

Jordan School District
MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
July 27, 2021

The Board of Education of Jordan School District met in study, general, and closed sessions on Tuesday, July 27, 2021, beginning at 4:03 p.m. at JATC South (Board Conference Room), 12723 S. Park Avenue (2080 West), Riverton, Utah. The sessions were also provided electronically via YouTube.

STUDY SESSION

Those recognized or signed-in as present:

Tracy J. Miller, Board President
Bryce Dunford, Board First Vice President
Marilyn Richards, Board Second Vice President
Jen Atwood, Board Member
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Anthony A. Godfrey, Superintendent
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Travis Hamblin, Director, Student Services
Sandy Riesgraf, Director, Communications
Jeri Clayton, Administrative Assistant
Robert Conder, AV Department
Mike Maughan, AV Department
Andrew Thompson, AV Contractor
Elma Scheid, President, Jordan Education School Professionals Association
Christie Leake, Lighthouse Research & Development
Charlotte Davis, Lighthouse Research & Development

President Miller presided and conducted. The Board of Education met in a study session to discuss the following:

A. Summary Overview of Survey Results

President Miller explained that the Board engaged the services of Lighthouse Research & Development to conduct a public opinion survey of residents about Jordan School District. She invited Ms. Christie Leake, focus group moderator and technical writer, and Ms. Charlotte Davis, research associate, to present the survey results.

Ms. Leake and Ms. Davis reported that survey respondents included 206 parents and 333 non-parents, all of which were adults living within Jordan District boundaries and likely to vote in the 2022 election. The survey data was collected between April 21 and May 10, 2021. Respondents were asked to provide opinions regarding perceptions of Jordan District, how Jordan compares with other districts, quality of education, transparency, management of finances, use of taxpayer dollars, teacher salaries, and handling of the COVID-19 pandemic. Respondents were also asked to provide opinions about District facility renovation and new school construction needs, and the level of support for a future bond election to meet the renovation and construction needs. Overall, a majority of respondents expressed a positive perception of the District and recognize the need for building renovations and new school construction to

meet the increasing student population. Ms. Leake noted that Board members were provided with a 300-page report of the public opinion survey results.

Board members discussed the survey and asked specific questions regarding public support for a future bond election. President Miller suggested having the Bond Committee meet to review the survey report and discuss next steps for a potential bond, and to bring recommendations to the Board by the end of August. All Board members agreed.

B. Discussion on Hotline in Accordance with State Board Rule R277-113 *LEA Fiscal and Auditing Policies*

Superintendent Godfrey reviewed the District's process for the public to submit concerns. He noted that State Board Rule requires an LEA to provide a hotline, independent of LEA administration, for stakeholders to report concerns of fraud, waste, abuse, or non-compliance and that phone numbers or links be posted on the LEA's website in a readily accessible location. Dr. Godfrey explained that Jordan District has both a phone number and an online complaint form which can be accessed from the "Contact Us" link on the District's homepage of the website.

Dr. Godfrey invited Board input about the level of involvement Board members would like to have in reviewing and responding to complaints related to the four categories: fraud, waste, abuse, or non-compliance.

Board members discussed the process and made suggestions for adding a fifth category for reporting curriculum concerns, making the complaint form more easily accessible such as changing the link for "Suggestions" on the homepage to "Suggestions/Concerns," insuring that phone and iPad users can access the "Contact Us" information, and running a banner story the first week of September to inform the public of the hotline and feedback form.

Board members also asked to receive a monthly report with a brief description of submitted concerns/complaints, school name, results of any investigation, and resolution.

C. Discussion on Administrative Policy AA410 *Study of Controversial Issues*

Superintendent Godfrey explained that until USBE has finalized Administrative Rule R277-328 *Educational Equity in Schools* and it becomes law, the District is not in a position to make meaningful change to Policy AA410. He added that future changes to the District's controversial issues policy should provide a level of clarity for parents and teachers and define expectations.

Dr. Godfrey proposed making changes to the District's Administrative Policy D200 *Philosophy of Instruction* to address parent concerns about controversial issues and training for teachers. He reviewed his proposed changes to D200, which included statements that instructional content should adhere to State Board Rule R277-328 and other Utah Code requirements, and the addition of a paragraph that outlines a process for reporting and resolving concerns regarding the implementation of the policy. Board members discussed the recommended changes to Policy D200 and made language suggestions to add clarity.

