

WEBER SCHOOL DISTRICT
5320 Adams Avenue Parkway
Ogden, UT

General Board Meeting
December 3, 2025

The Board of Education of Weber School District held a Board Meeting in the Board Room at 5320 Adams Avenue, Ogden, Utah. The meeting convened at 6:00 p.m.

The following Board Members and Superintendency were present:

Paul Widdison	Board President
Doug Hurst	Board Vice President
Janis Christensen	Board Member
Bruce Jardine	Board Member
Jan Burrell	Board Member
Kelly Larson	Board Member
Wyle Williams	Board Member
Gina Butters	Superintendent
Clyde Moore	Assistant Superintendent
Dave Hales	Assistant Superintendent
Brock Mitchell	Business Administrator

Musical Performance: Roy High School Choir Performing, *Away in a Manger and Swingin' with Santa Clause* – Directed by Shannon Sowby

1. Pledge of Allegiance: Isabella Peterson – Roy High School Student
2. Recognitions
 - A. Lori Browne, Weber School District Office – *Utah Association of Secondary School Principals Secretary of the Year*
 - B. John Watson Chevrolet – *Partners in Education Award*
 - C. DiAne Morin, Roy Jr. High – *Extra Mile Award*
3. Principal Spotlight
 - A. Principal Mary Heslop – Country View Elementary
4. 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 Open Enrollment Schools 2026-2027
- H. Approval of Updates to Policies for Consent Calendar – Policy 4500
Extracurricular Activities, Policy 8330 CIPA (Children's Internet Protection Act)

5. Public Comment

6. Discussion/Action Items

A. Consideration of a resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of not more than \$31,000,000 General Obligation School Building Bonds; delegating authority to certain officials to approve the final terms and provisions of and confirm the sale of such bonds; and providing for related matters.

B. Approval of New Policy 8650 *Research and Proposal* – 1st Reading

C. Approval of Revised Policy 8700 *Animals in Schools* – 1st Reading

D. Approval of School Boundary/Closure Study (Lomond View Elementary)
Recommendation

AGENDUM ITEM #2 – Recognition

A. Lori Browne, Weber School District Office - *Utah Association of Secondary School Principals Secretary of the Year*

Secondary Education Director Matt Williams and Assistant Director Rob Lake introduced Lori Browne who recently won the *Utah Association of Secondary Principals Secretary of the Year Award*. Lori was nominated by head administrative assistants without her knowledge. Lori is so valuable to the secondary administrative team. She is so knowledgeable, helpful and so good with people.

Lori introduced family in attendance.

B. John Watson Chevrolet - *Partners in Education Award*

Secondary Education Director Matt Williams introduced Corey Watson with John Watson Chevrolet, nominated by Fremont High School. A video was shared explaining Cory and his brother, Cam were taught at a young age to help the community. They are investing in the community and kids who will become our community. They sponsor players of the week, student government, and trucks for parades and homecoming activities. They are always attending school events and asking how they can help. Financially, they are willing to help schools out all they can and offer their facility for dances. They have also provided so much for the district teen centers. They are great people and give anything they can to help the schools and support events.

Cory shared this is the place they want to be and it is so fun for them to support the school district.

C. DiAne Morin, Roy Jr. High - *Extra Mile Award*

Secondary Education Director Matt Williams and Assistant Director Rob Lake introduced DiAne Morin, head administrative assistant at Roy Jr. High for the past 38 years! A video was shared about the many things she does. She is amazing, positive, and always uplifting everyone around her. She is a great example of how to do your job and has helped all new principals. DiAne is a kid advocate and works with all kids, has personal conversations and makes them feel valued and important. She helps everyone to feel seen and sets the tone in the office. Everyone is treated with respect and she is always helping with teachers and families with the food pantry in a dignified way. She is the heart of Roy Jr. and is Roy Jr.!

DiAne introduced family in attendance.

AGENDUM ITEM #3 – Principal Spotlight

Country View Elementary Principal Mary Heslop shared with the Board some amazing things happening at Country View Elementary. They have a great PBIS system happening in their school and students are recognized. Country View is also a Leader in Me school. Students earn tickets for activities held at the end of the month. This rewards positive behavior, strengthens the community and provides ongoing motivation throughout the month; anything from painting windows, face painting, building models or making slime. The Leader in Me Action Teams meet every Friday while they are teaching and have applied to be a Lighthouse School with Franklin Covey. Students are involved with different responsibilities such as announcements, lunch room, recess, Hope Squad and choir. A Colt Success Student of the week is selected every Friday morning and every student in the school will be recognized throughout the year. The school has a partnership with West Field High School where future teachers come in on B days to complete their practicum hours by helping students in classrooms. For the adults in the school, they have begun 180 days of self-care and every week they focus on one thing; laughter, kindness, nutrition, sleep and music. A drawing is held at the end of each week. They have also found the value in unit planning for teachers and what it can do for their students. Teachers also volunteered to attend a training held in the summer. Principal Heslop concluded stating Country View is the best!

AGENDUM ITEM #4 – Consent Calendar

A. Minutes

That the minutes for the Study Session dated November 5, 2025, General Board Meeting dated November 5, 2025 and November 12, 2025 Lomond View Elementary School Closure Study – Public Hearing be approved.

B. Warrant Register

That check numbers 00033859 through 00034125; and 00584692 through 00585618 totaling \$10,914,156.41 dated November 21, 2025, be approved.

C. Budget Update

That the budget update dated November 21, 2025, be approved.

D. New Hires

That the list of personnel changes and additions dated October 31, 2025 through November 24, 2025, be approved.

E. Bid/Purchase Approvals

That the Approval of Blocks Purchase be approved.

That the Approval of Google Workspace Purchases be approved.

