

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

**Study Session**  
**March 1, 2023**

The Board of Education of Weber School District held a Study Session in the Board Room at 5320 Adams Avenue, Ogden, Utah. The meeting convened at 5:20 p.m. The following Board Members and Superintendency were present:

Paul Widdison	Board President
Jon Ritchie	Board Vice President
Doug Hurst	Board Member
Janis Christensen	Board Member
Jan Burrell	Board Member
Kelly Larson	Board Member
Gina Butters	Superintendent
Clyde Moore	Assistant Superintendent
Dave Hales	Assistant Superintendent
Robert Petersen	Business Administrator

Also attending, WEA President Jenny Gravier and teacher Pilar Caballero. Board Member Bruce Jardine was excused.

Superintendent Butters noted we will have an update from elementary and secondary departments on boundaries and the new West Field Cone.

Elementary Education Director Mary Jo Williams shared the process on boundaries for the new West Field Cone. The purpose is to create recommendations to the Board for attendance boundaries that will adequately populate the new West Field Cone, consisting of West Field High School, Mountain View Jr. High and the new elementary. This will shift current boundaries across the district to balance student enrollment. Teams were asked to look at possible growth in the future and there is potential for the need to split schools, but hope to minimize impact. Process timeline up to this point was explained from November 2022 to February 2023. A District boundary team was created consisting of a principal, one employee at the school and one community member. They are also part of the school boundary team which may add an additional seven community members. District teams meet about once a month and share information with school boundary teams back and forth.

Secondary Education Director Brock Mitchell added there are three cone teams, Weber Boundary Team, Fremont and Roy Teams. He explained we are in between districts team meetings, while school teams continue to identify needs of the cone. The new cone will only have one junior high so it will create a ratio of five high schools to nine junior highs split and we may not have an even distribution. Continuing with the timeline, we will hold open houses at Orion Jr. High, Rocky Mountain Jr. High and Roy Jr. High. At the September 2023 Board Meeting, they will present the first recommendations to the Board for approval. Board Member Kelly Larson commented community members are happy with the current process and transparency. Board Vice President

Jon Ritchie commented as we go through the process we need to make sure we have a gap for room to grow. Brock shared maps with the Board and the following projections:

Current capacity

FHS 109%

WHS 108%

RHS 102%

First Year Projected

FHS 73%

WHS 94%

RHS 97%

WFHS 62%

3rd Year Projected

FHS 71%

WHS 87%

RHS 89%

WFHS 60%

Junior High Capacity

Current:

OJH 106%

WJH 105%

RMJH 103%

RJH 81%

SRJH 95%

1ST Year

OJH 96%

WJH 80%

MVJH 55%

RMJJ 71%

RJH 77%

SRJH 72%

3RD Year

OJH 92%

Board President Paul Widdison thanked everyone who has helped with this process and the transparency shown.

Board Member Janis Christensen updated the Board on the JLC (Joint Legislative Committee) and noted the big discussion has been the removal of the earmark. Resulting position of JLC is to oppose the resolution as it is written now. Board of Directors' reminder for the Regional Meeting on March 9<sup>th</sup>. April 2<sup>nd</sup> the state will put on an event for families and encourage all to continue attending Caucus Meetings. Delegate Assembly has a date change to August 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>.

Business Administrator Robert Petersen updated the Board on a bond sell and noted we had eight bidders. Citi Group won the bid at 3.69%. We will close on bonds for \$100 million on March 23, 2023.

Stewart Campbell addressed the Board representing Utah Parents United (UPU). He is the chapter head for Weber School District. He shared the program details and what they teach parents about their rights. They conduct virtual and in person trainings with parents across the state. Stewart concluded UPU wants to partner with the district and thanked the Board for serving.

Meeting adjourned at 5:56 pm