Board members reviewed Policy AA410 and discussed changes that could be made to the policy such as clarifying the meaning of "controversial issues" and revising the Board Directive. They also discussed reviewing Policy AA437 regarding the role of School Community Councils in handling controversial issues.

President Miller asked to have a discussion regarding Policy AA410 added to the August 10 study session agenda and to add to a future study session discussion regarding Policy AA437.

D. Discussion on Legal Analysis of Board Authority Regarding Pandemic Decisions

Mr. Young requested to move this agenda item to the general session for discussion. He made the following motion:

MOTION: It was moved by Matt Young and seconded by Jen Atwood to move study session item D, Discussion on Legal Analysis of Board Authority Regarding Pandemic Decisions, to the general session for discussion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

[See General Session item III.B]

E. Teacher and Student Success Act (TSSA) 2021-22 Plan Process

Mr. Michael Anderson, associate superintendent, reported that school TSSA Plans for the 2021-22 school year were distributed to Board members for review and it is anticipated that the plans will be brought to the Board for approval at the August 24, 2022 general session Board meeting. He invited Board members to contact him if they have questions about the plans.

Mr. Anderson explained that at the Board's request, the process has been streamlined so that future TSSA plans will be distributed to the Board on the same schedule as LAND Trust Plans. He noted that in January or February of 2022, Board members will be asked to review and approve both the TSSA and LAND Trust Plans for the 2022-23 school year

At 6:10 p.m., the meeting adjourned. The general session started at 6:33 p.m.

GENERAL SESSION

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Mike Haynes, Director, Jordan Education Foundation
Kurt Prusse, Director, Purchasing
Sandy Riesgraf, Director, Communications
Curtis Hagen, Staff Assistant, Auxiliary Services
Steven Harwood, System/Programming Manager, Information Systems
Jeri Clayton, Administrative Assistant
Robert Conder, AV Department
Mike Maughan, AV Department
Andrew Thompson, AV Contractor
Mike Ashley, Riverton Police Department
Elma Scheid, President, Jordan Education School Professionals Association
Ryan Marchant, Real Salt Lake Academy
Priscilla Hewlett

Christian Hewlett
Polina Latu
Naketa Horne
Robyn Barnhill
Patricia Parker
Amy McKasson
Debra Carlson
Shannan Golladay
Ingrid Haworth
Kari Bennett
Mark Thomas
Rebecca Cawley
Jeff Steele

President Miller presided and conducted. She welcomed those present. Associate Superintendent Mike Anderson led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. Reverence was given by Mr. Travis Hamblin, director of Student Services.

Resolutions of Appreciation

Ms. Marilyn Richards read a Resolution of Appreciation for the following former Jordan District employees who recently passed away:

Viola Baker – employed by Jordan District from 1970 to 1994
Elwin M. Crandall – employed by Jordan District from 1977 to 2009
Wendy Wooley Stapel – employed by Jordan District from 2006 to 2021

Recognitions by Board Members

Ms. Jen Atwood expressed appreciation to all of the District's ESP employees who have worked all summer to clean schools and prepare for the coming school year.

Mr. Darrell Robinson said he attended several online conferences this summer and enjoyed the opportunity. He also enjoyed the opportunity during the summer to get caught up on Board-related reading. Mr. Robinson recognized Herriman resident and Olympic swimmer Rhyen White and said it is nice to have a home-town hero. He expressed that he would like to see Jordan District do more to help students in the swimming community. Mr. Robinson recognized the Herriman rugby team for winning a national championship and said the Herriman City Council and Salt Lake County Council invited the team to one of their meetings so they could be recognized. He expressed his desire to have the Jordan Board make more of an effort to recognize student accomplishments during Board meetings.

Ms. Tracy Miller recognized South Jordan Elementary for the musical production of Mary Poppins and said the students did a fantastic job. She explained that in 2020 before the school closure due to the pandemic, the students were three weeks away from performing the play. She was happy that they were able to perform it this year and acknowledged the efforts of Scott Knight and Diane Witt-Roper. Ms. Miller noted that the end of this school year marks the end of year-round school in Jordan District as South Jordan Elementary transitions to a traditional schedule for the 2021-22 school year.

Superintendent's Recognitions

Superintendent Godfrey recognized Mr. Michael Haynes, the new director of the Jordan Education Foundation, and thanked him for his many years of support of the Foundation prior to becoming its director. He said Mr. Haynes brings enthusiasm and energy to the job and cares about making Jordan District a better place. He invited Mr. Haynes to address the Board.

