WEBER SCHOOL DISTRICT

5320 Adams Avenue Parkway Ogden, UT

Study Session November 2, 2022

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 5:15 p.m. The following Board Members and Superintendency were present:

Jon Ritchie Board President
Dean Oborn Board Vice President

Doug Hurst Board Member
Bruce Jardine Board Member
Paul Widdison Board Member
Jan Burrell Board Member
Janis Christensen Board Member
Gina Butters Superintendent

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

Also attending, WEA President Jenny Graviet, and teachers Cedric Smith and Abby Reader.

Superintendent Butters invited Curriculum Director Sheri Heiter and Digital Learning Administrator Jennifer Boyer-Thurgood to explain the SIS (student information system) adoption process. Jennifer noted we have had the same program for over twenty years and our needs are starting to outpace what we have with our current system. Our ability to have more real time data on mobile devices and on the web are not available now. The development team at tech services did preliminary research and met with a few different vendors. Superintendent Butters noted going to a web-based system will allow us to phase out hardware and maintenance costs associated with our servers and will be store Cloud based. It will also align with the state UTREX system. Sheri noted we have state and federal requirements and another piece to be aware of is a focus on building up professional learning and allowing teachers to analyze data from assessments. When students struggle, teachers need real time data to have at their fingertips. My Student has reached its capacity. Superintendent Butters noted we will be able to better communicate with our parents. Sheri noted there is a team of programmers that work on My Student to adapt to our needs so those employees will be retained but refocus their positions. A handout was shared with the Board about the RFP (request for proposals) process and how it was open from September 29th through October 26th with six different companies responding. Discussed our current product and examples of what we could be using with more data available by sharing a real time data example. A timeline was shared how once the vendor is selected and how tech services will transition the program to implement by the start of next school year. My Student will continue to run as a backup system for a couple of years. Superintendent Butters noted Board Member Jan Burrell will be part of the selection committee.

Superintendent Butters turned time over to District Technicians Trent Bills and Ryan James to give Board Members an overview of the new Board room and updated technology.