

Wasatch County School District Board of Education Meeting (Thursday, February 20, 2020)

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Meeting called to order at 5:37 PM

Welcome and Roll Call

Excuse Board Member Holmes

Members present

Board Members - Blaik Baird, Mark Davis, Tom Hansen, Tyler Bluth

Absent - Cory Holmes

Directors - Eric Campbell, James Judd, Garrick Peterson, Brett Zabel, Jason Watt, Shawn Kelly, Ben Springer, John Moss, Kirsta Albert

A. Study Session

Discussion, Information: 1. Demographic Projections Discussion

Guest Introduction by Superintendent Sweat

Lorne Woods - Davis Demographics

Davis Demographics, a partner with Ezri software. Works on the GIS platform for analysis and rezoning. K12 Demographics providing GIS mapping technology

Presentation on updated data - (Feb. 20, 2020 5:00pm Audio)

- Davis Demographics research includes driving the location to analyze trends and dynamics of the demographics
- "The district is growing."
- The data helps us know the density areas, where families are coming from and where students live
- District has zones which are turned into planning areas. It helps apply factors at the neighborhood level that tells student generational levels
- Density of student population within the district reviewed
- Student population by study area - Heber north area starting to grow
- Attendance Matrices - track open enrollment distribution to isolate student patterns in the area.
- Projection Methodology - Apply factors; birth data, mobility factors, student yield factors, that assist in projections.
- Historic, Current and Trending Birthrates - District receive more kids than were born here in 5 years ago. We project that will continue to see that trend.
- General Fertility Rates are declining in Utah.
- Mobility Factors SY2016-2019 - Determine mapped student data, track percentage gain or loss for each grade as they progress through the system, Factors are applied at the elementary attendance area, Addresses move-ins/outs, private school movement and attrition in upper grades.
- Student Yield Factors Used to Study
- Active or Planned Residential Development in Midway
- Projects have multiple phases 130 active buildings being built. 1200 planned***
- District wide 10 year resident student projection, 9000 by 2029 - the middle school population has a bubble but will create a large class as freshman.

B. Call To Order

Procedural: 1. Roll Call of Members

Board Members - Blaik Baird, Mark Davis, Tom Hansen, Tyler Bluth

Absent - Cory Holmes

Procedural: 2. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Information/Celebration

Supt Sweat - "We are happy to see a full house tonight. It's always fun to have students and staff members, faculty members come to board meeting and getting caught up in the policy decisions of the district. Isn't an area near as much fun as when we have students and in our employees show up for recognition. This is a really fun thing for the board and for all of us. So thank you all for being here tonight. We're going to start tonight with Principal Ryan Brown. He's here to recognize one of his employees that we all that we all know and love to be one of our outstanding educators in the district.

Principal Ryan Brown recognizes Mrs. Heidi Iordechescu for an award she received as the Assistant Principal of the Year.

Mr. Brown comments, "During the course of the time that I've known Mrs. I. She's worked at getting her undergraduate degree. She's got her ESL endorsement. She's got a reading endorsement. She's got her administrative supervisory license. She's got a master's degree. She's laying the groundwork to work on her p.h.d. She's always learning, always looking for ways to improve and refine what happens at JR Smith Elementary School. She reads she shares that on a daily basis. She's helping our kids in any way she can think to do so. And so the Utah Association Elementary School Principals has a new award. It's for the assistant principal of the year. And they said that teachers on special assignments qualify for that as our district doesn't have assistant principals in our elementary schools, we our teachers on special assignments. And so she was nominated for that and she was selected as from our district North Summit, South Summit, Park City and Morgan, those districts, this region's area as Utah's elementary assistant principal of the year."

Information: 1. Wasatch High School Band - Principal Johnson

Introduction of Air Force JROTC Students for their extra-curricular, physical fitness, armed drill and the achievement over the Utah Military Academy.

Principal Mair shared, "I would like to recognize Colton Furnish and Easton Mahoney, these young men were dressed in their blues, which are just a short sleeved shirt. It was cold outside. They'd been doing some things after school. And I think it was Colton's turn to go to the Wasatch Education Center, the family center there, and do some babysitting. They do a lot of service. And as they were driving by, they saw a gentleman. They turned around, and they came back, and they shoveled his walk, didn't think a thing of it, and went on their way. And he was so impressed with the caliber of these two young men they actually called the school district. Mr. Cartright, the gentleman they helped said, "I have to let you know about the kind of young men and women that you have here with this program and here at Wasatch High School. So we're very proud of you, gentlemen. And just the way that this whole program, they just take care of each other and represent our schools so well."