Mr. Haynes expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve as director of the Foundation and reviewed some of the great things the Foundation has done to support students and teachers. He also provided information about ongoing partnerships with community businesses and members and the resources these businesses provide that support the efforts of the Foundation. He said he looks forward to providing an annual report to the Board in September.

Patron Comments Regarding Non-Agenda Items

Priscilla Hewlett expressed appreciation to the Board for the way the pandemic was handled during the last school year. She said as a parent she has had to focus on the mental health of her children and asked the Board to consider the mental and emotional health of students as they discuss a mask mandate.

Christian Hewlett, a ninth-grade student, said his allergies make it difficult to breathe when wearing a mask and asked the Board not to require masks during this school year so that he can attend school in-person.

Polina Latu, a parent of four Jordan District students, said she was born in the USSR and grew up under Communism with hopelessness and no freedom. She suggested that government interference starts in schools and parents are losing the right to control their children's education. She asked that parents be allowed to decide whether their child should wear a mask.

Naketa Horne said it is a parent's right to teach values, not the school, and that teaching CRT is undermining families.

Robyn Barnhill said she is new to Utah and was grateful that her children were able to attend school in-person last year. She explained that before the end of the year her son suffered from anxiety due to wearing a mask and she was able to get him a mask exemption. She hoped sharing her experience would help the Board make its decision about a mask mandate.

Patricia Parker said she has bi-racial children and CRT ideology is causing them to become disrespectful to their own family members. She suggested that kids should be taught that they are victors, not victims.

Amy McKasson, a District nurse and parent of children attending District schools, expressed concern for the health and well-being of students. She shared data that in-person learning is best for students and schools should protect teachers, staff and students with masks, vaccinations, proper ventilation, testing, quarantines and cleaning practices. She thanked the Board for their efforts last year in keeping students safe and encouraged them to continue the efforts in the coming year.

Debra Carlson said she does not live in Jordan District but wanted to talk about vaccinations and suggested that there is not enough evidence to show what the long-term effects are to children. She also said the PCR specimen swab is carcinogenic and students are subjected to this every time they are required to test to stay/play. She suggested that if students are required to test this year, parents will bring lawsuits.

Shannan Golladay stated that parents want to be involved in the decision-making process and want to participate in District focus groups. She suggested that masks are ineffective and parents should be given the choice about whether their child wears a mask or receives a vaccination.

Ingrid Haworth, a mother of children attending Jordan schools, said mask-wearing only caused frustration for her children and she hopes the Board will consider the impact mask-wearing has on struggling students as they make decisions about the coming school year.

Kari Bennett expressed dissatisfaction with what she saw as a lack of nutritional value of the food provided in the free summer lunch program. She also said parents should choose whether to send their child to school in masks.

Mark Thomas, grandparent to two District students, said his grandchildren come to his home each day after school and they talk about the day. He learned that his grandson in middle school was taught that the story of

Paul Revere is false. He suggested that the United States is being over-run by Marxists and he didn't know who in the room was a leftist, extremist, social-activist, or progressive, but he was going to find out. He also said his grandson is sick of wearing masks and he doesn't know if he can get him to go back to school in the fall.

Rebecca Cawley, parent of eight children that attended Jordan schools, said a few months ago she addressed the Board about ethylene oxide PCR testing. She suggested that COVID is not that bad with a 99 percent survival rate and the propaganda needs to stop and patriots need to stand up for children.

Jeff Steele requested that students not be required to wear masks in the upcoming school year.

I. General Business – Consent Agenda

A. Motion to Approve Consent Agenda Items

1. Minutes

Minutes of the Board of Education meeting held June 8, 2021, were presented to the Board of Education for approval.

2. 2020-21 TSSA Plan Amendment for Westvale Elementary School

A TSSA Plan amendment for Westvale Elementary School was presented to the Board of Education for approval.

MOTION: It was moved by Matt Young and seconded by Jen Atwood to approve Consent Agenda items A1 and A2, as recommended. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Prior to President Miller calling for a vote to approve agenda item B., Motion to Accept Consent Agenda Items, Mr. Young requested to have the Board take a separate vote for item B5, Fraud Risk Management Report. He made the following motion:

MOTION: It was moved by Matt Young and seconded by Darrell Robinson to take a separate vote on item B5, Fraud Risk Management Report. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

B. Motion to Accept Consent Agenda Items

1. Expenditures

Expenditures for the month of June 2021 were provided to the Board of Education.

