

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

**General Board Meeting**  
**October 6, 2021**

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	Vice President
Janis Christensen	Board Member
Paul Widdison	Board Member
Doug Hurst	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

Musical Presentation: Students from Sand Ridge Jr. High Choir - Rowen Denny, Cadence Nelson, CL Jones, Riley Gonce, Alivia Funk and Mae Tolman. Director, Abby Reader. "Wild Hearts Can't Be Broken."

1. Pledge of Allegiance: Rowan Denney
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 LEA License and Endorsement Lists October 2021
3. Recognitions
  - A. Superintendent Stephens – *Utah Superintendent of the Year*
  - B. Deputy Mike Chatelain, Weber County Sheriff's Office – *Partners in Education Award*
  - C. Peggy Isaac, District Office – *Extra Mile Award*
4. Arguments for and Against Bond Proposal
5. Public Meeting

6. Discussion/Action Items

- A. Public Meeting
- B. Approval of School Calendar 2022-2023 1<sup>st</sup> Reading
- C. Approval of Adopted Policy 3130 – *Investment Policy* – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading
- D. Approval of Revised Policy 3300 – *Purchasing* and Revised Policy 3310 – *Bids and Quotations* – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading
- E. Approval of Revised Policy 4170 – *Attendance Policy* – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

**AGENDUM ITEM #2 – Consent Calendar**

A. Minutes

That the minutes for the Study Session and General Board Meeting Session dated September 1, 2021, be approved.

B. Warrant Register

That check numbers 00017567 through 00017863; and 00532036 through 00533393 totaling \$6,972,553.85 dated September 27, 2021, be approved.

C. Budget Update

That the budget update dated September 28, 2021, be approved.

D. New Hires

That the list of personnel changes and additions dated August 28, 2021, through September 30, 2021, be approved.

E. Bid/Purchase Approvals

F. Leave of Absence Requests

There were no leave of absence requests.

Board President, Jon Ritchie, called for a motion to approve the Consent Calendar.

Motion: Doug Hurst

Seconded: Janis Christensen

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

### **AGENDUM ITEM #3 – Recognitions**

#### **A. Superintendent Stephens – *Utah Superintendent of the Year***

Assistant Superintendent Lori Rasmussen recognized Superintendent Stephens, who recently received the Utah Superintendent Award from Utah School Superintendent Association. The award was presented by the Associate Executive Director of the Utah School Board Association, Lexi Cunningham as a surprise at Weber School District Offices. This award is usually presented at a USSA meeting, but Superintendent Stephens was busy reading to elementary students that day.

This award is in addition to many other awards he has received; National Digital Superintendent Award, he will be honored this month at Weber State University at the Salutes Awards Ceremony, recognized as an alumnus for his contributions made to education. He will also receive from NUCC, Superintendent of the Year Award. Assistant Superintendent Lori Rasmussen shared, we all know the impact he has had on education, then concluded with the following quote. “How a leader is won, who out of the clutter brings simplicity, out of discord brings harmony, and out of difficulty brings opportunity.”

President Ritchie concluded by thanking Superintendent Stephens for his leadership.

Superintendent Stephens commented how humbled he is but noted the award is a reflection on the work of our entire organization.

#### **B. Deputy Mike Chatelain – Partners in Education Award**

Community Relations Supervisor Lane Findlay introduced Deputy Mike Chatelain noting how much respect he has for him and the contributions he has made to Weber School District. He has always been someone to look up to with his calm demeanor. He is an unspoken leader.

Deputy Chatelain’s career of service started with the Ogden Police Department in 1985, primarily in patrol, also including a K-9 handler and instructor, and horse patrol. He started with Weber County Sheriff’s Office in 2005, served as a community resource officer, and school resource officer at Wahlquist Jr. High in 2013. He has had a great impact also in elementary as a NOVA instructor, guest teacher, and with standard response protocol. Mr. Findlay noted it’s all the little things he does, and his attention to detail and thoroughness. He could be found every morning making sure kids were safely crossing a busy intersection. He compared Deputy Chatelain to a sheep dog, always guarding kids, fearless, loyal and friendly.