Introduction of Wasatch High School Band by Principal Clair Mair

Remarks by teacher John Ryszka and recognition of students academics and achievements.

Remarks from the School Board - Mr. Ryskas efforts have helped change the program.

Mr. Ryska shared, "It's been an adventure. Marching band - I kind of describe it this way, It's like patting your head and rubbing your stomach while doing a cartwheel and trying to play an instrument the same time. And that's really kind of what it is. And we have a really awesome staff that has helped me out in training these kids. And they're learning values that I think was going to stick with them for their whole life, of working really hard, of striving to have group unity, of learning, to rely on each other and and whatever they choose to do in life. I'm hoping that that's the kind of things that will go with them. So I can't can't be, uh, can't say enough of how proud I am of the accomplishments they've made this year.

Introduction by Dr. Ben Springer - PEAK -- Parents in Empowering Able Kids

PEAK events have brought in thousands of dollars over the years. These PEAK SPED parents have support and provide attention and awareness to programs in the school district.

Eliza Woodland speaks to the board about the work being done through PEAK. "As parents we saw a need that we could make a big vision of how we could help our kids with special needs, have new opportunities, some that may never have these opportunities because of financial or home situations. We wanted to share what we wanted with our for our kids, with all the kids in the whole valley and to attend Wasatch School District. Providing athletic opportunities, ropes courses, scholarships, donations of over \$2500, and awareness.

Appreciation from the Supt and School Board for the work being done for students by the PEAK program.

Guest Speaker Toby Powell, student at Wasatch High School about Why Words Matter.

Toby shares his experience as a SPED student and the system using the word Severe to describe him. "We are all different, and we all learn in different ways. I know that I need help and I have three amazing teachers that help me. They push me to do my best, even when it makes me angry. I talked to my mom about the word Severe, and she went to the PEAK group for support to change the language to Learning Lab because "words matter."

Toby and his mother worked with PEAK and Dr. Springer about the classification for SPED students. Mrs. Powell shared appreciation for the program, the PEAK parents and the school district for all they have done for her son.

Acknowledgement from the school board to Mrs. Powell and Toby.

D. Public Comment

Action, Discussion, Information:

1. 2020-2021 Fee Schedule Draft - James Judd

One of the practices as a funding source for activities in public education in the state of Utah is that certain programs are subsidized by participation, meaning the kids who've been enroll in that pay a fee as part of this free and appropriate

education. And because our constitution is based on the fact that education is free and appropriate, one of the things that is a stipulation on those fees is that if you qualify by the amount of money you earn as a family, you can have those fees waived and fully participate.

Legislation has been passed requiring us to revisit this policy. *The Wasatch County School Board of Education adopts this policy to provide for the orderly establishment management of a system of reasonable fees to provide adequate notice to families of fees and fee waiver requirements, to establish a fair and efficient process of granting fee waivers and to prohibit practices that would exclude students unable to pay fees from participation in school sponsored activities, or create a burden on a student or family as to have a detrimental impact on participation.*

This has been our practice. Going forward there will be additional transparency to families of the fee schedule with a spending plan by each activity. The spending plans and the fees must be approved by the school board each year. Max limits can be put on travel to students, \$1500 is the max for a Wasatch High School activity. Fundraising must be done by the entire organization for that activity and will be audited to ensure the organization is in compliance with legislation. Procedures will be reviewed on fundraisers.

There will be an action item to approve the fee policy before April 1st. Districts are required to have two board meetings open for public comment regarding the fee schedule, tonight is the first. This is a great thing for our district. This will allow more equitable access for families who may not participate because of the cost of the activity.

Spending Plans available in board agenda of BoardDocs.

Public Comment -

Tod Beagle - 1995 River Rd, Heber UT

I grew up in NV in our activities we had to approve trips a year in advance? So it isn't a burden on the district if funds aren't raised, creating some checks and balances. We had trips that we didn't get to go on because we didn't make the money? At times it could be an unfair burden on the district. Is there a checks and balance in place by the organization, by establishing the fees?