2. Financial Statement

The financial statement through June 30, 2021, was provided to the Board of Education. A copy is attached at the conclusion of these minutes. (Attachment 1)

3. Personnel – Licensed and Education Support Professionals

Personnel changes for the month of June 2021 were provided to the Board of Education.

4. Recommendation to Issue Certificates for Home Instruction

It was recommended that the students whose parents have filed affidavits pursuant to Utah Code 53G-6-204 shall be issued certificates excusing them from attending public school.

MOTION: It was moved by Matt Young and seconded by Jen Atwood to accept Consent Agenda items B1 through B4, as recommended. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

B. Motion to Accept Consent Agenda Item

5. Fraud Risk Management Report

A Fraud Risk Assessment for fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, was provided to the Board of Education.

Mr. Young stated that each year the State Auditor's Office requires the District to complete a Fraud Risk Assessment and the District is currently certified as a "low audit risk." He noted that currently, the District does not have written policies in place for "ethical behavior" or "reporting fraud and abuse," but if policies were in place for these two items, the District could be certified as a "very low audit risk."

Ms. Richards, chair of the Board Finance and Audit Committee, stated that the Finance Committee will be discussing this matter at an upcoming Committee meeting.

MOTION: It was moved by Matt Young and seconded by Bryce Dunford to accept Consent Agenda item B5, as recommended, and to request the Board Finance and Audit Committee begin working on written policies for ethical behavior and reporting fraud and abuse. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

II. Bid Recommendations

<u>School or Department</u>	<u>Items for Bid</u>
Riverton High School	HP Chromebooks & Licenses
<u>Bidders</u>	<u>Amount of Bid</u>
Software House International	\$204,989.00
Trafera	
Troxell	
VLCM	

Purpose: To provide HP Chromebooks and Licenses for Riverton High School.

Budget: Teacher Student Success Act (TSSA) funds.

Recommendation: It was recommended awarding the contract to the most responsive, responsible and acceptable state contract bidder, Troxell. The company complied with the specifications, terms, and conditions outlined in the bid documents. State Contract: MA2785.

MOTION: It was moved by Jen Atwood and seconded by Matt Young to approve the bid for HP Chromebooks & licenses, as recommended. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

<u>School or Department</u>	<u>Items for Bid</u>
Information Systems	HP Enterprise Equipment
<u>Bidders</u>	<u>Amount of Bid</u>
Compunet	\$99,676.42
Presidio	
Software House International	
VLCM	

Purpose: Replacement of old servers located in the District Office data center.

Budget: Information Systems Enterprise Computer Equipment budget.

Recommendation: It was recommended awarding the contract to the most responsive, responsible and acceptable state contract bidder, VLCM. The company complied with the specifications, terms, and conditions outlined in the bid documents. State Contract: PA2211.

MOTION: It was moved by Marilyn Richards and seconded by Jen Atwood to approve the bid for HP Enterprise equipment, as recommended. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

C. School or Department
Facility Services

Items for Bid
**Milestone xProtect Expert Base
Server & Device Channel Support**

Bidders
Alliance Technology
Avtec Division of CVE
Linx
Stone Security
Utah Controls, Inc.

Amount of Bid
\$133,581.76 (two-year contract)

Purpose: Provide upgrades and technical support for the District-wide security camera system.

Budget: Capital Outlay Building Security budget.

Recommendation: It was recommended awarding the contract to the most responsive, responsible and acceptable bidder, Utah Controls, Inc. The company complied with the specifications, terms, and conditions outlined in the bid documents.

MOTION: It was moved by Jen Atwood and seconded by Matt Young to approve the bid for Milestone xProtect Expert Base Server and device channel support, as recommended. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

D. School or Department
Central Warehouse

Items for Bid
**Refrigerated Warehouse Delivery
Truck**

Bidders – Truck Cab & Chassis
Jackson Group Peterbilt
Premier Truck Group
Rush International Truck Center - SLC

Amount of Bid
\$119,741.00

Bidders – Refrigerated Van Body w/Lift Gate
D & A Truck Equipment
Semi Service, Inc.

Purpose: Provide Central Warehouse with a new delivery truck.

Budget: Central Warehouse Capital Equipment.

Recommendation: It was recommended awarding the contract to the most responsive, responsible and acceptable bidders, Premier Truck Group and D & A Truck Equipment. The companies complied with the specifications, terms, and conditions outlined in the bid documents.