F. Leave of Absence Requests

There were no Leave of Absence Requests.

G. Approval of Open Enrollment Schools 2026-2027

H. Approval of Updates to Policies for Consent Calendar — Policy 4500 *Extracurricular Activities*, Policy 8330 *CIPA (Children's Internet Protection Act)*

Motion: Doug Hurst

Seconded: Wyle Williams

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

AGENDUM ITEM #5 – Public Comment

- Olivia Andrew - Students attend Lomond View. Thanked the Board for listening to concerns with calls and emails. Concerned about too many unknowns for birth rates. Asked to pause the study and look at the entire Weber Cone including DLI.
- Michelle Jeffs - Children attend Lomond View and representing the community. Lomond View is a strong school and performance shows it shouldn't be closed. Believes Lomond View has a great team. Too many unknowns and would like an independent analysis.
- Emily Tubbs - Students attend Hooper Elementary. Lives on the Davis County line and children no longer receive transportation from the district. Asked to return to existing bus routes.

- Chad Hill - Children attend Lomond View and he volunteers at the school. Thanked the Board for the forum and opportunity. Birth rates are only part of the equation.
- Steven Martin - Believes the age of the building should not be what is analyzed, but how much it costs to maintain it versus cost of creating it elsewhere. Upgrades could help Lomond View run for many years. Orchard Springs is operating at half capacity, but other schools will be near capacity. Decreasing enrollment, believes data has been rushed. Asked for an independent study.

AGENDUM ITEM #6 – Discussion/Action Item

A. Consideration of a resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of not more than \$31,000,000 General Obligation School Building Bonds; delegating authority to certain officials to approve the final terms and provisions of and confirm the sale of such bonds; and providing for related matters.

Business Administrator Brock Mitchell welcomed Matt Dugdale with Stifel and Ryan Bjerke with Chapman and Cutler. It was explained the parameters resolution sets the wheels in motion for potential refunding of bonds, but does not commit us. The District owes about \$21 million on the 2013 bond and \$14.5 million on the 2014 bond. Refinancing can save tax payers around \$1.7 million and will shorten the payoff to year 2030 instead of 2034. It gives the District flexibility to structure future debt if the Board decides to bond in the future and is proactive for the future to save tax payers money.

Motion: Doug Hurst

Seconded: Bruce Jardine

That the Consideration of a resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of not more than \$31,000,000 General Obligation School Building Bonds; delegating authority to certain officials to approve the final terms and provisions of and confirm the sale of such bonds; and providing for related matters be approved. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

B. Approval of New Policy 8650 *Research and Proposal* — 1st Reading

Compliance and Policy Director Heather Hardy updated the Board on New Policy 8650 *Research Projects and Proposals* which establishes a consistent process for reviewing and approving research request in the schools. Proposal applications must be approved by the Director of Assessment School Improvement and Research. It provides requirements for internal surveys as well. It is recommended the Board approve New Policy 8650 *Research Projects and Proposals* on a first reading.

Motion: Janis Christensen

Seconded: Jan Burrell

That the Approval of New Policy 8650 *Research and Proposal* be approved on a first reading. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

C. Approval of Revised Policy 8700 *Animals in Schools* - 1st Reading

Compliance and Policy Director Heather Hardy updated the Board on Revised Policy 8700 *Animals in Schools* and noted it provides district wide clarity for when animals are allowed on school campuses and distinguishes service animals, therapy animals and other animals such as classroom pets, which require administration approval and parent notification. It is recommended the Board approve Revised Policy 8700 *Animals in Schools* on a first reading.

Motion: Wyle Williams

Seconded: Bruce Jardine

That the Approval of Revised Policy 8700 *Animals in Schools* be approved on a first reading. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

D. Approval of School Boundary/Closure Study (Lomond View Elementary)
Recommendation

Superintendent Butters noted the school closure and boundary study has been both beneficial and challenging. The last time a school was closed in Weber School District was the consolidation of two elementaries. Burch Creek Elementary opened in 2017. Legislative mandates have changed. Additional ongoing studies will be necessary in several areas in the future and thanked those who have offered feedback. District employees have spent countless hours and dedicated a lot of time. It is recommended the Board pause the decision of closing Lomond View Elementary. The plan is to initiate a study with a third-party analyst. Ultimately, the Board will make the final decision.

Board Member Janis Christensen thanked those in the community that have shared their thoughts and thanked all in the district for the countless hours they have put in.

Board Member Kelly Larson thanked everyone in the community, and district leaders. She also addressed concerns about how the Board had already made the decision. Hopefully, through this process the public sees that has not been the case.

Board Member Jan Burrell thanked the community and noted the process has been eye opening. She issued a challenge to look at how to expand opportunities into a larger community for the greater good.

Board Member Wyle Williams added he believes opening the study has been the right thing to do. Overall, he has been educated on the study with compelling arguments on both sides and the need to learn more in order to continue.

Board Vice-President Doug Hurst shared he has been on the Board since 2009 and was part of the consolidation of Marlon Hills Elementary and Club Heights Elementary back in 2016. He explained partnerships were made with stakeholders at that time and how it was the right decision to close those schools at that time.

Board Member Bruce Jardine shared he is thankful for the process that has taken place and the patrons who have participated. Hope we can learn there is a better way to interact with each other, understand, listen and work together.

Board President Paul Widdison noted he fully supports the Board and thanked the community for their involvement.

Motion: Janis Christensen

Seconded: Kelly Larson

That the Approval of School Boundary/Closure Study (Lomond View Elementary) Recommendation be approved. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

President Widdison called for a motion to adjourn the General Session of Board Meeting.

Motion: Kelly Larson

Seconded: Wyle Williams

That the General Session of Board Meeting be adjourned. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion

General Board Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Draft Minutes - Pending Board Approval