

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

**General Board Meeting**  
**February 1, 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:

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| Paul Widdison     | Board President          |
| Jon Ritche        | Board Vice President     |
| Doug Hurst        | Board Member             |
| Janis Christensen | Board Member             |
| Bruce Jardine     | 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   |

Musical Performance: Weber High School Chamber Choir Performing “*Orange Colored Sky*” – Director, Leigh Marriott

1. Pledge of Allegiance: Erinne Jones – Weber High School Student
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 – January 2023
3. Presentation of Proposed Fee Schedule for 2023-2024 School Year – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading
4. Public Meeting – Public Comment on Proposed Fee Schedule

The public is encouraged to participate in the development and review of fee schedules. Each person desiring to participate will have 2 minutes to provide input regarding the proposed fee schedule.
5. Recognitions
  - A. Julie Rasmussen, Weber Innovation High School – *I Love Teaching Award*
  - B. Lynn Walker, Valley View Elementary – *Volunteer Award*

6. Presentation
  - A. *Do the Write Thing Contest* – Curriculum Presentation
  - B. School Highlight – Orion Jr. High MLL (Multi-Language Learners) Support
7. Discussion/Action Items
  - A. Approval of School Calendar 2023-2024 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading
  - B. Approval of Land Purchase Adjacent to West Field High School for Water Drainage

## **AGENDUM ITEM #2 – Consent Calendar**

### A. Minutes

That the minutes for the Study Session dated January 4, 2023, and General Board Meeting dated January 4, 2023 be approved.

### B. Warrant Register

That check numbers 00022865 through 00023158; and 00548583 through 00549518 totaling \$12,283,820.47 dated January 23, 2023, be approved.

### C. Budget Update

That the budget update dated January 23, 2023, be approved.

### D. New Hires

That the list of personnel changes and additions dated December 17, 2022, through January 26, 2023, be approved.

### E. Bid/Purchase Approvals

That the Approval to Purchase ZSpace VR Learning Systems be approved.

That the Approval of the Purchase of Maintenance Department Vehicle be approved.

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

That the Approval of the Purchase of a Mower for the Maintenance Department be approved.

### F. Leave of Absence Requests

There was no leave of absence requests.

### G. Approval of LEA License and Endorsement Lists – January 2023

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 of Proposed Fee Schedule for 2023-2024 School Year – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Secondary Education Supervisor Matt Williams explained the proposed fee schedule and thanked Keri Meyerhoffer, Business Support Specialist for her help in the process. They have clarified the schedule for more transparency and suggested changes have been noted in red. Changes have been made to align with State policies and creates equity for all students. This meeting is open for public comment. The Calendar Committee requests the Board approve the Proposed Fee Schedule for 2023-2024 on a first reading.

It is recommended the Board approve the Proposed Fee Schedule for 2023-2024 School Year on a first reading.

Motion: Jan Burrell

Seconded: Janis Christensen

That the Approval of the Proposed Fee Schedule for 2023-2024 School Year on a first reading be approved. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

**AGENDUM ITEM #4 – Public Meeting – Public Comment on Proposed Fee Schedule**

President Widdison invited members of the audience to comment on the draft fee schedule if they would like. There were no requests to address the Board.

**AGENDUM ITEM #5 – Recognitions**

**A. Julie Rasmussen, Weber Innovation High School – *I Love Teaching Award***

Secondary Education Director Brock Mitchell introduced Julie Rasmussen, Weber Innovation Science Teacher. The school has a unique model and it was noted many students “flock” to her classroom, it is always full and will find her engaging with students. Julie previously taught at Bountiful Jr. High and Fremont High School for two years, and Utah Electronic High School for ten years. She has taught at Weber Innovation for seven years, the same year it opened. Principal Hal Raymond’s nomination letter noted she has helped shape our unique personalized learning model with student success in mind, she is brilliant in her thoughts, a critical collaborative member of the PLC process, travels to the junior high schools to provide hands on experience for 9th grade students, has a consistent positive energy towards students and staff, and is a lead teacher who helps develop capacity in her colleagues with training. Students reacted to her award by sharing they love her and enjoy being in her classroom. She takes time to connect with us as people, is always happy, loves her job, and builds relationships. Colleagues love her! She goes above and beyond, likes things done right and is willing to put time into achieving expectations she sets for herself. Has a calm demeanor, is very approachable, students know she cares, and students mention her the most in graduation speeches. When Julie found out she was receiving this award she sent an email to her colleagues stating, “I find myself part of something that is bigger than I am alone. We are modern pioneers of education. I’m in awe

daily at the success of our students and the opportunities that are before them! I'm honored to accept the award and see it as a win for all of us. Go Ravens!"