MOTION: It was moved by Bryce Dunford and seconded by Marilyn Richards to approve the bid for refrigerated Warehouse Delivery truck, as recommended. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

III. **Special Business**

A. **Recommendation to Approve Amendment No. 2 to Real Salt Lake Academy Charter**

President Miller stated that during the June 8, 2021 Board meeting, a request was made by Mr. Ryan Marchant and Mr. Grant Stock, business manager and principal, respectively, of Real Salt Lake Academy, to increase enrollment from 400 to 475. Jordan District, as the chartering district, is required to give approval for this increase.

Public Comment

Mr. Ryan Korpi expressed his support for increasing enrollment at RSL Academy High School.

MOTION: It was moved by Darrell Robinson and seconded by Marilyn Richards to approve Amendment #2 to Real Salt Lake Academy Charter. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Mr. Matt Young expressed his desire to have the Board look for other charter school opportunities.

[Note: During study session Mr. Young made a motion, seconded by Jen Atwood and unanimously approved, to move the discussion on the legal analysis of Board authority regarding pandemic decisions to the general session.]

B. **Discussion on Legal Analysis of Board Authority Regarding Pandemic Decisions**

Superintendent Godfrey stated that he and other district superintendents are involved in weekly meetings with the Salt Lake County Health Department and he will continue to report on the outcome of these meetings; however, the focus of this discussion is on where the authority currently lies for specific pandemic-related decisions. He invited Mr. Van Komen, Board attorney, to lead the discussion.

Mr. Van Komen stated that Utah Code §53G-4-402, gives school board members broad statutory authority to run a school district; however, the Board's authority in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic is limited by laws enacted by the legislature and requirements put in place by State and County Health Departments. Mr. Van Komen reviewed the current laws and mandates such as the requirement that in-person instruction be offered to students and that LEA's cannot require students to wear face masks or be vaccinated. Mr. Van Komen also reminded Board members that the legislature enacted Utah Code §78B-4-517 which provides immunity for school districts and individual board members related to COVID-19 decisions.

Board members discussed the information provided by Mr. Van Komen and asked questions about Test to Play/Stay, quarantines, etc. Following the discussion, Mr. Dunford requested to have a summary document created of all bills related to COVID-19 that affect school districts. He made the following motion:

MOTION: It was moved by Bryce Dunford and seconded by Darrell Robinson to ask Mr. Van Komen to provide Board members with a summary of all school-related bills regarding COVID-19. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

IV. **Information Items**

A. **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Godfrey reported that the Deseret News photo of the day on July 22, 2021 was a picture of students in the District's Jordan PREP (Prefreshman Engineering Program) launching rockets. Jordan PREP currently serves approximately 150 students. He expressed appreciation to Ms. Stacey Pierce, who is now working full-time to administer the program, and other caring individuals for helping to expand the program for the benefit of students. Dr. Godfrey also expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve on the State PTA Executive Board and said he has been named as the administrative representative. He expressed that he is impressed with the state-level PTA operation and the amount of time and effort that goes into advocating for students, teachers, and parents. He encouraged local school staff members, parents, and students to join PTA and be part of the great things that happen as a result of membership in this organization.

V. **Discussion Items**

A. **Committee Reports and Comments by Board Members**

Ms. Atwood asked for Board input about creating a new schedule for Board members to answer LEAC emails. Board members agreed to a monthly assignment. Ms. Atwood stated that she will prepare the new schedule of monthly assignments and provide it to Board members.

Ms. Richards, chair of the Finance Committee, reported that the Committee will be meeting August 3, 2021 and will begin discussions on the following: 1) policies for ethical behavior and reporting fraud and abuse; 2) information provided by Lighthouse Research & Development regarding a future bond election; and 3) available funds for Capital projects.

Ms. Richards reported that based on the input received from Board members, the Committee is recommending that Mr. Harding, the Board's internal auditor, begin an audit related to a revenue and expense comparison. Board members agreed with the recommendation and suggested specific areas of focus, but also were supportive of leaving audit details to the discretion of Mr. Harding.

Mr. Dunford, chair of the Facilities Committee, provided Board members with a list of bus routes for which the District pays the total cost and does not receive any reimbursement from the State. He noted that the per student cost for these routes range from \$642 to \$7,700 and said it is the Facilities Committee's opinion that some of the routes don't justify the per student cost. Mr. Dunford recommended having the Facilities Committee look at the ALPS routes in spring 2022 as these routes have the highest per student cost. He also noted that the routes put in place for student safety have the highest utilization and are serving the needs of the students, as intended.

