

WEBER SCHOOL DISTRICT
5320 Adams Avenue Parkway
Ogden, UT

General Board Meeting
February 2, 2022

The Board of Education of Weber School District held a Board Meeting in the Board Rooms at 5320 Adams Avenue Parkway, Washington Terrace, 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
Paul Widdison	Board Member
Doug Hurst	Board Member
Jan Burrell	Board Member
Bruce Jardine	Board Member
Janis Christensen	Board Member
Jeff Stephens	Superintendent
Lori Rasmussen	Assistant Superintendent
Robert Petersen	Business Administrator

Assistant Superintendent Art Hansen was excused.

Musical Performance: Fremont High Student, Sam Ostler – Performing “Goodbye”

1. Pledge of Allegiance: Sam Ostler
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 February 2022
 - H. Approve Naming of Weber High School Wrestling Room
3. Parent Comment – UHSAA Upcoming Vote
4. Presentation of Proposed Fee Schedule for 2022-2023 School Year – 1st Reading
5. 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.

6. Recognitions
 - A. Lori Welch and Rich Lambert, Home & Hospital Teachers – *E+ Team Award*
 - B. Aaron Child, Head Custodian, Pioneer Elementary – *Extra Mile Award*
7. Presentation – Behavior Student Support Specialist Program
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.)

AGENDUM ITEM #2 – Consent Calendar

A. Minutes

That the minutes for the Study Session and General Board Meeting Session dated January 5, 2022 and Special Board Study Session dated December 17, 2021 be approved.

B. Warrant Register

That check numbers 00018855 through 00019205; and 00536392 through 00537359 totaling \$8,152,759.52 dated January 24, 2022, be approved.

C. Budget Update

That the budget update dated January 24, 2022, be approved.

D. New Hires

That the list of personnel changes and additions dated December 21, 2021, through January 27, 2022, be approved.

E. Bid/Purchase Approvals

That the approval of the purchase of three school buses be approved and the approval of the travel request for Fremont Drill/Cheer be approved.

F. Leave of Absence Requests

There was no leave of absence requests.

Board President, Jon Ritchie, called for a motion to approve the Consent Calendar.

Motion: Paul Widdidson

Seconded: Jan Burrell

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

AGENDUM ITEM #3 – Parent Comment – UHSAA Upcoming Vote

Heidi Lighthall, representing Weber High Boys' Volleyball Club addressed the Board on the sanctioning of boys' volleyball at Weber High School. Heidi noted on March 24th the Board of Trustees from UHSAA will hold a vote, and although our school Board is not part of this vote, she wanted to share the great interest in Weber School District for Boys Volleyball 6A status. There are currently 29 boys playing both varsity and junior varsity from Weber School District.

Two students, Sam Cruze and Davis Bailey representing Weber High Volleyball Club shared the experiences they have had with volleyball and how much it means to them.

Kyle Komenda, local attorney and father of a volleyball family addressed the Board noting there is growth and support of volleyball in the area. Volleyball is currently the only sport in Utah not sanctioned for co-ed access. Mr. Komenda asked the Board to consider lending their voice in support of boys' volleyball with the UHSAA at their upcoming meeting.

Superintendent Stephens thanked Heidi for her presentation and noted we will work with them on getting some games in our facilities.

AGENDUM ITEM #4 – Presentation of Proposed Fee Schedule for 2022-2023 School Year – First Reading

Secondary Education Supervisor Clyde Moore noted we are asking for the Board to approve the proposed fee schedule. Information was gathered by working with the fee committee. Changes made on all schedules for the 2022-2023 school year is aligned with state policy and creates transparency and equity with all students. It is recommended the Board review and acknowledge changes on a first reading.

Motion: Janis Christensen

Seconded: Jan Burrell

That the fee schedule for 2022-2023 school year be approved on a first reading. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

AGENDUM ITEM #5 – Public Comment on Proposed Fee Schedule

President Jon Ritchie noted the meeting is now open for public comment and invited members of the audience to address the Board if they would like. Those wishing to speak were asked to fill in their name and address on the sign-up sheet provided. One attendee addressed the Board.

- Cal McCrary, Washington Terrace, Utah. Mr. McCrary stated he is not in favor of supporting additional funding due to his concerns of what is being taught in schools.

