

May 29th, 2019 - Special Community Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Board Members Present -

Tom Hansen, Cory Holmes, Tyler Bluth, Mark Davis, Blaik Baird  
Business Administrator, Keith Johansen  
Superintendent of Schools, Paul Sweat

Directors Present -

Jaason Watt  
Eric Campbell  
James Judd  
Shawn Kelly

Special Guests -

Y2 Analytics, Kyrene Gibb  
Attorney, Jared Andersen  
Financial Advisors, Preston Kirk, Randy Larsen,  
Engineer, Paul Berg  
Maintenance Supervisor, Francis Harrison

Welcome by Board President Blaik Baird  
Pledge of Allegiance

Part I - Future Proposed Schools Information Video Presented ([www.wasatch.edu](http://www.wasatch.edu))

Part II Video - Future Proposed Schools Frequently Asked Questions ([www.wasatch.edu](http://www.wasatch.edu))

Board President Baird Opens Public Comment

Eric Bridge 437 Ridge Drive - I agree that education is very important. I don't understand that when people move in and my taxes keep going up. I understood from a local real estate agent that the Sorenson family is willing to donate land to the school. My concern is the neighbors. I have a lot of neighbors on fixed incomes, many feel that they may have to relocate.

Cody Clyde -999 S 960 E - I am one of the original families in this Valley. I start by saying this is "one community" and the thought of splitting the community is very sad. I also work in this building and I can assure you that this is more of a need than the public knows. I would invite anyone to come spend time in this facility, we have outgrown it. The growth will continue. We built a HS but the first bond failed. It cost us more as a community and as a taxpayer, when we later bonded and it was more expensive. I trust this board. My vote counts. I have nothing but support and respect for the board.

Clair Mair - 220 E 170 N, Heber - Thanks to all of you. I trust you, and I am grateful for the work that you do every day. All three of my children have graduated from WHS. I know that there is a real need to have another HS in this valley. Our students need more opportunities. To me we really don't want kids to be invisible. The special feeling and culture at WHS is strong enough for us to build to schools that both will have that. Thanks for coming to the public and seeking input. 100% infavor for a new school in Midway and a new high school.

Brad Ehlert - 2140 S 60 E, Heber -- Maybe you shot a little high on the buildings you selected. The schools that you selected are some of the most expensive buildings. I build schools. ....Nebo was 85 million dollar a piece for 2 schools. Is there a reason why we can't pick those buildings. This is where my children go to school. I am not opposed to the new HS I just want us to be financial responsibility. The district gave me the answer that our elementary schools have 30 students per classroom because they don't have enough money to decrease the class size. Correct the spelling error in the video.

Linda Middleton -- This map shows the bypass going right next to where the new high school is going to be constructed. I don't know that I have seen any of you in the planning meetings. I started going to planning meeting and everything in the valley has to be pumped out or trucked out. When I heard there was property was being donated to the school district for the High School. That sounded like a good idea. The UVU campus is empty. Then we wouldn't have to pump things out of the Valley. Maybe the HS can be next to the UVU because the infrastructure would already be there. As a citizen we are not on the same page? Did any of your go to those planning meetings before we decided that the HS would be down in the Valley and we have to pump the sewer out and the garbage will go to Dushesne. We don't have the infrastructure.

David Studdart 284 S 380 S, Midway- Thanks for your work in education. My question revolves around private property. Specifically the platt map in Midway that had a single road access point was right through my property. Is it the policy of the school board that directly affects property owners wiht out notifying them. As a land owner a phone call might have been nice. Thank you.

BM Tom Hansen - Thank you for coming out tonight. We are aware of the Sorenson property. We have done due dilignce on the cost of that property. The Health Dept. has given input that we should tap into current infrastructures as we build schools. The growth hasn't arrived there yet. We are attempting to facilitate the members of the community where the growth is at. There is also land that has been donated by the Jordanelle for future sites as well.

BM Mark Davis - We have met with UDOT regarding the by-pass they gave us the assurance that they would work with us and we should move forward. We have been in meetings with the county and city, and have been very up front, they have been

notified long before the release of these consideration videos. This is not something that we decided to do without including our community partners or UDOT. We have had meetings with them and have done our due diligence.

