

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

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Members present

Blaik Baird, Mark Davis, Tom Hansen, Tyler Bluth

Study Session called to order at 5:02 PM

A. Study Session

Discussion, Information: 1. Round Table Discussion

Attendees:

President Baird, Mark Davis, Tom Hansen, Tyler Bluth

Excuse Board Member Holmes

Welcome

School began on Monday, it has been better than we could have imagined. We are so pleased. Enrollment is difficult to predict in the first week because we are still learning which students are entering and exiting. Even more complicated is the adjustment for COVID options.

Review COVID -19 Reopening Goals -

1 - Safety for everyone

2 - Keep schools and classrooms open

3 - Mastery of achievement for all students

Wasatch Connect partnering with Harmony Education to support almost 2,000 students in Utah who will be doing a Hybrid choice of instruction.

Ben Springer - we are doing a great service for Mental Health students. My recommendation is that if a large shut down happens we will continue to service these students face-to-face. It is not ideal for students with these needs to be on an online experience.

We have taken care of our teachers and they feel safe providing them with PPE gear to help support them as they service our students.

Aubreigh Parks, School Nurse -

In years past our health aides were to get students back into class, this year it is to keep a school open, which means that we will be sending students home.

If student shows symptoms we hold them away from other students, a letter is sent home to the parents letting them know of the protocol for return.

This is a new process for all of us including parents. Parents have been very good to follow the guidelines when asked to. Our health aids are not nurses. We are in the process of assessing with tele-health. We are starting to see some symptoms spread. I am tracking with the LHD and we are monitoring it hourly to make sure our classrooms are as safe as possible.

We have one COVID case, but now just have kids quarantined. No COVID cases in a classroom since school has started.

We hired 1 additional nurse to support us. It is difficult to find a nurse on a one year contract.

What are the adjustments for attendance for the students?

The HS attendance policy has been enforced in the passed. Those rules have been lifted at this time.

To help with student absenteeism, we are using Canvas to support kids at home when they have to go. There are cameras in classrooms for students to call up on Canvas. Teachers will communicate with students regarding Canvas courses and assignments.

Board Meeting - Call to order at 6:35 PM

B. Call To Order

Procedural: 1. Roll Call of Members

Procedural: 2. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Community Comment

Information: 1. Public comments will be accepted for approximately twenty (20) minutes. Each speaker will be allowed a maximum of two (2) minutes.

David McNaughtan, Principal of Timpanogos Middle School - As a principal I have been able to hire a first year teacher and the game changer was the compensation package. I have never had that experience. What you are doing is making a difference. Every year I challenge you to do more, I just want to thank you for everything. I now have people saying I will come.

Kimo Paulson, no address provided - I have a few kids in the school system. I know that there is a lot going on behind the scenes. I have a student at TMS and WHS. Things seem to be running smoothly. A lot going on for you I know. Good Job and Thank you!

Barbara Walton, 2567 Daniels, UT -- I am here on behalf of the classified employees. Custodial, Food Service, Maintenance, Paras, Transportation, Secretary and Bus Drivers. We are all so happy to get back to work. I would like to thank you for taking care of our people and looking after our needs. Thanks you do a great job and thank you for keeping us informed. Keep up the good work and continue to support us.

D. Information/Celebration

Information: 1. Wasatch Connect - Teaching and Learning Covered in Study Session.

E. 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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Motion by Mark Davis, second by Tom Hansen.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action (Consent), Minutes: 2. Minutes -7.21.20 Board Meeting

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

Motion by Mark Davis, second by Tom Hansen.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action (Consent): 3. Separations

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

Motion by Mark Davis, second by Tom Hansen.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action (Consent): 4. New Hires

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

Motion by Mark Davis, second by Tom Hansen.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

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

Motion by Mark Davis, second by Tom Hansen.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Blaik Baird, Mark Davis, Tom Hansen, Tyler Bluth

Action (Consent): 6. Travel
Resolution: No Travel Requests at this Time

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

Motion by Mark Davis, second by Tom Hansen.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Blaik Baird, Mark Davis, Tom Hansen, Tyler Bluth

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

Motion by Mark Davis, second by Tom Hansen.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Blaik Baird, Mark Davis, Tom Hansen, Tyler Bluth

Action (Consent): 8. Home School
Consideration and Approval of Consent Items E 2. - E11.

Motion by Mark Davis, second by Tom Hansen.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Blaik Baird, Mark Davis, Tom Hansen, Tyler Bluth

Action (Consent): 9. School Choice
Consideration and Approval of Consent Items E 2. - E11.

Motion by Mark Davis, second by Tom Hansen.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Blaik Baird, Mark Davis, Tom Hansen, Tyler Bluth

F. Action Items

Action: 1. Licensed Employees Negotiations Agreement 2020-21 - Shawn Kelly - Garrick Peterson
Recommendation to ratify and approve the proposed negotiations' agreement.

Motion by Tom Hansen, second by Mark Davis.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Blaik Baird, Mark Davis, Tom Hansen, Tyler Bluth

Action: 2. Classified Employees Negotiations Agreement FY 2020-21 - Shawn Kelly- Garrick Peterson
Recommendation to ratify and approve the proposed negotiations agreement.

