

WEBER SCHOOL DISTRICT
5320 Adams Avenue Parkway
Ogden, UT

General Board Meeting
January 4, 2023

The Board of Education of Weber School District held a Board Meeting in the Board Room at 5320 Adams Avenue, Ogden, 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
Doug Hurst	Board Member
Bruce Jardine	Board Member
Janis Christensen	Board Member
Paul Widdison	Board Member
Jan Burrell	Board Member
Gina Butters	Superintendent
Clyde Moore	Assistant Superintendent
Dave Hales	Assistant Superintendent
Robert Petersen	Business Administrator

Musical Performance: Weber High School Trumpet Trio Performing the National Anthem.

1. Pledge of Allegiance: Matthew Eldridge – Weber High School Student

President Jon Ritchie administered the *Oath of Office* for Board Members Jan Burrell, Bruce Jardine, Janis Christensen, and new Board Member Kelly Larson.

Superintendent Butters shared a synopsis of the educational background and work experience of Kelly. Kelly introduced her family in attendance.

President Ritchie indicated it is necessary to elect a new President and Vice President of the Weber School District Board of Education. He explained he needs to step back as President at this time due to work responsibilities. President Ritchie called for nominations for the office of Board President. Board Member Bruce Jardine nominated Paul Widdison for the office of President of Weber School District Board of Education. Board Member Jan Burrell seconded the nomination. Nominations were then opened for Vice President with Board Member Doug Hurst nominating Jon Ritchie. Paul Widdison seconded the nomination. Voting was unanimous.

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 – December 2022
- 3. Presentation
 - A. International Science and Engineering
- 4. Discussion/Action Items
 - A. Approve the Appointment of the Technology Department Assistant Director
 - B. Approval of New SIS (Student Information System)
 - C. Approve the Naming of Roy High Auditorium
 - D. Establish Board Meeting Dates for 2023 & January 2024
 - E. Consideration of a resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of not more than \$110,000,000 General Obligation School Building Bonds; delegating authority to certain officials to approve the final terms and provisions of and confirm the sale of such bonds and providing for related matters.
 - F. Approval of Weber County Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan (PDM)
 - G. Approval of School Calendar 2023-2024 – 1st Reading

AGENDUM ITEM #2 – Consent Calendar

A. Minutes

That the minutes for the Study Session dated December 7, 2022, and General Board Meeting dated December 7, 2022 be approved.

B. Warrant Register

That check numbers 00022536 through 00022864; and 00547865 through 00548582 totaling \$12,797,776.99 dated December 15, 2022, be approved.

C. Budget Update

That the budget update dated December 16, 2022, be approved.

D. New Hires

That the list of personnel changes and additions dated December 2, 2022, through December 16, 2022, be approved.

E. Bid/Purchase Approvals

That the Approval to Procure a New Eligibility and Point of Sale System for Child Nutrition be approved.

That the Approval of Maintenance Vehicles (4) be approved.

That the Approval of the Purchase of New Qumulo – 840 Storage System be approved.

F. Leave of Absence Requests

There was no leave of absence requests.

G. Approval of LEA License and Endorsement Lists – December 2022

Board President, Paul Widdison, called for a motion to approve the Consent Calendar.

Motion: Doug Hurst

Seconded: Bruce Jardine

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

AGENDUM ITEM #3 – Presentation

A. International Science and Engineering Fair Students

Curriculum Specialist Maggie Huddleston explained the Science Fair process and the International Science Fair. Four students from Weber School District attended last year. It was also noted Fremont High School submitted almost 200 projects last year.

Jack Wadsworth and Luke Dalebout from Fremont High School presented their project about golf, specifically putting. The title of their project is “An Analysis on the Factors of Putting.” Golf compressions were explained to the Board noting how much the ball compresses on the club face and how softer balls went in the hole more often. Their project had no human error because they constructed a ramp to receive consistent data. They concluded stating, “Every stroke counts!”

Alise Radle, student from Weber High School presented her project titled “Comparative Analysis of the Effectiveness of Polyethylene, Cetyl Alcohol and Shade Balls in Preventing Evaporation of Water and its Effect on Water Quality.” She explained her trials for this project go back three years. She wanted to figure the best way to prevent evaporation along with keeping water quality safe so aquatic animals would be able to live in it, and drink the water. She conducted two different trials testing the amount of evaporation with white plastic balls, cetyl alcohol, and polyethylene covering for ten days. The thickest layer of polyethylene was most effective in preventing evaporation and sustaining water quality.

AGENDUM ITEM #4 – Discussion/Action Items

A. Approve the Appointment of the Technology Department Assistant Director

Superintendent Butters explained with former Director of Technology retiring, Jennifer Boyer-Thurgood has stepped in as Interim Director and will continue for the remainder of the school year. It was noted she has done an outstanding job and has been instrumental with our SIS (Student Information System) adoption process and would like to have her see it through to completion. The official Director of Technology position will open in March. Casey Dalpiaz has accepted the Assistant Director of Technology position.

It is recommended the Board Approve the Appointment of Assistant Director of Technology.

Motion: Janis Christensen

Seconded: Jan Burrell

That the Approval of the Appointment of Assistant Director of Technology be approved. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Butters provided a synopsis of the educational background and work experience for Casey. Casey thanked the Board for the opportunity and introduced family in attendance.

B. Approval of New SIS (Student Information System)

Assessment and Curriculum Director Sheri Heiter noted they have a recommendation for the new SIS (Student Information System) tonight. Sheri explained the different phases the committee went through for the adoption process.