BM Blaik Baird- I do think that there will be a time that there may be a school on the Sorenson property. I also don't feel comfortable putting our students on hwy 40 - it is a safety issue. I have seen the proposals for the bypass. I have attended planning meetings.

BM Mark Davis- John please show map that it is not on the main corridor for the new HS. This is not on top of the bypass. There is development between the bypass and school. That is worth noting.

BM Tom Hansen- It is interesting to note the image of the annexation of Heber City. The Western boarder is Sth Field Rd. There is density that would continue without the high school in the annexed area - It would become a high density residential area. It is an interesting point that Heber City will take the city straight up South Field Rd. I would also like to address Mr. Studdard. We apologize, we are looking forward to having a discussion with you. There was a mistake, the road running east to west does not exist and has been updated in the video.

BM Blaik Baird - The high schools that we showed that are currently being built. We will have a better number as we come in to August. I want to mention that their ground for those schools mentioned at other districts is existing. We had to purchase the ground for these new schools.

Brad Ehlert - I do understand. I have built over 1000 building in the US. I understand. I didn't get emails back. It took threatening emails before I got an email back. I am not opposed to this. We are happy to have the conversation and to help. But we need you to understand that we have elected you but you may need to listen to our input.

BM Tom Hansen - If you feel like your voice isn't being heard it has been heard tonight. We would encourage your participation in board meeting and study sessions on a monthly bases. Our goal is to build this similar type of building, similar parody that we managed with the two middle schools. The process has taught us allot. We can improve on our communication.

Holly Boldly - Dutch Valley Midway, Just a comment obn who should be included on this planning. We never saw a single survey or anything. Most people recognize we need a second high school, the issue is really what the 2nd high school might look like. I would like to make changes that will account for the changes. We need to plan ahead. Please reach out to the public prior to giving us the already made decisions. Why was that property selected over other options? A lot of HS have been partnering with programs like Eccles. Has that been looked at to help with the budget? I too am concerned about the price.

Linda Middleton - It seems like the bypass is planned and the high school is planned. Are we concerned about the safety of having high speed traffic in those neighborhoods and the hazard materials that go near schools? Is that anything that we have talked to UDOT about. Traffic, Sound Buffers, Speed and the safety of high speed traffic.

No Name - The jets over the high school is a safety concern to me.

Tod Beagly, Thank you for your time. I come from Las Vegas. We had 13 high schools all twice the size of WHS. As far as opportunity one of the top 5 students in the nation was in my class. I can understand the want to stay small. The comments I hear are that the price is to big and this will take care of this problem then we will need another high school. I think people will understand that if there was a clearer vision. My daughter said today, I am hearing wants vs needs. We need to strike a balance with enough space for the kids and more classrooms. Our kids don't have to have everything. Our teachers are amazing. Give us a vision that takes care of us for 15 years not just a couple of years. What's going to be built in the Valley in the next 20 years. We want to see a vision and then improve on it. We need to start a balance and have enough classrooms for the kids. My kids don't play in my wifes nice front room they play in our stuffy attic. Our kids don't need to have everything. We need to give our teachers credit. They are awesome.

Kallen Potter, 151 Millers Rd, Mayor of Heber - Thank you for this hard work. I share your pain in managing growth in this community. I want to clarify a few things on that map, an update. We had an annexation petition was proposed to be annotation proposal before the land was purchased. That annexation has not been approved. We thought because of environmental issues there would be concerns. When talking to the developers they have put some things on hold. This has not necessarily been approved. They want to get development lower but it has not yet been approved for density approval by Heber City.

Tod Beagly - I personally know that locals would help keep the cost down. We could approach it that way as an opportunity and I know the people in the valley would support that. The community could help keep the cost down by approaching valley contractors. I know people would help with consturction costs.