Motion by Mark Davis, second by Tom Hansen.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Blaik Baird, Mark Davis, Tom Hansen, Tyler Bluth

Action: 3. Supervisor Employees Negotiations Agreement 2020-21 - Shawn Kelly- Garrick Peterson

Recommendation to ratify and approve the proposed negotiations agreement.

Motion by Tyler Bluth, second by Mark Davis.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action: 4. Administrative Employees Negotiations Agreements 2020-21 - Shawn Kelly- Garrick Peterson

Recommendation to ratify and approve the proposed negotiations agreement.

Mark Davis - there was a lot of thought and discussion that has gone on to propose the compensation package as presented. We want to continue to support our teachers and staff.

Tyler Bluth - For our teachers not having to commute to the community they work in is a big deal.

Tom Hansen - The agreements are available to review, we spent hours building them and refining them then having discussion with the employees. It is a good day to be able to increase the salary schedule for our employees. The moral and attitude increase as we continue to do great things for the school district. The thank you notes go so far.

Board President Baird - I appreciate the comments of our board and the continuity that we have with our Board, Superintendent, BA, District leadership and those in our schools. The collaboration has been great. I appreciate the comments from everyone.

Motion by Mark Davis, second by Tom Hansen.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action: 5. Approval LEA Specific Educator License Requirements Policy - Shawn Kelly

This is an action item to approve the LEA Specific Educator Policy as presented. Has been out for 30 days with no comment.

Motion by Tom Hansen, second by Mark Davis.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action: 6. Food Service Tents - Shawn Kelly

As an effort to social distance during COVID we would like to purchase event tents. 3 tents for HS and 2 middle schools. Recommendation to purchase from Infinity in the amount of \$5,588.34.

This money is from CARES for COVID relief. We will use this in the future with our Wasatch Back, Councilor Conferences and other activities, as well as to rent them out.

Supt. Sweat - The county and city received more money than we did. This particular item will be paid for by Wasatch County. We really appreciate their support and partnership to expand our lunchrooms.

Motion by Tom Hansen, second by Tyler Bluth.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action: 7. Food Services Delivery Van - Shawn Kelly

Delivery van will be used to deliver food service items around the district.

Recommendation to purchase the van from Labrum Ford for \$26,745 with \$1800 additional safety features.

Motion by Tyler Bluth, second by Tom Hansen.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action: 8. Asphalt Crack Seal - Francis Harrison

We will be doing slurry seal at the schools who have not been done this year.

Recommendation to approve the contractor for Asphalt Crack Seal for \$17,950 to Asphalt Preservation.

Motion by Tom Hansen, second by Mark Davis.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

G. Board Report

Discussion, Information: 1. Information/Updates

Garrick, Eric and Jim please discuss with us how the first 4 days of school have gone.

Garrick Peterson, Academic Director

I will frame this under our 3 goals;

1- Teacher Stay Safe

2 - Keep schools open

3 - Essential and Achievement

We feel like things are going well. We are monitoring and tracking at this time. Symptoms are being watched and data collected. Quarantined and Testing Positive is being collected.

We are making adjustments as needed. One concern is absenteeism. Things are being put into place to support kids and teachers if they are quarantined. That is a big deal for us this year. I think we have the best nursing team around. They are doing such a great job and are leading out.

James Judd, Director of Secondary Ed -

Mask and compliance have not been an issue. We remind students when needed, but little to no refusal to wear a mask. They seem excited to be back and willing to do what we need to do.

The first football game went well. Everyone is following the rules. We are feeling like the public is on board and supporting us.

5-8% Hybrid at Middle School

2% - full online at WHS

A significant majority of our students are willing to come back to be at school.

Eric Campbell, Director fo Elementary ed -

70% are traditional

I need to put a shout out to our administrators and teachers! They have revamped and done what they needed to to make it work for students to come back to school. Our teachers and administrators, support staff and others are working tirelessly helping each other out.

Thank you for your support.

Darren how do you feel like food services is going?

Darren Wilkins - This year has been difficult, but we have been able to step up and do our jobs. Food supplies have been difficult, but we are doing our best with menu changes when we need to. We are focusing on keeping our lunch ladies safe so we can feel our students. If we loose a kitchen then how do we feed the kids.

We can't have any bus drivers getting sick either.

Barb Walton - Kids are doing a good job of wearing masks and sanitizing.

Board President Blaik - Thank you for your work.

Tom Hansen - It has been a busy summer for us all. Thank you to everyone for working so hard to get us to open school. Its a huge effort. We forget at times that this is the first time that a lot of people are hearing this. It has been outstanding to watch the leadership and the planning. We all appreciate it.

H. Superintendent Report

Discussion, Information: 1. Information/Updates

This week has been a success. We are all happy to have schools open. The men and women in our District Office have worked around the clock to have the schools open.

I. Adjournment

Action, Procedural: 1. Adjourn Meeting
(not specified)

Motion by Mark Davis, second by Tom Hansen.

J. Executive Session