

September 17, 2020 Wasatch County School District Board of Education Meeting (Thursday, September 17, 2020)

Members present

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

Keith Johansen, Business Administrator
Paul Sweat, Superintendent Sweat

A. Study Session

Meeting called to order at 5:02 PM

Discussion, Information:

Welcome special guest Aubreigh Parks, WCSD School District Nurse

School nurse and team are creating a COVID report that is updated at the end of each day - for each school and then a sum for the district

We have one case at WHS currently. WCSD started at 6.

No admittance lists are kept at the schools to know who can come into the buildings.

Aubreigh shared that we are doing tremendously well. I believe it is because of the collaboration in the district, schools and that we are sending students home when showing symptoms.

The Southern Hemisphere is reporting a more mild flu season this fall. October 14 flu shot day for WCSD, drive through flu shots.

The Health Dept is firm on not allowing anyone on campus with any respiratory symptoms. Intermountain is forming a taskforce to help encourage testing and more awareness of the signs and symptoms of the Coronavirus.

Supt. Sweat - We have debated what format to report cases in our school district. We want to be careful to respect and protect the identity of students who have the virus. Maybe we have been too conservative with our press releases. What would the board like to see? Of all the kids that have had the virus, none that have been quarantined have gotten it.

Aubreigh Parks - Many of those students may not have been tested, so we want to be careful about saying that.

Supt. Sweat - My opinion is that if what we are doing is working, why would we change what we are doing? Let the Health Dept and our administrators continue to do the good work that they are doing.

Aubreigh Parks - It is hard to encourage more testing. The challenge is that it requires us to think about the greater community. I don't know how to change that. The 24th of this month, Intermountain will have spit tests - I am hoping that will increase testing. The more that we can educate our community the better we will be. I think we have reported 200 students who have been in close contact or have tested - 75 were tested them self. We are at 11% infectious rate. Other districts have considerably higher number of cases than us. Summit county is facing an issue with their staff. Our staff feels safe, and they are grateful for the mitigation that we have done to protect them.

Jim Judd - I will research attendance and see if we are having less students attend class. Our teachers are responding and adjusting to the fact that kids are staying home.

Aubreigh Parks- We are seeing much lower visits to the nurses' office, likely because we are sending kids home as soon as they are getting sick.

Kirsta Albert - I think that because our numbers are so low we may cause concern to parents if we put a dashboard up. The updates thus far have had very few responses. We are currently reporting once a week on Friday.

Supt Sweat. - Do you want to move to a dashboard or are you alright with the updates? We are asking because we want your input as board members. If you want to have the decision in your hands then we will listen. I say we keep doing what we are doing.

President Baird - I suggested having the county add a line about the amount of cases at WCSD. I think we keep doing what we are doing, a weekly report. It shows transparency.

Tyler Bluth - When will we see a spike if we have an outbreak from Homecoming?

Aubreigh - We have one more week. I believe that the masks have been a huge mitigation.

1. CTE Trades & Technology - Jason Watt

Jason Watt, Director of CTE and Student Services

We are putting together an advisory board similar to CAPS for this construction project. The project is being developed through the Governors Office of Economic Development (GOED) to expand the Utah Architecture, Engineering & Construction Pathway in Utah Schools.

I have met with a contractor, Paul Clark in the area, that is interested in giving back to Wasatch. He and his partners are looking to buy a lot and assist in the financing to build a home. Wade Discher is a teacher at WHS and has a great relationship with many of the kids who are interested in a program like this. We will also have Wade to council these students earlier in their careers to help steer them into these careers. The home would be entirely financed then sold by the partners. Alpine School District also has a program like this.

Expand Course Offerings to Include;

Architecture Design, Construction Management, Construction Trades, Electrician, Carpentry, and Plumbing.

The home project will start next year. The apprenticeship program will get started as soon as we can. Kids will get credit for participating in the program. This is so much better than kids having to drive to Utah County to participate. At this time it is a first-come-first-serve enrollment. Students will become certified in many courses.

There is also a Welding Pathway and Manufacturing & Automotive Technology through MTECH. MTECH just opened a new campus in Lehi where they teach this all-in-one place. We will bus kids to the location every day for kids who want to go.

Tom Hansen - What is the timeline on getting an MTECH here?

Paul - We are talking about it. We need to take action immediately. It is no small task to get a building here. If we could identify a location that may fast-track the process. We are feeling a sense of urgency to do. We are so excited about the progress right now, next steps will include our own building here in the Valley. We know that it will serve adults and students. This is a game changer. We appreciate Jason's work in this!

Tom Hansen - Projects like this will help kids feel like they left a mark. We should start thinking about making the new HS property look like a school site.