Brian Thorne - 440 Huckleberry Lane - I love midway elementary, I work there. Today we had an assembly. We stretched to the back of the gym today. We are in a school that wasn't designed for 698 students to go to the bathrooms, cafeteria. The lockdown was a scary day for us with 5 grade level portables in our schools. We have a staff memberr that we have had to displace, and we don't know where we are going to put her. We will find a space but there are some realities that we live that are very difficult. I have trust in the board and thank you for taking care of them.

Connie Edwards, 2865 S 600 W, Charleston. - We cut this building back when we built it. My concern this time round is that our community isn't going to see that we need the space. I would challenge you to come spend a day here. It is really crowded for our students and teachers. I appreciate your vision and your support. I trust that you have done you due diligence. I challenge anyone to come see us during a school day at WHS.

Celeste Johnson, 136 East ,Midway Mayor, I echo Mayor Potters, we deal with difficult things right now. No one is debating that. I come tonight representing my community. I think that there are some possibilities that we can consider if we brain storm. We have never been approached about the HS, although we did discuss Midway. In my opinion, I don't think that we were consulted about the HS. I feel like I have come back to 1950, all the men up there, where are the women?

Tyler Bluth - I want to talk about Mrs Bodily's comments. We continue to look at options about collaborations, and we are still in planning, and we are talking about those things. We had to scale the WHS back because of public out cry. So we are facing that going forward right now to. Are we going to build it big enough?

Mark Davis - The school size comment - we are the fastest growing county in the state and 4th in the nation. The purpose of this meeting is to get your input. I appreciate the comments tonight. It is a decision that we need to make and decide how big we want our schools to be. Right now we are solving the issues, but I don't know that we can do that for the next 20 years. I don't think our community wants a really large HS. This meeting is being recorded for public in put and it is a recorded.

Tyler Bluth - It is not easy finding property in this valley. We turned over every rock.

Supt. Sweatt - I would go back in time, when we did float a bond that did fail. We went to the voters with a 44 million dollar bond for a new high school. It failed, and we heard loud and clear that it failed because we didn't tell the public where it would be built or how it would be planned. The people told us we needed to tell them these things, 2 years later the board came back with a plan and a site and a school site. It then passed at about 70%. We are in a process where property has been under contract. We are proposing that we would build something like this building but we would improve on it. It is very educational friendly. It lends itself to a great educational value. We are trying to show you what we are proposing. There is time to make adjustments and consider the comments. We appreciate your being here and participating here in this public part with what now is clearly a proposal.

BM Blaik Baird- We have spent at least a year at least 2 years looking at different land opportunities for a school site. We need 50 acres. It is important to have some infrastructure in place. We negotiate outside of public view for a reason.

Mayor Potter - Clarification on the property that the master plan would be annexed up to south field road. It hasn't been annexed yet, but that is ultimately the plan.

Director Shawn Kelly - One of my jobs is to look for property. This was not the property on the ballot to be rezoned. One of the things that we run into is that people aren't willing to sell. Water is needed (Daniel and Charleston don't meet the requirements for qualifications for fire suppression). I met with property owners who wanted to keep their land and not sell it.

BM Tom Hansen - Congrats on your son winning the Cool to Care car. Thanks to Danny Labrum for donating that car. We are in the process, and we have monthly meetings where people can come to our meetings. No one comes to our meetings. They are pretty vacant. I invite you to come and voice your opinions. We need input. We will continue to do surveys. We have invited elected officials to share the proposal. Supt meets with city and county managers on a monthly schedule. As your city councils annex you have the ability to ask them to donate land. What we need is elementary school sites.

BM Tyler Bluth - It would be nice if developers could donate land with impact fees attached but we can't, it is a state legislation that doesn't allow us to do that. Property Taxes is the only way that we can do that.

BM Mark Davis - My family has had a real estate business here for 40 years. Finding 50 acres is a hard thing to find in this valley. For the school to find acreage for us to build on should allow us to do our due diligence. It might feel like we are not including the community. There are difficulties discussing it in advance. It may feel like we are not including the community. But there are some things due to the nature of the market that are a real challenges as we do our due diligence.

