

WEBER SCHOOL DISTRICT
5320 Adams Avenue Parkway
Ogden, UT

Study Session
May 3, 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

Also attending WEA President Jennifer Gravier and teachers Linda Gallego and Amy Kendell.

President Widdison noted his term on the OWTC Board of Trustees will end next month. Board Member Jan Burrell has been appointed to now serve on the Board.

Superintendent Butters noted we will begin tonight with some policy revisions. District Legal Counsel Heidi Alder will walk through the policies on the Board agenda that will be presented on a first reading.

Heidi noted there are five policy revisions on tonight's Board agenda. Many of the policies are not substantive but need updates.

- Policy 1130 *Board Meetings* include a provision to add a public comment section and is reformatted. Currently, the policy defines number of provisions currently in state law. A definition section was added which included updates and information required by HB21. Districts throughout the state are doing things differently. In Section IV, it notes anything not listed in the policy we are complying with and is a "catch all." It was noted training will be provided for Board Members. Heidi noted feedback on section V regarding public participation is needed from the Board. The Board may decide all the specifics. The following suggestions and input were provided by Board Members:

- Board Member Kelly Larson asked about the time limitation and what other districts are doing.
 - Board Member Bruce Jardine noted he liked the total of 24 minutes, giving up to 8 people 3 minutes each is a good number because it will still probably last 30 minutes.
 - A sign-up sheet is suggested and will be available electronically or in person.
 - Board Member Jan Burrell suggested to start with 3 minutes for each person.
 - Time keeping and who does it will need to be determined.
 - Board Vice President Jon Ritchie asked about repeated comments and what to do. If there is a group of people possibly have one person from that group comment.
 - Must have a statement addressing there will be no engagement from Board Members. Add explanation of the process on public comment, and Board meeting is not necessarily the best way to voice concerns.
 - Suggestion to replicate how Davis District conducts their public comment.
 - Add where public comment will be listed on the agenda. Possibly before action items.
 - If electronic sign up is not up to 8 people within 24 hours they can sign up in person. Maybe electronic sign up will take precedent.
 - Public comment open to any Weber County resident.
 - Asked about electronic comments. Other districts prohibit this. Comments need to be in person.
 - Section 5 - email address will be sent to Human Resources email.
- *4160 Residency and Enrollment* – Last updated two or three years ago. This policy is now combined with Policy 4140 which deals with age entrance requirements. Proof of residency is a new component added which we are already using in schools and will be included in this policy. The last change is regarding parents who live outside of the U.S. We have been treating out of state and out of country the same by applying to the out of state boundary committee.
 - *4372 Graduation Policy for Foreign Students on Education Visas (J-1 Only)* Heidi asked the Board for permission to combine with current *4370 Graduation Policy*.
 - *5220 Student Dress and Grooming Standards* – There have been no changes since discussion at study session last month.

- *7135 LEA Specific Teacher Licensing* - State Board of Education previously capped the number of years an LEA specific license could be renewed to three years. It is now reviewed on a case by case basis. We incorporated a provision where an educator that does not obtain their associates license by the end of their third year may not advance on the salary schedule. Kelly asked to add after five years they will be non-renewed. Possibly add specific rationale for applicants to the memo.

Business Administrator Dr. Robert Petersen introduced Matt Dugdale with Stifel. Matt distributed packets to the Board about basic governmental bonding. He explained with school districts there is only one general obligation bond. This is a local building authority the majority of districts in the state have created and gives the opportunity to issue lease revenue bonds through the local building authority. When construction costs increase on projects, it is available once it is created. The process was explained noting it consists of a two-meeting process. The Board will consider the resolution on the agenda tonight. Second meeting in June the Board will elect officers of the local building authority and once created, have the opportunity to use it in the future. It will require a roll call vote tonight conducted by Dr. Robert Petersen.

Superintendent Butters concluded noting updates about the legislative audit have been submitted for the required annual reporting and will be shared with the Board via email.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 pm