Julie thanked the Board and introduced her family in attendance.

B. Lynn Walker, Valley View Elementary – *Volunteer Award*

Elementary Education Director Mary Jo Williams introduced Lynn Walker, volunteer at Valley View Elementary. Before becoming a volunteer, he served three tours in the Air Force. In 2014 he was asked to fill in as a reading aide, and even when the program was discontinued he continued to read with 1st grade students. Principal Phil Nestoryak noted he makes each child his priority during the few minutes they spend together reading. The students love Mr. Walker! He loves to see students' progress academically and with their personalities. Students shared he helps me know what sentences mean, helps me work hard, he is really nice and I like reading because of him. Mr. Walker is good at his job, he always talks to me and cares about how I am doing.

Mr. Walker thanked teachers and family then introduced those in attendance.

**AGENDUM ITEM #6 – Presentations**

A. *Do the Write Thing Contest* – Curriculum Presentation

Curriculum Teacher Leader Kim Irvine introduced students Parker Johnson and Peter Thompson, both students from South Ogden Junior High, and national finalists for *Do the Write Thing Contest*. USBE Specialist Mr. Cuong Nguyen explained the program and noted it is funded by the state of Kuwait. The program encourages 7th and 8th graders to write about experiences with violence and how to resolve issues. Essays are collected, read by college students and finalists are selected. Kim explained prompts to the essay are, what is youth violence, what causes youth violence, and how has it affected my life. As national finalists they received a trip to Washington D.C.

Parker Johnson shared she has learned so much through this process and also learned from others. It proved to her in the end, kindness and love will always win, she learned to talk through feelings and realized she is not alone.

Peter Thompson shared the leading cause of death for 10-17-year old's is suicide. He wrote his essay to educate people about depression. He noted it is important to listen to students and take action while you still can.

Kim concluded noting these students now have the title "Ambassadors of Peace," and while in Washington D.C. they had a chance to meet Senator Mitt Romney. Copies of the essays were shared with the Board.

B. School Highlight – Orion Jr. High MLL (Multi-Language Learners) Support

Orion Jr. High Principal Matt Patterson shared some of the successes at Orion Junior High School. They realized they have students that have needs and decided to look at data. Matt spotlighted a student from Chile noting when he first came to school he could not speak English and now he is learning English. Some reasons for their success were shared:

- Every student has a name, a face, a voice and purpose
- Every key staff member identifies MLL students at the beginning of each school year
- WIDA testing data evaluated by staff
- Strategic staff: Student Advocate/EL Aide (Mariana)
- Help students understand the WIDA testing process
- Training and supporting teachers to focus on the Essential Standards with MLL students
- MTSS process that tracks and provides targeted support for struggling learners

Identifying student proficiency level for each language domain and establishing student abilities based on their proficiency level was explained. They have seen many students progress. Board Member Kelly Larson commented Mr. Patterson & Mr. Prall really do care about all the kids at Orion Jr. High and thanked them for all they do.

### **AGENDUM ITEM #7 – Discussion/Action Items**

#### **A. Approval of the School Calendar 2023-2024 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

Secondary Education Supervisory Matt Williams noted on January 4th the Board approved the calendar on a first reading. With no further updates, the Calendar Committee would like to recommend the Board approve School Calendar 2023-2024 on a second reading.

It is recommended the Board Approve the School Calendar 2023-2024 on a second reading.

Motion: Jon Ritchie

Seconded: Jan Burrell

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

#### **B. Approval of Land Purchase Adjacent to West Field High School for Water Drainage**

Business Administrator Robert Petersen noted it was explained in Board Study Session by Facilities Director Larry Hadley, we are purchasing a piece of property north of West Field High School for water drainage. It is recommended the Board approve the land purchase adjacent to West Field High School.

Motion: Bruce Jardine

Seconded: Kelly Larson

That the Approval of Land Purchase Adjacent to West Field High School for Water Drainage be approved. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

### **AGENDUM ITEM #8 – Closed Session**

Closed meeting according to provisions of Utah Code 52-4-204,205  
(This meeting is a strategy session to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation and a strategy session to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual).

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

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

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 7:02 p.m.

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

Motion: Jan Burrell

Seconded: Jon Ritchie

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 7:37p.m.

General Session reconvened at 7:38 p.m.

Motion to adjourn the General Session of Board Meeting.

Motion: Bruce Jardine

Seconded: Janis Christensen

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

General Board Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.