BM Blaik Baird- Cache Valley built 2 high schools at the same time, it would be nice if we could do that too. I want to make a comment on the waist being pumped in and out, but as a district I don't know that we can answer that. We are focused on education. I went to Brighton HS, but moved to Wasatch. The opportunities that it gave me a great experience. I want to give our students opportunities in all aspects in extracurricular activities. We know they will do better when they have more opportunities. I agree there should be more women on this stage.

Shawn Kelly - My roll is construction on projects. We would love to have people bid low. We can't ask you to do that. We have to follow procurement laws. We would love to have our local contractors help us. We can't give special treatment to a local. We would love you to give us a donation. The golf tournament is Monday. I will take donations.

Piper Riddle - 672 School House Way - I work at HVE. I am speaking to you as an educator and a parent. Thank you for being forward thinking about a high school. I have seen the growth and I know that kids thrive when they have multiple adults that know them by name. Those relationships are critical academically, socially and emotionally. If you hadn't done your due diligence you would have looked stupid. I am interested that you did the work and you are presenting the proposal. This is work that has been done and I would like my neighbors to see it for that.

Mary Allen, Wheeler Park - I know you work hard at your jobs. As an educator and a parent, I know looking to the future is important. I am in full support of a new high school and class sizes small. Neighbor hood with by-pass it sounds troubling since we don't know where the by-pass will be. Remind people that it is a proposal, when we see maps people start to focus on those things 2) Flood Plain and the costs associated 3) If we are patterning after this high school we need to build it to last longer. We are tearing down MES and building a second? should we keep it? If we can make a more collaborate effort and have more conversation. DCE is soon going to be maxed. We might reevaluate that scenario. We can make more of a collaborate effort if we were all in the same planning meetings. Saw Mill development has 500+ residentials, then another 50+, we will need another elementary school site soon. Lets look ahead.

Dave McNaughton - Heber Meadows 2785 S 1040 East. - I started working for Wasatch 22 year at the alternative HS. I moved all over when I was in HS. I had a blast in high school. I didn't realize kids didn't like it. When I got kids who hated high school I was sad. We need to continue to create ways to give kids opportunity. We have got to do what you are doing right now. We are going to have to build a 3rd high school in 10-15 years. These kids need to feel like they are part of that community. Build a 3rd High School! It is important to provide opportunities to our kids in sports and in extracurricular. Thanks for your time.

Heather Whitney, 745 \_\_\_ Valley Dr. Midway - Thank you. I am a proponent of another school. I agree with the comments that have been made. Connections and Resources are important. I have a few questions 1) Location, 2) Money being spent wisely 3) Property - is it possible to enter into consideration of property and the community can understand the process and the decision, so we can have something to compare to. The timeline and location information would be helpful on when we can weigh in? How long does it take to build? Since we don't know where the bypass will go are you considering pollution impacts? Hazardous Materials? How many acres do you need for an elementary and a middle school? Will there be a citizen over-site panel of experts that can advise the process? We are new to this area do our property taxes go to the Wasatch Schools or schools all over the state?

Brad Allen - 799 S 200 West -- More women's names on the ballot for board elected officials. Parody doesn't mean the same. We can have parody and learn the lessons that we learned the first time. It shouldn't be the prime trait that guides us. Let's do something better. There was a public perception that day 1 was already over crowded at WHS. Everyone hates turning left on main street a bypass is needed but planning is hard. If you have to draw the lines it is a hard job. I appreciate the work you have done and welcome the publics' feedback on improving on this.

BM Baird - If I offended anyone I apologize.

BM Tom Hansen - Heather where else would you like to build other options that you have for another HS or Elementary School? We are open to suggestions. We have been working on boundary changes 2 years ago. There was a proposal to move Dutch fields to attend HVE. That was because there wasn't enough room in MES. I visited with some of those families who were concerned. The conclusion of that was that we needed a long term solution to keep Midway families together. The voice continues to be that of keeping those families together. We have been looking for sites since then. Midway Elementary is currently on less than 10 acres. We are looking for 10 acres to build elementary schools. We used current property in the negotiations for \$1 per year for the land swap in Midway till we are able to turn the property to the seller once the school is done. If there is a better site i would like to hear from you.