President Baird - It has always been practice for the organization to fund the activity, not the district.

James Judd - Fundraisers go into an account and student and parents don't pay much, or nothing at all because of the fundraising. This policy is more about fees and being transparent and equitable.

Board Member Tom Hansen - Youth programs in the middle schools that are/are not associated with the district?

James Judd - a discussion has not been had to that level yet. It is illegal to pay fees to any elementary age students. This will take us some time to get all of our organizations compliant.

Request for motion to put the fee schedule out for public review and comment.

Motion by Mark Davis, second by Tom Hansen.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Blaik Baird, Mark Davis, Tom Hansen, Tyler Bluth

E. Consent Items

Action (Consent): 1. Consideration and Approval of Consent Items
Consideration and Approval of Consent Items E 2. - E11.

Action (Consent), Minutes: 2. Minutes -1.22.20 Board Meeting
Consideration and Approval of Consent Items E 2. - E11.

Action (Consent): 3. Separations
Consideration and Approval of Consent Items E 2. - E11.

Action (Consent): 4. New Hires
Consideration and Approval of Consent Items E 2. - E11.

Action (Consent): 5. Employee Status Changes
Consideration and Approval of Consent Items E 2. - E11.

Action (Consent): 6. Travel
Resolution: Approve travel requests as presented on individual employee travel authorization request forms.
Consideration and Approval of Consent Items E 2. - E11.

Action (Consent): 7. Financials
Consideration and Approval of Consent Items E 2. - E11.

Action (Consent): 8. Home School

Consideration and Approval of Consent Items E 2. - E11.

Action (Consent): 9. School Choice

Consideration and Approval of Consent Items E 2. - E11.

Motion to accept all consent items by Mark Davis, second by Tyler Bluth.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Blaik Baird, Mark Davis, Tom Hansen, Tyler Bluth

F. Action Items

Action: 1. Heber Valley Elementary Electrical Repair - Francis Harrison

This is an action item to approve the purchase of a replacement main breaker for Heber Valley Elementary. Main breaker was destroyed. 1 year warranty.

Motion to approve the emergency purchase of the replacement main circuit breaker to Coastside in the amount of \$14,850.00.

Motion by Tom Hansen, second by Mark Davis.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Blaik Baird, Mark Davis, Tom Hansen, Tyler Bluth

Action: 2. Proposed Capital Projects List FY21 - Francis Harrison \$1,188,800.00

Each schools capital project list is created with Francis and the head principal.

FY2020-21 reviewed by board.

See List for projects on BoardDocs Feb 20, 2020 Agenda doc for details.

This is an action item to approve the Proposed Capital Projects for FY21.

Motion by Mark Davis, second by Tom Hansen.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Blaik Baird, Mark Davis, Tom Hansen, Tyler Bluth

Action: 3. Data Backup Solution - Dustin Miller

Payment will not be due until July 2020. We do not have a good and reliable backup solution. This will provide that for us along with protection against ransom ware which has been in the news a lot lately. Many counties and municipalities have been locked out of their data and held ransom.

Motion to approve the amount of \$78,799.06 to Presidio for the Rubrik backup solution.

Motion by Tom Hansen, second by Tyler Bluth.

Motion Carries

Yea: Blaik Baird, Mark Davis, Tom Hansen, Tyler Bluth

Action: 4. Bus Purchase - Shawn Kelly

Recommendation to approve the purchase of a bus by state contract from Bryson Sales & Service Inc. for the amount of \$149,007.00.

This price includes the safety features.

Motion to approve the purchase of a bus by state contract from Bryson Sales & Service Inc. for the amount of \$149,007.00.

Motion by Tom Hansen, second by Mark Davis.

Motion Carries

Yea: Blaik Baird, Mark Davis, Tom Hansen, Tyler Bluth

G. Board Report

Discussion, Information: 1. Information/Updates

Watching the legislature and have a discussion once it has passed.

H. Superintendent Report

Discussion, Information: 1. Information/Updates

I. Adjournment

Action, Procedural: 1. Adjourn Meeting

Motion to move from Board Meeting to Executive session.

Motion by Mark Davis, second by Tom Hansen.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Blaik Baird, Mark Davis, Tom Hansen, Tyler Bluth

J. Executive Session