

Wasatch County School District Board of Education Special Meeting (Tuesday, April 28, 2020)

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Members present

Blaik Baird, Cory Holmes, Mark Davis, Tom Hansen, Tyler Bluth

Meeting called to order at 5:00 PM**A. Call To Order**

Procedural: 1. Roll Call of Members

All Present

President Blaik Baird

Vice President Mark Davis

Tom Hansen

Cory Holmes

Tyler Bluth

Superintendent Paul Sweat

Business Administrator Keith Johansen

Speaking Guests;

Academic Director, Garrick Peterson

Secondary Ed Director, James Judd

Elementary Ed Director, Eric Campbell

Operations Director, Shawn Kelly

Procedural: 2. Pledge of Allegiance

By President Blaik Baird

B. Information**Information: 1. Wasatch High School Graduation Updates**

Appreciation by Supt Sweat to Principal Tod Johnson and the graduation committee for all of their efforts in planning.

Principal Tod Johnson shares the Graduation Plans;

All seniors will experience the following on May 20th:

- An invitation to each member of the WHS Class of 2020 to schedule a visit* to a predetermined iconic Wasatch High School location to take photos and have a video recorded in a cap and gown with a diploma cover; during the video, the student will say his/her name and introduce their parents**
- A video program will be compiled including each individual graduate video, and will also include speeches, and music; this program will be broadcast at 5 p.m. on Sting TV on Wednesday, May 20 at a virtual graduation, and then archived on that page and WHS website.
- Each member of the WHS Class of 2020 will receive recognition in a printed program.
- Honor cords and collars may be purchased by students that qualify; these will be worn during the video and photo opportunity.
- The school will provide WHS Class of 2020 yard signs and a class-wide "unifying moment."
- The community will celebrate the Class of 2020 with Fireworks later that evening. WHS administration will be communicating additional information about scheduling the onsite photo opportunity and video recording visit.

Recommendation for an effort to be less virtual and more in person by Board Member Hansen.

Operations Director, Shawn Kelly reviews a 2.0 Utah Leads Phased Guideline for the General Public and Businesses that review the restrictions and the guidelines based on the risks determined by the health department.

Information: 2. Secondary Education Grading/ End of Year Update

Superintendent Sweat invites Garrick Peterson to discuss a grading resolution to present to the board with consideration of approving a motion tonight, with discussion and amendments if needed.

Garrick Peterson discusses the phases on immediate and in the future for schools and students. Online education is going well, but we are addressing summer gaps and summer school.

Provide opportunities for learning and social emotional - how does grading play into those priorities. There will be no failing marks for 4th term, following the State Superintendents lead.

GRADING FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS (4th Term)

The 4th term grading policy will be a "no harm approach." We recognize that this is only one term of the 13-year public education career. Outlined below is a timeline for both students and teachers to ensure that there is enough time for the necessary steps. Please make note of the following changes:

1. There will be no F grade given to any secondary student 4th term.
2. Potential grades will be Proficiency Marks of "A," "B" or "C."
3. Anything below a "C" grade will receive a Participation Mark of "P" (Pass); students may request a participation mark by contacting their teacher by May 27.
4. A No Grade mark will receive a "NG."
5. Teacher instruction will be completed by May 15, with no additional assignments given (other than AP reviews).
6. Students can declare anytime until May 27 at the end of the day if they want a P (Pass) instead of a letter grade in any particular class. The process for making that request is to email a teacher.

*Communication with universities about future admissions and scholarships, the UHSAA about eligibility, and the NCAA about their requirements and have confirmed verification that a "P" (Pass) grade for the spring 2020 term will not harm a student in any way.

*Concurrent enrollment courses may be subject to different grading policies. Please see the instructor for details.

*P (Pass) grades do not impact a Grade Point Average. The GPA will not go up or down with a P (Pass), and credit will still be awarded.

*SIS will reflect an F, D-, D, or C- grade until the end of the term where it will be changed to a P (Pass).

GRADING FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS (4th Term)

The 4th term grading policy will be a "no harm approach," and is as follows:

1. There will be no failing grades given to any middle school student in 4th term.
 2. A Proficiency Marks will receive a grade of "A."
 3. A Participation Mark will receive a grade of "P" - students may request a participation mark by contacting their teacher by May 27.
 4. A No Grade mark will receive a "NG."
 5. Teacher instruction will be completed by May 15, with no additional assignments given.
 6. Students can declare anytime until May 27 at 9 p.m. if they want a P (Pass) instead of a letter grade in any particular class. The process for making that request is to email a teacher.
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Information: 3. Elementary Education Grading/ End of Year Updates

The elementary schools will continue to use a standards-based grading system to communicate proficiency with students and parents. Based on a four-point scale, students will receive a score that indicates their proficiency for an identified essential standard/skill. These scores will assist students, parents, and teachers in knowing what content skills have been mastered by the student and what content areas students may need additional assistance to reach mastery

C. Resolutions

Action, Information: 1. Wasatch County School District 4th Term K-12 Grading due to COVID-19 Pandemic

Resolution read aloud by Director Kirsta Albert. Motion presented and approved unanimously by School Board.

WHEREAS, on April 28, 2020, the Wasatch County School District Board of Education authorizes a 4th term K-12 grading policy for a "no harm approach" during the COVID-19 pandemic.

WHEREAS, Wasatch County School District has prepared the following policy; and

WHEREAS, the School Board has reviewed the following grading procedures and steps, and believes that adopting the policy will be in the best interests of Wasatch County School District students and is necessary for the efficient conduct of Wasatch County School District Schools.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED the Wasatch County School District Board of Education hereby authorizes the 4th term K-12 grading policy for a no harm approach during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Motion by Mark Davis, second by Tyler Bluth.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Information: 4. CARES ACT Funding

Federal funding for Phases of Recovery. Addressing summer months, learning gaps and transition to recover for the future. All of our schools are working to put in place summer school programs.

We are focusing on;

- 1.) Summer Bridge - Academics
- 2.) Bring Students and Staff back Safely

Preparing our staff and schools to be ready to return in the fall.

Information: 5. Wasatch Aquatic Center Reopening

Recommendations by Shawn Kelly to open the pool on May 4 ,2020.

Some procedures would include ;

Lap Swim Only, reserve a lane
No Large Groups, only 10 patrons at a time
Limited Hours
Guidelines and screening to be followed for patrons to be safe in the pool.

A guideline's and procedure will be sent to the School Board to review as soon as possible. We will start slow and then make adjustments as needed.

D. Action Consent Items

Action (Consent): 1. 2020-2021 School LAND Trust Plans- J.R. Smith Elementary & Daniels Canyon Elementary
Approve 2020-21 School LAND Trust Plans for JR Smith Elementary and Daniels Canyon Elementary Schools

Motion by Tom Hansen, second by Mark Davis.

E. Board Report

No Report

F. Superintendent Report

No Report

G. Adjournment**Motion to adjourn Special Board Meeting**

Motion by Tyler Bluth, second by Mark Davis.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

H. Executive Session