Former principal Sue Sweet commented how he developed strong relationships with students, staff and community and was highly respected by all those he worked with stating, “You bring honor to your badge.”

Wahlquist Jr. High Principal Scott Elliott noted how amazing he is, how good he is at uniting with students and trying to find a win-win in every situation.

Deputy Chatelain commented he is just doing his job and noted this award is about working with everyone. He thanked those he received support from; WSD, Weber County Sheriff's Office, SRO's, and his family.

C. Peggy Isaac, District Office – *Extra Mile Award*

Technology Director Lynn Raymond introduced Peggy Isaac noting she was nominated by her peers to receive this award, which is usually nominated by supervisors. Peggy has personally helped everyone in this district. The following were shared about Peggy:

She is a master at MyStudent.  
Always willing to help and always has a smile on her face.  
She is a joy to work with and know.  
She is the ultimate professional.  
She is fast to respond.

Peggy introduced her family and thanked everyone for the support.

**AGENDUM ITEM #4 – Arguments for and Against the Bond Proposal**

Superintendent explained the legal requirements needed to proceed with the bond election include sharing arguments for and against the bond proposal.

Curriculum Director Sheri Heiter read the arguments for and against the bond proposal.

**AGENDUM ITEM #5 – Public Meeting**

President Jon Ritchie noted the meeting is now open for public comment and invited members of the audience to address the Board if they would like. Those wishing to speak were asked to fill in their name and address on the sign-up sheet provided. Two attendees addressed the Board.

- Cal McCrary, Washington terrace, Utah. Mr. McCrary stated he is for the bond, recognizes the need and how it will not raise taxes. He is concerned about inflation and shortages of labor and materials.
- Carly Leishman, West Haven, Utah. Ms. Leishman represented Kanesville Elementary PTA and her support for the bond, noting Kanesville Elementary is severely overcrowded.

## **AGENDUM ITEM #6 – Discussion/Action Items**

### **A. Approval of Adopted Policy 3130 *Investment Policy* – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

Dr. Robert Petersen noted each quarter the district reports to the state treasurer's office on our investments. All our investments are approved by PTIF (Public Treasurers Investment Fund.) The Utah State Treasurers Office requested we adopt an official policy regarding investments. There have been no further updates to this policy. It is recommended the Board approve the adoption of Policy 3130 *Investment Policy* on a second reading.

Motion: Paul Widdison

Seconded: Bruce Jardine

That the Approval of the adoption of Policy 3130 – *Investment Policy* be approved on a second reading. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

### **B. Approval of Revised Policy 3300 – *Purchasing* and Revised Policy 3310 – *Bids and Quotations* – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

Dr. Petersen noted for years we have had different levels of purchase amounts requiring certain action. These thresholds have been in place for many years and we have not kept up with inflation. This policy update will provide more flexibility recommended by our auditors. No further input has been requested. It is recommended the Board approve Revised Policy 3300 *Purchasing* and Revised Policy 3310 – *Bids and Quotations* on a second reading.

Motion: Jan Burrell

Seconded: Dean Oborn

That the Approval of Revised Policy 3300 – *Purchasing* and Revised Policy 3310 – *Bids and Quotations* on a second reading be approved. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

### **C. Approval of Revised Policy 4170 – *Attendance Policy* – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

Student Services Director Karla Porter noted last month's revisions were presented with updates to align with changes in truancy laws and moratorium. Instead of three policies there is now one. With no further input, it is recommended the Board approve Revised Policy 4170 – *Attendance Policy* on a second reading.

Motion: Bruce Jardine

Seconded: Dean Oborn

That the Approval of Revised Policy 4170 – *Attendance Policy* on a second reading be approved. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

## **AGENDUM ITEM #7 – Closed Session**

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. Also, a strategy session to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation.

After determining no further business need be conducted, President Ritchie called for a motion to adjourn the general session of Board Meeting and move into Closed Session requesting Dr. Robert Petersen conduct a roll call vote.

Motion: Janis Christensen

Seconded: Jan Burrell

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.

Reconvened in General Session at 7:49 p.m.

Motion to adjourn the General Session of Board Meeting.

Motion: Bruce Jardine

Seconded: Janis Christensen

General Board Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.