers, administrator, three parents, (one from PTA, community council and one randomly selected). Parent and teachers on committee will serve for one school year.

- If sensitive material is found, it will be removed from all libraries in the District. If committee determined not educational suitable for that particular community it will be removed from that school but not necessarily the whole District.
- Appeal committee will consist of superintendent, board member, legal counsel, media specialist director, curriculum director, and or director of equity and decision will be final.
- Teacher instructional classroom libraries must apply the same selection criteria for educational suitability as is applied to libraries/media centers. If materials are already in library/media center collection, a teacher does not need to go through the selection process to include material in the teacher's classroom library.
- Teacher classroom libraries need to go through same criteria where students can voluntarily check out from teacher.

Board Member Janis thanked Nick and Heidi for their efforts.

It is recommended the Board approved Revised Policy 8200, 8210 and 8220 *Sensitive Materials/Library Policy* on a first reading.

Motion: Dean Oborn

Seconded: Bruce Jardine

That the Board approve Revised Policy 8200, 8201, 8220 *Sensitive Materials/Library Policy* - 1<sup>st</sup> Reading. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Board Member Paul Widdison thanked everyone involved, including parent groups for their input.

**AGENDUM ITEM #5 – Closed Session**

Closed meeting according to provisions of Utah Code 52-4-204,205  
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After determining no further business need be conducted, President Ritchie called to adjourn the general session of Board Meeting and move into Closed Session requesting Dr. Robert Petersen conduct a roll call vote.

Board Member Jan Burrell - aye  
Board Member Bruce Jardine - aye  
Board Member Paul Widdison - aye  
Board Member Janis Christensen - aye  
Board Member Douglas Hurst - aye  
Board Vice President Dean Oborn - aye  
Board President Jon Ritchie - aye

That the general session of Board Meeting be adjourned and move into Closed Session. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Closed Session convened at: 7:32 p.m.

Motion to adjourn the Closed Session and reconvene into General Session.

Motion: Jan Burrell

Seconded: Paul Widdison

That the Closed Session be adjourned and reconvene into General Session of Board Meeting. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Closed Session adjourned at: 8:25 p.m.

General Session reconvened at: 8:26 p.m.

Motion to adjourn the General Session of Board Meeting.

Motion: Bruce Jardine

Seconded: Jan Burrell

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

General Board Meeting adjourned at: 8:27 p.m.