AGENDUM ITEM #6 – Recognitions

Student Services Director Karla Porter introduced Rich Lambert and Lori Welch, Home & Hospital Teachers. Rich began in 1984, retired in 2015 then returned as a Home & Hospital Teacher. Lori began in 1992 as a math teacher at South Ogden Junior High then in 2002 became a Home & Hospital Teacher.

Mrs. Porter explained more about the Home & Hospital program:

- Provides each student with approximately two hours of instruction per week by a licensed educator.
- The intent is to be short- term assistance until the student is able to resume regular classroom attendance.
 1. Instruct students on an individual basis in a home, hospital or community setting in a variety of subjects.
 2. Act as a liaison between the students, parents, and the home school to help students remain current with regular classes.
 3. Create flexible programs and a class environment favorable for learning and personal growth of each student.
 4. Establish relationships with students.
 5. They support every school in the district and serve 65-75 per year but are available for 33,123 students.
 6. They work with administration, nurses and teachers.
 7. Classrooms may include a home, hospital, library, rehab center or in their offices located on 12th street.

Subjects taught:

- K-6 all subjects
- Math
- Language arts 7-12
- Science
- Visual arts
- Social studies
- Technology
- Career and Technical Education
- Performing Arts
- General Financial Literacy
- Health

Principal Matt Williams nominated Rich Lambert. He noted Rich loves teaching, is very intelligent, has integrity, self-discipline, work ethic, advocates, respected by other teachers, and a motivator of other teachers. Parents comment on his strength and effectiveness. To say he is well rounded is an understatement! Examples of many of his experiences with students were then shared.

Principal Andrea Woodring nominated Lori Welch and noted she bends over backwards to teach and assist students who face overwhelming challenges and situations. She is a curriculum master and has leaned in and given it her all! Success stories with students were then shared.

Mrs. Porter stated, “They are our district’s Superheroes!” She concluded with a quote from Rita Pierson – “Every child deserves a champion: an adult who will never give up on them, who understands the power of connection and insists they become the best they can possibly be.”

Superintendent Stephens thanked Rich and Lori for all they do.

Facilities Director Scott Zellmer introduced Aaron Child as the Head Custodian at Pioneer Elementary. The nomination came as a result of furniture installed over Christmas break and how Aaron went above and beyond to help. District Purchasing Agent Kelli Hall nominated him stating he exemplifies the “Weber Way!” An outside vendor also nominated Aaron for helping with everything. Principal Shane Rasmussen in his letter stated how he has a relationship with all students at the school, he is a great person and will drop everything to help someone out. He said, “It’s not happy people that are grateful but grateful people that are happy.” Boyd Harris, Custodial Supervisor stated he exemplifies the understanding of having custody or ownership of something. Teachers at Pioneer Elementary stated he is always friendly, he makes our lives better just being there, and fixes everything.

AGENDUM ITEM #7 – Presentation – Behavior Student Support Specialist Program

Jana Heywood General Education Behavior Coordinator began explaining the purpose of Weber School District Student Support is to prevent and reduce unproductive classroom behaviors, specifically in elementary schools, that are limiting academic achievement for students who cannot yet participate in a productive way within the classroom.

There are six behavior specialists that work one on one with students in the classroom by referral. A quote from Annette Breau was shared, “Everyone in the classroom has a story that leads to misbehavior or defiance. Nine times out of ten, the story behind the misbehavior won’t make you angry. It will break your heart.”

An increase of behavior is because all the things affecting students; mental health, great recession, substance abuse, changes in family structure, decline in free play, excessive screen time, increased academic pressure, and decreased funding for education. We have to teach appropriate behavior. Jana then shared a story about a 2nd grade classroom and how they resolved a bad situation with positive reinforcement.

Success for 2021-2022 School Year

Completed -

- 17 classrooms, of those 17 students, only one moved to a Tier II classroom. Two were referred for Special Education services.

Actively Working -

- 6 classrooms

Schools Waiting for Assistant

- Schools waiting 4

Jana concluded her presentation sharing a quote from Dr. Kevin Maxwell. “Our job is to teach the students we have. Not the ones we would like to have. Not the ones we used to have. Those we have right now. All of them.”

