

WEBER SCHOOL DISTRICT
5320 Adams Avenue Parkway
Ogden, UT

Study Session
December 1, 2021

The Board of Education of Weber School District held a Study Session in the Superintendent's Office at 5320 Adams Avenue Parkway, Washington Terrace, Utah. The meeting convened at 5:00 p.m. The following Board Members and Superintendency were present:

Jon Ritchie	Board President
Dean Oborn	Board Vice President
Doug Hurst	Board Member
Janis Christensen	Board Member
Bruce Jardine	Board Member
Paul Widdison	Board Member
Jan Burrell	Board Member
Jeff Stephens	Superintendent
Lori Rasmussen	Assistant Superintendent

Assistant Superintendent Art Hansen and Business Administrator Robert Petersen were both excused.

Superintendent Stephens began noting we have a special study session scheduled for December 17th, 2021 @ 8:30 a.m. The following schedule was then shared:

- Daniel Wade with Weber County will present the new board precinct maps. The goal is that each representative is over an area determined to be substantially equal based on total population. The legislature and county have accelerated this process. The final decision by the county commission on the proposals will be on Wednesday, December 15th and announced on December 17th. Recommendations were given to protect existing board members. Other options did not place board members in their own district and may have caused board members to run against each other. Board Member Paul Widdison asked if we will be adding another board member. It was noted there is only seven board members but each precinct will be more equal representing approximately 24,000 people.
- Richard Stowell from USBA. It was noted a survey will be released Monday to employees, parents and community about the desired characteristics for the new superintendent. We will have results of the survey at this time and use it to create the announcement for the opening.
- Policy 6600 will also be discussed. This is important not only selecting the name for schools but the colors. Superintendent Stephens asked the Board to review policy 6600 in the meantime. It was noted the Board member representing the new high school will be part of the committee. Directors have asked when to start creating boundaries for the new schools. Superintendent Stephens recommends not starting the boundary process too early

because it causes problems with students. This time next year at the earliest is his recommendation. Naming of the school and colors for construction purposes can begin now. Board President Jon Ritchie asked about giving seniors options on which school they will attend. Superintendent Stephens recommends giving seniors flexibility the first year. This same flexibility has been done in the past with sixth graders when opening a new elementary school.

- County Commissioner Gage Froerer will present a proposal from an international entity for a Tax Increment Funding (TIF) in western Weber County. They are looking for a mega site out west to develop because the Business Depot Ogden (BDO) is out of space. This company will become the anchor for the mega site for manufacturing. They will partner with schools for internships, work base learning options etc. The initial proposal was at 70% for twenty years but we asked them to bring it down below 70%. They also need to recognize other companies would come in and then would defer more to Weber School District.

Board Member Dean Oborn noted the architects have asked the Capital Improvement Committee for the new school colors as soon as possible.

Meeting adjourned at 5:51 p.m.