Shawn Kelly - All of our experts who are here tonight please stand up. We are educators, and we know education, but I rely on these people to help us and guide us. Our Experts Randy Larsen, Kyrene Gibb and Y2 Analytics, Francis Harrison, Paul Berg, Bond Partners - Preston Kirk.

Supt Sweat - There are not a lot of students that choice outside of the valley, all students have a choice to go to schools that they want other than their home boundary school. Currently we have about 100 students choicing in or out of each of the schools, creating a balance. MES and OME are closed to new applications for school choice, purely because of space. The actual construction on this high school took 26 months. If we allow construction companies more time the prices are more favorable. There are trainings and collaboration with our experts. After this meeting it is our intention to conduct some surveys - Y2 Analytics is advising us to help us with some surveys. Since the release of videos they have been viewed 20K times. We are receiving many emails, and they are recorded and categorized and reviewed by the board of education. If they come back to us and say that we are polling positively or negatively then we will consider that help. This public meeting is the final step in the proposal and consideration of the bond. We will put together a citizens' committee that will help guide and steer us through the process. In August, we have to make a decision if we are going to bond or not. Nothing has been finalized. Although the 26 months to build a new high school it will realistically be 3+ years.

## 2 Minute Reminder

Susanne Prince \_\_\_ Midway, - I can't tell from the map, is the bypass road different from our current main street? I am a teacher at RMMS. I love to teach and I love kids and I want them to succeed. I have 160 kids in my English classes. 2 of them are 37 students Per class. The opportunities that Wasatch creates for students. Get Involved, find something. There was an opportunity for every kid. My senior didn't get to be in the same room as her senior video. I don't want my kids in a school that is so big that they don't get opportunities. Paul I love your boy, he is going to be great. It is our job to stay in the front of education and give kids opportunities to succeed.

Emily Siggard - I am a student at WHS. I feel like I need to give my opinion because you never ask for our thoughts. I have been to the most recent assembly and I have been shoved in the hall. The school rivalry will be something to consider, how can we teach students to come together. My suggestion on how it might help. Have you considered only having 10-12th? Many of us don't like the immature freshman. If you are trying to build the same building you should consider something else. Shouldn't academics also be considered? Midway Lane? Really. I am not worried about the by-pass I am worried about Midway Lane and in experienced teenage drivers. You aren't expanding your options by not asking for your students opinions.

Tracy Taylor - I am so proud of Emily Siggard. That makes me cry. There aer a couple of concerns. I love children. I was a PTA mom for 20 years. It is not about that. My basic concern is not replicating this building orr tearing down MES. We have a new county clerk, it would be trying for him to do a county wide election in a municipal year. My concern is that this is a municipal election year, not a county wide election year. That should be a concern to you. This would be very trying for a county wide election in a municipal year. It will cost the tax payers more money. Next year 2020 would be a better time to do it. Just so you know. I am glad that you are having a public meeting now. Other school districts are having public announcements before the proposals are announced. PC went through this for 2 years. They had options based on cost for thier community. They have no capital depb. We have a lot of capital debt (132M). This is not the year to do a county wide election. We need to vet the bypass road. This is a huge deal for this community. I know the board has been invited to our inter local meetings. I would encourage

you as a board to come to those planning meetings. Everyone shows up except for you. As a community I think it is time that we are all communicating better.

Brooke Mair - 440 East, I want to voice some thoughts. I was born and raised here, my parents are on fixed incomes. I want acknowledge the work you do and I appreciate you and the time that you spend. As a new mom, I see the need for the conversations. My kids have names, Crue and Kinley and I want them to go to high school and for their teachers and stakeholders to know their names. Academics come second to me, I am in the human business. When we are talking about size it does matter to me that my kids have names and others will help me raise them in the school system.

Holly Fotherly - My thought along with this is growth and what we can do about it. We can try to manage by being creative. We often have heard that that state won't let us be creative. Are there ways to cap some numbers of growth to make it more manageable? The approval of housing is making us grow, but we can't ask for impact fees, we can only as a developer to donate land. Have you had these conversations?