Mr. Dunford informed the Board that due to supply shortages, the Bingham High summer remodel project may not be completed in time for the start of the school year and that a large portion of the classrooms on the second floor will not be usable, which may make it necessary for Bingham students to participate in several weeks of virtual learning before they can return for in-person learning. Mr. Dunford said staff members have asked the Board to make a decision about a virtual opening by August 2 in order to provide time for teachers and students to prepare for online learning. Following the Board discussion, Mr. Dunford made the following motion:

MOTION: It was moved by Bryce Dunford and seconded by Matt Young to authorize the superintendent to move forward with a virtual opening at Bingham High School, if staff reports to him by August 2 that the Phase 3 Bingham High remodel will not be completed in time for school to open. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Mr. Dunford reported that the Facilities Committee has been working on the summer 2022 projects list and divided the projects by municipality between the three Committee members. He explained that the purpose is to have each Committee member become familiar with the project needs in his/her assigned area. Assignments were made as follows: Mr. Young – Bluffdale, Herriman and Riverton; Ms. George – West Jordan, and Mr. Dunford – South Jordan. He stated that if Board

members are aware of specific project needs or have questions, they should contact the applicable Committee member.

At 9:05 p.m., President Miller declared the meeting adjourned and announced that the Board would return to study session.

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F. Pandemic Update for 2021-22 School Year

Superintendent Godfrey reported that he continues to meet with the Salt Lake County Health Department regarding the pandemic. He reviewed the most current information that school districts cannot require masks or vaccinations and the County is recommending the same quarantine procedure for COVID-19 as would be used for other illnesses. He also stated that as more information becomes available, he will provide it to the Board.

Dr. Godfrey invited Board discussion and recommendations for parent participation in schools, parent-teacher conferences at the secondary and elementary levels, volunteers in schools, activities such as back-to-school nights, Halloween parades, etc. Board members expressed that they are supportive of having parents/volunteers in schools and having school-wide events, but that they are also interested in receiving County and State recommendations, and would like to discuss classroom events at a later time.

Dr. Godfrey asked for Board input about the type of message they would like sent to parents about masks. Board members agreed to take a neutral stance on wearing of masks and to send the message to parents and students that while masks are not required, students are welcome to wear them and that students and parents should respect the decisions of others regarding wearing a mask or not wearing a mask.

Dr. Godfrey asked for Board input about adding the COVID Dashboard to the website as was done during the 2020-21 school year to inform parents of school case counts. Board members discussed the Dashboard and asked to have it added to the District's home webpage.

G. Discussion on Administrative Policy AS90 *Drugs and Alcohol*

Mr. Michael Anderson, associate superintendent, invited Mr. Travis Hamblin, director of Student Services, to review changes to Policy AS90.

Mr. Hamblin explained the process used for revising Policy AS90. He noted that a committee was formed which included secondary and elementary principals and District administrators. The Committee analyzed drug and alcohol policies of school districts located on the Wasatch Front and focused efforts on restorative rather than punitive practices as revisions were discussed. Mr. Hamblin reviewed the differences between the current policy and the proposed policy as it relates to illegal or counterfeit substances, prescription medications, over-the-counter medications, tobacco, cigarettes, oral devices, and paraphernalia. Policy revisions also included updating Utah Code references and insuring compliance with current Utah Code laws. Mr. Hamblin asked the Board to consider approving the policy before the beginning of the new school year.

Board members discussed the policy revisions and Mr. Hamblin's request for the Board to approve the policy before the beginning of the school year. Board members expressed a desire for the public to provide input about the policy changes. The decision was made to invite the public to attend a virtual town hall meeting before the August 10 study session for the purpose of inviting public input about the policy changes. Board members asked to have a recording made of the virtual meeting and to make it available to members of the public who were unable to attend and to allow them to comment online for a period of time.

President Miller asked to have this item added to the August 10 study session for the administration to present the results of the public input in preparation for potential approval of the policy revisions at the August 24, 2021 Board meeting.

At 11:06 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

MOTION: At 11:06 p.m., it was moved by Bryce Dunford and seconded by Darrell Robinson to go into closed session. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

CLOSED SESSION

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Paul Van Komen, BVKTS Law
Joel Wright, Attorney, Kirton McConkie
William Shinoff, Attorney, Frantz Law Group, via electronic connection

President Miller presided and conducted. The Board of Education met in a closed session to discuss potential litigation. The closed session discussion was recorded and archived.

