

May 19, 2021 - Wasatch County School District Board of Education Meeting (Wednesday, May 19, 2021)

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A. Board of Education Meeting

Call to order 6:33pm

Welcomed by Tom Hansen Board President

Procedural: 1. Roll call of members

All members present. Thomas Hansen, Corey Holmes, Tyler Bluth, Kimberly Dickerson, Marianne B Allen
Superintendent Paul Sweat, Business Administrator Keith Johansen

Procedural 2. Pledge of Allegiance by Kimberly Dickerson**Procedural 3. Community Comment**

No comments

B. Consent Items

Action (Consent): 1. Consideration and Approval of Consent Items

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

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Action (Consent), Minutes: 2. Minutes -3.25.20 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. Financials

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

Action (Consent): 7. Home School

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

Action (Consent): 8. Approval of Staff or Student Travel

Resolution: Recommendation to approve the travel requests in consent items.

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

Motion to approve by Tyler Bluth, second by Marianne B Allen

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Marianne B Allen, Tom Hansen, Tyler Bluth, Kimberly Dickerson, Corey Holmes

C. Action items:**1. Approval of Office Space, to be utilized by school nurse and support staff. Francis Harrison**

Three bids were reviewed for a double classroom portable, 12 offices.

Recommending U.S. modular group in the amount of \$287,081

Superintendent Sweat suggests moving the nurses team to so free up North campus for the Wasatch Learning Academy.

The nurses will not be spending all their time at the portable, they will be in schools mostly.

Marianne B. Allen-Has there been discussion on other locations? Do the portables have bathroom facilities? Is there room for OT/PT in portable?

Francis Harrison- no bathroom facilities, does have heat and air and window in every office

The Operations Department toured the facility with the nursing staff. Most of their equipment will be housed at the actual schools to avoid having to transfer nursing items from the office to the schools.

Motion to approve as presented by Kimberly Dickerson, second by Cory Holmes.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cory Holmes, Tom Hansen, Tyler Bluth, Marianne B Allen, Kimberly Dickerson

Action: 2. Approval of School Bus Driver Inspection Policy by HB369-Shawn Kelly

This is a policy that is already in practice and it is required by the legislature.

A recommendation for board approval without public review. Since it is mandatory by the state.

Motion to approve Marianne B Allen, second Tyler Bluth

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cory Holmes, Tom Hansen, Tyler Bluth, Marianne B Allen, Kimberly Dickerson

Action 3. Approval for Home Building Class lot purchase- Jason Watt

Presenting unofficial building lot contract, pending plat. \$182,000 for lot. Built into purchase price is the equity investors would get from that lot. 24 students signed up for class and another 30 for the intro class.

Asking for lot approval now because we need to start getting permits. Once we receive final contract it will go to attorneys for final approval. Funding would be from CTE account.

Will also use some of the other classes within CTE and HS classes such as interior design to be part of this process.

Architecture class, woods build cabinets etc.

The finished home will go to a teacher. We would pull our cost out for running the program and then the teacher would benefit from the low cost.

Recommendation to approve the lot purchase in Brookside/Hamlet Homes #78 for \$182,000

Motion to approve by Cory Holmes, second Tyler Bluth

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cory Holmes, Tom Hansen, Tyler Bluth, Marianne B Allen, Kimberly Dickerson

Action: 4. Approval for 2021-2022 Elementary School LAND Trust Plans- Eric Campbell

The goal of the Elementary School Land Trust Plans is to improve language arts and math.

In order to do this, we need increased expenditures for professional development/collaboration, software and personnel.

Recommendation to approve school LAND trusts plans as presented.

Motion to approve by Tyler Bluth, second by Kimberly Dickerson

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Corey Holmes, Tom Hansen, Tyler Bluth, Marianne B Allen, Kimberly Dickerson

Action: 5. Approval for the 2021-2022 Secondary School LAND and Trust Plans-Garrick Peterson

The secondary schools would like to meet the same goals as elementary, we like to make sure the schools goals match with the district goals.

Goals specifically include - School community councils, prep during summer school, extra personnel to help with those struggling students. Professional development activities and building capacity in classrooms.

Wasatch High School recently used Land Trust funds to hire Kim Danley at WHS, she is focusing on reaching and advocating for our ELL and Latino student population.

Todd Johnson- Kim has made a difference in helping kids get ready for college, specifically targeting that population. The Gear up program used to have less than 10% participation. Over 160 in program and awarded scholarships this year. Community council decided to hire Kim full time to keep the momentum of this program. Her position is vital to our school and community.

Garrick Peterson's recommendation is to approve LAND Trust Funds for the secondary schools.

Motion to approve by Marianne B Allen, second by Kimberly Dickerson

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Corey Holmes, Tom Hansen, Tyler Bluth, Marianne B Allen, Kimberly Dickerson

Action: 6. Approval for NWEA Contract Renewal for grades K-2 and 9-11 Assessment- Brett Zabel

NWEA is an assessment resource for measuring and tracking school data. Given 3 times a year. 9-11 identify strengths and weaknesses of teaching and there is a correlation to the ACT. Wasatch High School has found great benefits.

For k-2 benchmark system in fall/winter and acts as summative test in spring for grades 1-2.

Recommendatio to approve for as presented for \$44,150.

Motion by Corey Holmes, second by Tyler Bluth

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Corey Holmes, Tom Hansen, Tyler Bluth, Marianne B Allen, Kimberly Dickerson

Action: 7. Policy out for review for Private School, Homeschool, Bureau of Indian Education student participation in public school tests policy- Brett Zabel

Policy reviewed in last months board meeting put out for public review. No comment were received. Recommendation to adopt policy as presented.