Pam Fredricks 450 E 210 S, Heber - Thank you for being here. Questions I first had were 1) Why do we have to bond for a High School with an Elementary? Why are we tearing down MES? What will the capacity of the new school be then you aren't fixing the problem just getting a new building. Midway community members are going to have to split at sometime.

BM Mark Davis - One thing that makes America great is land rights. The school district doesn't get a say, and we shouldn't. Those are discussions that should be had by the city and county. It is not the school districts roll to manage the growth. The elementary school in Midway will be larger. The Election may not be the most optimal time with the county, as a school board our roll is to make the best decision for kids. If we don't make it in our roll, then no one will. We will do what is best for kids.

BM Blaik Baird - We will make a better effort to attend those inter local meetings. We are at the mercy of the growth that is approved.

Paul - I agree with President Baird. There has been a whole lot of collaboration. We can do a better job at attending the inter local meetings. If you aren't aware of it doesn't mean it didn't happen. Before this was even we have met with UDOT, the county and other government entities. It should be noted that we don't really know when the bypass will be built. We like the sites of the proposed high school. It is in line with the infrastructure that is already there. We heard from a lot of people asking not to put it away from the town where it might feel like it is not their high school. The Jordanelle Basin has been projected to grow for a while and it still hasn't. Lastly, regarding the donated property - It is on a very steep slope the excavation would be very difficult. We have a study that has already be done. We don't see a high school being a great site. Maybe another type of school building or bus garage that would better fit there.

BM Tyler Bluth - Student Emily Siggard, we are really proud of you for voicing your opinion. Let your voice be heard. A good example of a Wasatch student.

BM Tom Hansen - First I am a parent, Second I am an elected official. I would finally say that I am a taxpayer. An alternative way of communicating with this board is that we are open to hearing from you. We want input and we need it. Building a second High school is one of the toughest decisions that this community is going tto make. The banter on social media about the board. Every member of this board is dedicated to work toward a solution. It is not appreciated the names we have been called and the accusations that have been made. It is important that that has been made extremely clear.

BM Blaik Baird - We would not be doing this consideration unless we felt that we were in dire need of doing something.

BM Tyler Bluth - We are former Wasatch High guys. We don't want to divide the community. We have to do this. We need help from you and need comments on how best to do it. Come to a board meeting and be heard

Scott Smith - 245 S E. As far as MES is concerned I am completely in favor. The educators are some of the best I have ever seen with the crappy building that they have. They will be better with a better facility. The HS, I am in favor. I am with him and would be more in favor if that is what is better. I don't understand why people are having a hard time with the location. Rivalry can be healthy. My kids won't participate in division. Thank you for everything that you are doing to make this process transparent.

Trish Lay - I echo his sentiments. I know there isn't a lot of land left in Midway to build a new school. Thank you for finding a spot that will create a neighborhood feel. I am in great support of a second high school. I went to Alta High School. I didn't have the opportunities at a large school that kids have here. Thank you for your hard work.

Dianne. Glenn, Dutch Creek - I take my hat of to you and the hard decisions you have been tasked with. I want to say that if you get involved you will know a lot more. There is not competition at the two middle schools it is healthy and fun. I also am excited that you have a citizens advisory, if there are others lets help not be a part of the problem. I am looking for my kids and others.

Katie Cummings 919 Ridgepine Dr. Timberlakes - It is very apparent to me that you are very prepared. I appreciate you coming so prepared to do that you are ready for these questions. Many of us admire what you are doing. While we are silent on social media we appreciate you.

BM Blaik Baird- Request for final public comments.

BM Cory Holmes - Tod I wish the whole auditorium was full. Our goal is to make you happy. I am glad to serve on the board. I am a little sideway when there were comments about women not up here. There were two seats on the last ballet and both ran unopposed.

Mark - 90% goes to teachers salaries and benefits. Teachers need to be paid more. The also leaves us with the question of how to we continue to do that. If there isn't excess money then how do we continue paying? As a board member, we need to have

money to buy land now and before the cost gets higher. So, there may be truth in taxation raises. But with this growth it would be foolish for us not to act on now.

Adjourn -

1st Motion Mark Davis

2nd Motion Tyler Bluth