MOTION: At 11:32 p.m., it was moved by Jen Atwood and seconded by Darrell Robinson to adjourn the closed session. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

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President Miller presided and conducted. The Board of Education continued its study session to discuss the following:

H. ESSER Funding Update

Superintendent Godfrey reported that the District is required to have a Board-approved preliminary plan in place by September 17, 2021, for the use of approximately \$26 million in ESSER funds (Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund). The District is also required to obtain input regarding the use of the funds from a variety of groups such as parents, students, administrators, teachers, school staff, employee organizations, etc., and to explain how the input was used in developing the plan. Dr. Godfrey stated that 20 percent of the funds must be spent on addressing significant learning loss as a result of COVID-19. He noted that priorities for the use of the remaining funds include improving K-12 literacy, helping missing or disengaged students, and addressing student mental health and social and emotional needs. Dr. Godfrey stated that there are specific things he feels can be done to improve learning and social and emotional wellness, and that it can be done in a way that will build momentum long after the money is gone.

Due to the limited amount of time available to develop the preliminary plan, Dr. Godfrey proposed that the administration be allowed to proceed with gathering input from the various groups and to develop the preliminary plan. He added that frequent updates would be provided to the Board. Following discussion by Board members, all agreed to Dr. Godfrey's proposal.

I. Discussion on Administrative Policy AA419 *Student Conduct and Dress*

Mr. Dunford, due to the late hour, recommended tabling this item for discussion at a future study session. He made the following motion:

MOTION: It was moved by Bryce Dunford and seconded by Matt Young to table agenda item I, Discussion on Administrative Policy AA419 *Student Conduct and Dress*. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Mr. Dunford stated for the record that the current *Student Conduct and Dress* policy is still in effect and the expectation of the Board is for school personnel to administer the current policy.

J. Discussion on Board Policy GP110 *Public Participation at Board Meetings*

President Miller led a discussion about Board Policy GP110. She shared changes she felt needed to be made to the policy and invited Board members to share their recommended revisions.

Board members discussed the amount of time currently being allotted to patron comments and how that time should be used, e.g., time allotted for in-person comments vs. comments submitted online. During the discussion, Mr. Young made the following motion:

MOTION: It was moved by Matt Young and seconded by Darrell Robinson to continue with the current 45-minute public comment period and have emailed comments read, if the in-person speakers do not use the full 45 minutes, and to have all emailed comments sent to Board members for review.

Ms. Richards proposed the following amended motion:

AMENDED MOTION It was moved by Marilyn Richards and seconded by Jen Atwood to continue with the current 45-minute public comment period and provide an additional 12 minutes, if needed, for the reading of comments submitted electronically. The motion failed with a vote of four to three. Mr. Young, Mr. Dunford, Mr. Robinson, and Ms. Miller voted against the motion.

Vote on the Original Motion

President Miller called for a vote on the original motion to continue with the current 45-minute public comment period and have emailed comments read, if the in-person speakers do not use the full 45 minutes, and to have all emailed comments sent to Board members for review. The motion passed with a vote of four to three. Ms. Richards, Ms. Atwood, and Ms. George voted against the motion.

Board members discussed other policy provisions and made recommendations for changes. Following the discussion, President Miller asked to have this matter added to the August 10, 2021 study agenda for further review by the Board.

At 12:25 a.m. (July 28, 2021), the meeting adjourned.

MOTION: At 12:25 a.m., it was moved by Jen Atwood and seconded by Darrell Robinson to go into closed session. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

CLOSED SESSION

Those recognized or signed-in as present:

Tracy J. Miller, Board President
Bryce Dunford, Board First Vice President
Marilyn Richards, Board Second Vice President
Jen Atwood, Board Member
Niki George, Board Member
Darrell Robinson, Board Member
Matt Young, Board Member
Anthony A. Godfrey, Superintendent
Michael Anderson, Associate Superintendent
John Larsen, Business Administrator

Paul Van Komen, BVKTS Law

President Miller presided and conducted. The Board of Education met in a closed session to discuss personnel and potential litigation. The closed session discussion was recorded and archived.

MOTION: At 12:51 a.m., it was moved by Bryce Dunford and seconded by Niki George to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

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Attachments