

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

**Study Session**  
**September 4, 2024**

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 5:00 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
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

President Paul Widdison welcomed everyone.

Superintendent Butters explained West Field High School opened yesterday to students. Student orientations were held the week prior and teachers were allowed to move into their classrooms. Students were bused to the school for orientations and the first home football game was held last Friday. Haven Bay Elementary will open Monday, September 9th. Currently, Haven Bay students have been attending Hooper Elementary and Kanesville Elementary. Parts of the building will continue to be under construction. Ribbon cutting ceremonies will be held for both West Field High and Haven Bay Elementary later this month.

The Strategic Plan Roll-Out presentations have begun with Bonneville and Fremont cones so far.

Utah Fits All Scholarship handout was shared with the Board. It has been decided for now, Weber School District will pause applying to become a vendor for this program. 6 out of 41 districts in the state are currently vendors: Alpine, Box Elder, Canyons, Iron, Nebo and Washington.

Business Administrator Robert Petersen introduced Brandon Cooper from Riverdale City and explained the subcommittee met recently on the proposed expansion to an existing Redevelopment Agency (RDA) which is grandfathered under old RDA rules.

Brandon Cooper, Community Development Director with Riverdale City shared with the Board the location and explained the lack of infrastructure and need for an amendment to the existing RDA. Consists of 73 acres created in 2005, base year of 2011 with a 17-year term and 100% participation from all entities. Tax increment collection period commencement is in 2025. Key projects include the America First Credit Union campus, housing, hospitality, and retail and commercial offices. Objectives are to encourage highest, best use of land, remove development impediments and incompatible uses, upgrade infrastructure, roadways and access, strengthen tax base, facilitate skilled jobs at higher wages, redevelop underutilized property, and develop vacant land. America First is looking to build ten new buildings. Infrastructure needs are transmission of traffic, water, sewer, and other public improvements. Total cost \$42,500,000, recap of current budget shared with a \$9,000,000 cap. Weber School District has currently received \$2,512,000. New proposed budget would amend new development. Proposing new participation rate at 80% to allow entities to participate in growth over the next twenty years and give the needed money to tackle infrastructure expenses. The Tech Committee will vote on October 3rd.

Elementary Education Director Mary Jo Williams explained to the Board Haven Bay Elementary will open on September 9th, but will continue to be under construction. Beginning tomorrow, teachers will be allowed to set up and instructional coaches will step in and substitute teach while teachers move into the school. Parents are invited to the school on September 6th from 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. School hours will not need to be made up since they began the school year at Hooper and Kaneshville Elementary. Busing schedules will be updated on the bus locator and will also notify the community. Students walking to school will have crossing guards on 5100 W. and 3300 S. and directly in front of the school. West Haven City is currently needing one more crossing guard for the school. Some areas of the school will remain under construction but will be secured. Construction workers will enter through a separate entrance.

Mary Jo also shared with the Board regarding the new playground at Country View Elementary and money raised through the RAMP Grant and other sources. The approval is on the consent calendar tonight.

Legal Counsel Heidi Alder updated the Board on policy second readings:

Policy 5201 *Bullying* had updates to definitions and added a section allowing parents to appeal a decision and department title changes. There have been no updates since last meeting.

Policy 6800 *Utah Government Records Access and Management Act (GRAMA)* our old policy had more steps than necessary under the law. Appeals can go to the records committee or court of appeals. New legislation language was also added to the policy. No changes since last meeting.

First readings:

New Policy 4120 *Student Discrimination and Harassment* has changes to terms and definitions to identify and make clear. Not all conduct is necessarily harassment and have it separated. Examples are provided on the two and prohibit both. Modified investigative procedures and meet requirements of federal law.

Policy 4195 *Section 504 Student Accommodations* was explained we have not had a specific policy to procedures for creating and amending 504 plans for student not on an IEP. Language articulates what we have already been doing in practice.

Policy 6600 *Naming of School Facilities and Mascots* is a reimplementation about naming school facilities and mascots and the process the district goes through. Procedures we follow have been laid out.

Repealing policies on the consent calendar - Some are outdated or too short and have been incorporated into another policy.

Policy 8800 *Learning Materials and Reconsideration* on the consent calendar had changes needed to incorporate due to legislature last session and now aligns with it. No process or procedure changes, just definitions and requirements by state laws.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.