Motion to approve by Marianne B Allen, second by Kimberly Dickerson

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Corey Holmes, Tom Hansen, Tyler Bluth, Marianne B Allen, Kimberly Dickerson

Action: 8. Approval for ExploreLearning 2021-2022 contract renewal- James Judd

Essential to running an effective teaching/learning program Wasatch prioritizes these four things..

-Digital Friendly Classroom. Audio enhancement microphones, Apple TV, projectors etc.

-Digital Curriculum. Finding good partners that have great curriculum.

-Coaching. Every building has a coach.

-Devices. Unique district in the state. Districts are coming here to see how we do things with our digital program.

These four pillars are what make our digital curriculum successful.

Disucscion around Critical Race Theory -

Jim Judd- In History we teach the Utah Core curriculum. We look to state core for standards and objectives.

Critical Race Theory is not in the state core. The job of administrators and district curriculum staff is to make sure teachers are teaching to the Utah core curriculum.

Jason Watt- legislature is now requiring that all school boards study the current issues and respond to the legislature with suggestions and recommendations to take back to the districts.

Jim Judd - This year the state is going to ask us to adopt a new health curriculum. Most revolve around a National audience. Utah has a unique way to look at health and sex ed. We pick curriculum based on Utah laws.

Motion to approve as presented by Kimberly Dickerson, second by Cory Holmes

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Corey Holmes, Tom Hansen, Tyler Bluth, Marianne B Allen, Kimberly Dickerson

Action: 8. Approve ExploreLearning 2021-22 Contract Renewal- James Judd

Jim- When we first started the digital curriculum program we used the company Pearson, now called SAVVAS.

We want kids to be creative and critical thinkers using a digital platform to get to deeper levels of learning.

Discovery Learning is actually digital learning not just a pdf copy of a textbook. Students can research and learn theme based sections.

Model lessons are already made and vetted. This program can filter the technology to specific language learners.

Contract includes the entire district.

Recommendation to renew ExploreLearning/Gizmos one-year contract for \$10,400.00

Motion to approve by Kimberly Dickerson, second by Corey Holmes

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Corey Holmes, Tom Hansen, Tyler Bluth, Marianne B Allen, Kimberly Dickerson

Action: 9. Approval SAVVAS 2021-2022- James Judd

Recommendation to approve SAVVAS 2021-22 Reading and Math adaptive learning program student licenses(3yrs contract) for \$46,080.

Motion to approve by Tyler Bluth, second by Kimberly Dickerson

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Corey Holmes, Tom Hansen, Tyler Bluth, Marianne B Allen, Kimberly Dickerson

Action: 10. Approval of Discovery Education contract renewal- James Judd

Recommendation for 5yr renewal K-12 science student licenses, and middle level social study in the amount of \$283,586

Motion to approve by Marianne B Allen, second by Kimberly Dickerson

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Corey Holmes, Tom Hansen, Tyler Bluth, Marianne B Allen, Kimberly Dickerson

Action: 11. Approval of SAVVAS Investigations Math- Eric Campbell

Recommendation for contract renewal of Digital Curriculum. Grades K-4 3yr contract in the amount of \$40,572.59

Investigations 3 is the most current version of the curriculum.

Motion by Kimberly Dickerson, second by Marianne B Allen

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Corey Holmes, Tom Hansen, Tyler Bluth, Marianne B Allen, Kimberly Dickerson

D. Superintendent Report

Kirsta Albert- Awesome Scholarship Night- approx. 250 scholarships given. Representing approximately 98 donors and \$250,000. If students follow the process and do all the steps, they are given a gift of a scholarship. Scholarships proved to thirty-seven first generation college students, thirty-three of those students were bilingual.

We Rise scholarships were awarded to thirteen first-generation low-income students. 4yr commitment from the foundation and donors. Will have mentors that help those students through the next 4yrs or however long it takes. Super cool program.

Thank you to Kirsta and Shawn for lifting up this program and all the work that goes into it. -Kimberly Dickerson and Tyler Bluth

Claire Mair- Echoing thanks to Kirsta and Shawn for the scholarship program and how far its come. Parade of graduates was awesome too. Very humbling experience.

E. Board Report

Marianne B Allen- USBA meetings starting up.

Kimberly Dickerson- Awesome scholarship night. Walk of graduates was amazing too.

Tyler Bluth- Thanks to Kimberly for supporting masks off for graduation.

Tom Hansen- Teacher negotiations went well. Talks and preparation keep us busy. Lots of appreciation to Todd and Claire.

Superintendent Paul Sweat- appreciate the new artwork in the boardroom. New artwork to be unveiled at the next meeting.

It's been a hard year, but we have an all-star team. We are grateful for them. They are remarkable and loved.

Financial audit report letter from the State- Office - there were no disruptions or discrepancies for the fiscal year. Thanks to Keith for being an excellent business administrator. We appreciate him so much!

Eric Campbell- Over 60 students received the seal of bi-literacy medal. We graduated the first cohort of students in the Dual Immersion program this year. Over half our high school students are bilingual Spanish/English. Watching the students grow is so fun to watch. Thanks to the board for allowing the students to have these opportunities.

Wasatch High is the only high school with a secondary two-way language program.

Superintendent Sweat shared a letter from a Latino student about why he would like and opportunity to get a scholarship. So many working parts go into this program and Eric headed this program from the beginning. A lot of people in the community did not initially want the program, he fought for it. Great job Eric!

F. Adjournment

Procedural: 1. Adjourn Meeting

Motion by Tyler Bluth, second by Kimberly Dickerson. Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cory Holmes, Tom Hansen, Tyler Bluth, Marianne B Allen, Kimberly Dickerson

I. Executive Session