Six responses were received from vendors and then it was narrowed down to four. After the open house on November 18th two vendors advanced to the next round: Edupoint, and PowerSchool. Committee rankings and cost proposals were shared with the following features of importance:

- Student information system
- Data visualization tools (dashboard)
- Multi-tiered systems of support (MTSS)
- Behavior management
- Family communication tools
- Early warning system
- Secure document signing and delivery

Edupoint/Synergy cost points were shared with terms of 1-6 years with a 3% increase each year.

PowerSchool cost points were shared with terms of 1-6 years also with a 3% increase starting in term 4. Another product included with Powerschool will replace *Remind*. They also have a feature that could possibly replace *Panorama*.

Other factors used were the strong Utah presence, user support, tech service's needs, and potential replacement of other products. PowerSchool has all these features. Final committee recommendation to the Board is PowerSchool. It is recommended the Board approve PowerSchool for the new SIS (Student Information System).

Motion: Bruce Jardine

Seconded: Jon Ritchie

That the Approval of the New SIS (Student Information System) be approved. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Board Member Bruce Jardine thanked the committee and all those involved in the process.

C. Approve the Naming of Roy High School Auditorium

Secondary Education Director Brock Mitchell explained the recommendation for the naming of the newly renovated Roy High School Auditorium. It was noted long-time supporters Alan and Jeanne Hall have made a big impact through donations. They are proud members of the Roy community and their support and guidance have left a lasting impact. In accordance with Board Policy 6600 *Naming of Schools/Facilities*, a committee was formed to name the auditorium. The committee requests Board approval to formally name Roy High School Auditorium as the Alan and Jeanne Hall Family Auditorium.

Motion: Jan Burrell

Seconded: Bruce Jardine

That the Approval of the Naming of Roy High School Auditorium be approved. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

D. Establish Board Meeting Dates for 2023 & January 2024

Business Administrator Robert Petersen noted every year we schedule our Board Meetings to be held on the first Wednesday of every month with the exceptions of April due to spring break, June for the budget hearing and no meeting in July. It also includes January of 2024. The schedule will be posted in the newspaper and the public notice website. If anything changes it will be properly advertised. It is recommended the Board approve the upcoming Board Meeting Dates for 2023 & January 2024

Motion: Janis Christensen

Seconded: Jan Burrell

That the Established Board Meeting dates for 2023 & January 2024 be approved. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

- E. Consideration of a resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of not more than \$110,000,000 General Obligation School Building Bonds; delegating authority to certain officials to approve the final terms and provisions of and confirm the sale of such bonds and providing for related matters.

Business Administrator Robert Petersen explained with the passing of the bond in 2021, voters approved the issuance of \$279 million in bonds for projects. Two buildings are under construction and the elementary will break ground this month. We are asking the Board to approve the parameters resolution for issuance of the bonds. We hope to have a competitive sale of the bonds on February 23rd. Should the market go down, we can pull back on selling the bonds. It is recommended the Board approve the parameters resolution. In attendance tonight, Matt Dugdale with Stifel and Ryan Bjerke with Chapman and Cutler.

Motion: Jan Burrell

Seconded: Bruce Jardine

That the consideration of a resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of not more than \$110,000,000 General Obligation School Building Bonds; delegating authority to certain officials to approve the final terms and provisions of and confirm the sale of such bonds and providing for related matters. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Business Administrator Robert Petersen conducted a roll call vote:

Kelly Larson - aye
Jan Burrell - aye
Bruce Jardine - aye
Janis Christensen - aye
Doug Hurst - aye
Jon Ritchie - aye
Paul Widdison - aye

F. Approval of Weber County Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan (PDM)

Community Relations Specialist Lane Findlay noted this is a support resolution and explained Weber County has an updated plan every five years. This is a formality of the Board supporting Weber County Emergency Management. This also makes us eligible for grant reimbursement through FEMA in case of a natural disaster. It is recommended the Board approve the Weber County Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan.

Motion: Kelly Larson

Seconded: Doug Hurst

That the Approval of Weber County Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan be approved. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Business Administrator Robert Petersen conducted a roll call vote:

Kelly Larson - aye
Jan Burrell - aye
Bruce Jardine - aye
Janis Christensen - aye
Doug Hurst - aye
Jon Ritchie - aye
Paul Widdison - aye

G. Approval of School Calendar 2023-2024 – 1st Reading

Secondary Education Supervisor Matt Williams noted the calendar committee has met and have a proposal to present to the Board tonight. School administrators, district administrators, parents, PTSA, WEA, classified employees and teachers were included as part of the committee. The final calendar choices were sent to employee groups for input. The calendar committee would like to recommend calendar Option #2 for consideration and approval on a first reading. Board Vice President Jon Ritchie asked why Option #2. It was noted they received over 1200 responses from employees, 800 voting for Option #2. School starts on Wednesday with this option, but both options end school on the same day. President Widdison stated he is always asked why all districts cannot have the same calendars. Matt replied it is difficult to align with neighboring districts but some dates are the same. Board Member Kelly Larson asked what feedback was received from parents. It was noted they received about 6,000 responses from parents. The availability of the Dee Events Center for graduations was also a factor. It is recommended the Board approve Option #2 School Calendar 2023-2024 on a first reading.

Motion: Janis Christensen

Seconded: Jon Ritchie

That the Approval of School Calendar 2023 -2024 on a first reading be approved. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion

After determining no further business need be conducted, President Paul Widdison called for a 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 7:04 p.m.