

WEBER SCHOOL DISTRICT
5320 Adams Avenue Parkway
Ogden, UT

Study Session
May 1, 2024

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
Gina Butters	Superintendent
Clyde Moore	Assistant Superintendent
Dave Hales	Assistant Superintendent
Robert Petersen	Business Administrator

Also attending, WEA President Jennifer Gravier and teacher Linda Gallego.

President Paul Widdison welcomed everyone, excused Board Member Kelly Larson and reminded the Board of the tour this Friday at the new schools beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Board Member Janis Christensen updated the Board on a recent JLC (Joint Legislative Committee) meeting held on April 17, 2024 to prepare for the 2025 legislative session. In reviewing the 2024 priorities, the idea of push and pause for LEA's time to process new bills before new ones are introduced. 2025 planning include discussion on making our priority document easier for legislators to understand what is important to us. Also, discussed unfunded mandates and administrative costs of implementing bills. Input was received on how many priorities to focus on, suggested priorities of support needed for all students, Tier 2 retirement, inflation, education framework to fund public education, economic stabilization account, school fees, transportation, safety, teacher retention, and quality instructional programs. Next meeting will be on May 7, 2024.

Superintendent Butters shared the Strategic Plan will be ready with a working copy to Board Members around May 20th to review and then will be presented at the June 12, 2024 Board Meeting. Superintendent Butters thanked Assessment Director Sheri Heiter and her Administrative Assistant Trista Keller who have compiled and created the document.

Dr. Robert Petersen updated the Board on the required process per SB86 *Local Government Bonds Amendments* that will be followed in Board Meeting regarding the issuance of bonds. It was noted the Roosevelt Elementary project will not have any economic impact.

Curriculum Director Heather Neilson updated the Board on the K-5 ELA (English Language Arts) adoption and highlights. On January 22, 2024 an RFP (Request for Proposal) was issued for core curriculum in response to SB127 *Early Literacy Outcomes Improvement* requiring LEA'S (Local Educational Agency) to have instructional materials that are evidence formed. Our current program, Journeys does not meet this requirement. Four companies submitted bids and an adoption committee consisting of 27 K-5 teachers, 2 student advocates, 2 instructional coaches, 2 administrators and 4 parents. Additionally, Curriculum Director Heather Neilson, Curriculum Specialist Christy Wagner, Technology Director Jennifer Boyer-Thurgood, Assistant Superintendent Dave Hales and Board Member Jan Burrell. On March 5, 2024 vendor presentation were held. Open houses were held March 20th and April 17th as well as an online preview were available. Cost evaluations and rubric points were finalized with Wonders as the only company providing professional development into their cost.

Compliance Officer Heather Hardy updated the Board on policy second readings:

Policy 4370 *Graduation* - Updates have been made to comply with USBE (Utah School Board of Education) graduation requirements. New section added regarding the credit evaluation committee will decide how credits will be awarded. There has been no further feedback since the first reading.

Policy 4175 *Home and Hospital* - Changes made for teachers with a definition of what a home and hospital teacher is. Students are still enrolled in the district and adhere to Weber School District policies. Also, added instructors are not expected to tutor students on previous absences.

Policy 6150 *Media and Public Relations* - Addresses media and third-party inquiries to film and photograph students. No changes since first reading. All requests must be made through the communications department.

First readings include:

Policy 8350 *Student Electronic Device* - Students are expected to keep devices on silent mode and out of sight during prohibited use. Students are not allowed to film or record, and headphones not allowed during prohibited use. Violations start with a warning, parent contact and then up for further disciplinary actions.

Policy 6450 *Memorial* is a new policy recognizing the impact of losing a student or staff member. Facilitates grieving processes but still maintaining an environment conducive for learning. Prohibits sponsorship of memorials.

Policy 4650 *Home School* outlines requirements for parents to place students on home school. We have had procedures but no policy in place. Parents are required to submit an affidavit and are responsible for any materials for home school. Students still have the opportunity to participate in extracurricular or class activities.

Meeting adjourned at 5:31 p.m.