

WEBER SCHOOL DISTRICT
5320 Adams Avenue Parkway
Ogden, UT

Study Session
September 6, 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 4:30 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 Widdison welcomed everyone.

Community Relations Specialist Lane Findlay updated the Board on the School Resource Officer contract that was previously for five years. Negotiations began with six entities in March and settled on a 9 month - 70/30 split. The increase will be phased in over a period of three years. The contract is on the agenda tonight for Board approval with specific formulas on costs included in the Board packet. Board Vice President Jon Ritchie asked if we are able to get out of the contract if needed. It was noted there are provisions written in the contract that we can terminate if something changes. HB61's purpose was to look into safety and SRO's (Student Resource Officers) and was sponsored by Representative Ryan Wilcox. Board Member Kelly Larson asked about the cost. It was explained the cost of the FTE includes benefits for the entire year and has taken out the summer months. This year it remains at a 50/50 split. Costs will increase from \$47,000 to \$60,000 per officer, for this year's salary. The addition of the new West Field cone will also require more officers. Total costs will increase from \$633,000 to over \$1.3 million for law enforcement. Board President Paul Widdison added it is not well known to people the district is paying for these salaries and not the police departments.

Legal Counsel Heidi Alder added we are required by law to implement an SRO policy. The policy will be presented tonight on a first reading as new Policy 2110 *School Resource Officer*. The policy was created to meet the mandates of the state statute.

Business Administrator Dr. Robert Petersen explained how our TIF/CRA process works, how the CRA came about and how the Marriott-Slaterville CRA follows our TIF guidelines. We are currently collecting \$447,776 in taxes to increase, with the expansion of Model Linen. Year one we will collect \$106,000 more in taxes. They need a sewer line and we will help with this cost. We will help develop the area and over ten years will collect \$610,000 in new tax money. It is a 50/50 split and the Board TIF Committee has also vetted this project.

Doug Larsen, representing Marriott-Slaterville City explained the proposal and project area boundary with 98 acres south of 12th street. They are asking all to participate ten years at 50%. Total tax increase coming to Weber District is just over \$1 million. The use of the TIF will be strictly directed to the investment of public infrastructure. New sewer lines will be installed along 17th street, new secondary water lines, and infrastructure cost of \$1,037,952. Enables opportunity for 75 to 100 new jobs, and increases local property tax base by approximately \$25 million at peak. Eliminates potential environmental concerns with septic systems near waterways and supports local business expansion. A 10% housing allocation, at \$102,000. Net benefit analysis was shared and Board President Jon Ritchie asked what the startup date is. It was noted no later than 2026. Board Member Bruce Jardine asked when the road will be triggered. Doug explained it will be next year.

Legal Counsel Heidi Alder noted we are revising Policy 8400 *Video Usage*. This policy has not been updated for over 20 years and was requested from teachers and media specialists to update. Most of the edits are formatting and modifying the ratings of the videos that can be used in elementary, junior high and high school. Elementary G & PG, junior highs G & PG, high school no rated R movies in any of the schools. Board Member Kelly Larson asked if the policy explains that the entirety of a movie can be shown. Heidi noted the provision and can add to the policy about showing the full movie or permission for PG 13 movies from parents.

Brock Mitchell and Mary Jo Williams presented to the Board the committee recommendations for the new West Field Cone boundaries. Goals of the study committee were to create attendance boundaries as necessary, consider school programs, prepare and present proposals to the Board. The committee followed Policy 4151 *School Attendance Boundaries*, with the West Field Cone at a Level III Boundary Adjustment. District and school boundary study teams were put together and set up three separate committees by cone. The timeline of events was shared which began October 2022. Items of consideration: splitting of schools, safety, portables and walk zones, capacity and growth, dual language immersion programs, teacher preparation buyouts, grandfathered students, and boundary exception opportunities. School walk zone information was discussed for West Field, Mountain View and the new elementary.

High school proposals: Proposal 1 – Includes the recommendation that any 10th grade student(s) who started the high school career at their local High School in the school year 2023/2024 be permitted to stay for the remainder of their high school career. Boundary exceptions will be permitted.

Junior high proposals: All three proposals, the school enrollments are:

- North Ogden JH: Enrollment remains at 85%
- Orion JH: 104% to 100%/94%
- Wahlquist JH: 101% to 80%/85%
- Roy JH: 82% to 84%/72%

After extensive study and multiple committee meetings reviewing ideas, feedback, and adjustments, the district boundary committee is proposing to the Board the following boundary proposals:

- High School – Proposal 1 with 10th grade students grandfathered
- Junior High – Proposal 2
- Elementary – Proposal 3

Superintendent Butters concluded with a few announcements including Dr. Sid Dickson will be visiting our district on Sept. 13th at the Two Rivers Teen Center. Also, information regarding the JLC Delegate Assembly and the draft form of priorities being put forth for funding in the upcoming legislative session.

Meeting adjourned at 6:01pm