

WEBER SCHOOL DISTRICT
5320 Adams Avenue Parkway
Ogden, UT

Study Session
December 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 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 Widdison welcomed everyone. Board Member Janis Christensen congratulated the Board and Superintendency for completing the Master Board Certification by the December 1, 2023 deadline.

Stephanie Russell from Weber County and Commissioner Jim Harvey noted they are presenting to the Board tonight the Interlocal Agreement for the Promontory Commerce Center. It was noted it is a project that is currently all green belt with great tax opportunities. Stephanie introduced the developers from Black Pine, Daniel Stevens and Dallin Curiden and explained it is a project they have been working on for about two years. There is very little infrastructure currently so over \$100 million will be needed just for infrastructure. Benefits of participation in Promontory Commerce Center include dedicating 35 acres for a public park, trail systems, oversized water tank, sewer line and dedicated land for the fire department. The trigger date is January 1, 2025. Dallin explained it will require 80% participation for 25 years to generate \$300,000 property tax revenue to the school district. Total new tax revenue \$15 million. After the CRA expires, \$3.2 million in annual property tax revenue will go to the school district. Currently, we are receiving \$12,000 a year. Dr. Petersen noted it is about fifty times of what we are currently receiving. It was noted Weber County is dropping their current CRA policy to match the district's CRA policy. Stephanie concluded noting there is a cap maximum of \$85 million included in the interlocal agreement.

Facilities Executive Director Larry Hadley explained to the Board in recent Capital Improvement meetings it was important to replace land we have used on the most recent school builds. Harrisville and Hooper areas have possibilities. Facilities Supervisor Brian Anderson

and Larry met with families interested in selling land in Hooper. It is 50.2 acres with all parcels. It was proposed to sell each parcel and have four closings including 37 shares of water. Total for the four closings at \$5,222,473. We will lease back their homes and perform the demolition on other structures.

Legal Counsel Heidi Alder noted we have a second reading on policy 8800 *Learning Materials Selection and Reconsideration* with one amendment. The state currently has instructional materials approved through the RFP (Request for Proposal) process, so it was added if we use vendors on the list we will not need to have to go through the RFP process. Board Member Kelly Larson asked if we need to have added to the policy Concurrent Enrollment courses select their own curriculum. It was noted we will have it added.

Revised policy 5200 *Student Discipline* was last amended in 2019 and in the process with student services are developing a more comprehensive overview to conduct language for administrators and consistency. We want to ensure definitions are accurate. Risks assessments previously conducted need evaluations by those qualified, and when a student is referred to the district for a safe school hearing, previous language was changed to “may” refer conduct to the district. It clarifies any referral for a hearing should only be done after a thorough investigation. Finally, ensure administrators are documenting investigations in our student information system and consulting with student services.

Revised Policy 4400 *Student Records* is a reiteration of federal law. Our previous policy was unclear on when and how we share student records. This also addresses what we provide to schools when a student transfers and also what CUM files entail.

Secondary Education Director Brock Mitchell updated the Board on staffing for the two new schools as new boundaries will impact staffing. Currently, West Field High has hired eight teachers as department heads, and three head coaches. Mt. View Jr. High has hired eight department heads. Round one positions will be open next week for schools impacted. Round two will open for in district employees in January. Third round for out of district applicants will be open mid to late February and hired by early March.

Elementary Education Director Mary Jo Williams updated the Board on the naming of the new elementary and staffing. With Roosevelt Elementary closing, she shared where each grade level will be relocated for the 2024-25 school year:

- Kindergarten - Washington Terrace
- 1st grade – H. Guy Child
- 2nd grade - Washington Terrace
- 3rd grade - Burch Creek
- 4th grade - H. Guy Child
- 5th grade - Uintah
- 6th grade - Burch Creek

It was noted there has been great collaboration with facilities, technology, transportation, child nutrition, special education and curriculum departments to make this process possible.

They will move out of Roosevelt Elementary by June 1, 2024. Board Member Jan Burrell asked about the after-school programs and it was noted they will be held at T.H. Bell Jr. High.

Mary Jo also noted in regards to the new elementary, a timeline of events to be included in January 3, 2024 Board Meeting will be to name the new administrator and approval to begin the naming process. On January 8th key school positions will be open and first round teaching positions will open February 5th.

Secondary Education Supervisor Matt Williams presented on the transfer of UHSAA athletic eligibility with the new high school. After discussion, it was necessary to update and make changes affecting only Fremont High and West Field High. A memo with different scenarios was shared with the Board and noted it will be emailed out to staff and parents/students in the next couple of days.

Superintendent Butters acknowledge Dr. Rod Belnap who was named *National ACTE Administrator of the Year*. He will be formally recognized during the January 3, 2024 Board meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:59pm