Information: 2. WHS Digital Citizenship - James Judd

We made a decision a few years ago to block YouTube. YouTube can be put on a safe mode. Safe mode is YouTube's filtering system rather than WCSD's filter. Now we are feeling like we should open up YouTube for the high school as a digital resource for teachers and students. It will be open on the safe mode. We would still be able to monitor students and we can track their history.

A infographic will be sent out to parents and students that include the most often asked questions;

- 1) How does the filter work?
- 2) What will it cost if I break my device?
- 3) How do I get tech help?

We would like your thoughts on this. Wasatch HS is making this request. Different classes end up requesting access and we are using so many more things on YouTube and students are using their phones rather than their district devices. We can keep it on safe mode permanently, but it is still not on the district filter.

James Judd - This is just for the HS. We track students who are trying to navigate inappropriate things.

Tom Hansen - If you support it and the high school is asking for it then we will go ahead and support you.

Discussion, Information: 3. 2019/2020 Risk Assessment - Keith Johansen

The state auditor prepared a Risk Assessment that we are required to review with the school board. There is an assessment

that we take each year. Today we present both last year and this year. The largest effort is a separation of duties in our institution. We have great policies in place to prevent a scenario like this. However, there are some things we can improve on. We may review a fraud hotline and how to set that up. We will review the findings and make recommendations to improve on our practices.

I will ask Board President Blaik to sign this assessment for our auditors that will be submitted. This has not been an issue in our school district, but it is something that we need to be aware of and cautious of.

BOARD MEETING

Meeting called to order at 6:32 PM

B. Call To Order

Procedural: 1. Roll Call of Members

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

Keith Johansen, Business Administrator
Paul Sweat, Superintendent Sweat

Procedural: 2. Pledge of Allegiance by Board Member Bluth

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.

No public comments

D. Information/Celebration

Information: 1. Utah's Healthy School Award - Midway Elementary School
Jonelle Fitzgerald, Wasatch Health Department

We would like to congratulate Wasatch School District and Midway Elementary School for The Alliance for a Healthier Generation award. The only school in the state of Utah to receive this award. The district has a lot of policies in place to allow for the award. MES has made some additional programs available that encourage nutrition and physical activity. Congratulations to Mr. Thorne, Jamie Huntsman and Tonya on receiving this award!

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 Tom Hansen, second by Mark Davis.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action (Consent), Minutes: 2. Minutes -8.20.20 Board Meeting

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

Motion by Tom Hansen, second by Mark Davis.

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 Tom Hansen, second by Mark Davis.

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

F. Action Items

Action: 1. Maintenance Grounds Equipment - Francis Harrison
Replacement for a Kubota tractor. Valley Kubota is giving us a higher trade in value (\$26,500.00) for a total purchase amount of \$245,488.00

The trade-in was 5 years old.

This is an action item to approve the purchase of maintenance grounds tractor to Valley Kubota in the amount of \$25,488.00.

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

Action, Information: 2. Extended Teacher Professional Development Days - Garrick Peterson

James Judd presents on behalf of Garrick Peterson - As a district we value providing teachers with Professional Development. This year is different due to COVID. We committed to not pulling teachers out of the classrooms. It is becoming apparent to

us that we still need time for PD for teachers. The state has offered six days to districts to use how they would like. In meeting with teams in the district, without exception, teams are asking for time to continue to do essential unit plans, then add them into Canvas and prepare so that second quarter is as successful as the first quarter. We are recommending extending a PD day to teachers on October 19th.

Supt. Sweat - We have spent so much time on COVID and we are thankful for the work that has been done to keep us safe. We want to refocus on our academic goals. Other scenarios were considered, this first day of second term would be the best for our teachers and students.

James Judd - We had 4 days this summer in PD training teachers on COVID procedures rather than our educational goals.

Mark Davis - Our district has stepped up and we have done this without a hiccup. Our teachers have come in and done so well under these circumstances. This is a great way to support our teachers and give them some time to refocus and time to prepare. I support this and I think it is important.

Blaik - Is one enough?

Jim - I think right now we would like to see how successful and productive this is. We are optimistic. This might become a model of things that we have done in the past.

Supt Sweat - We consider all stakeholders. Originally we talked about taking all of the fall break week. We wanted to consider parents who need day care and feel like this might work better for them. We may want to consider another day in the future.

Motion by Mark Davis, second by Tyler Bluth.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action, Information: 3. DreamBox Math Curriculum - James Judd

Digital Curriculum is constantly changing with new products. Our district math specialist has written a grant to cover the cost of the curriculum for K-8 math programs at \$29,000 by DreamBox.

Recommendation to approve as presented.

Motion by Tom Hansen, second by Mark Davis.

Motion Carries

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

Action: 4. Approval of 95% Group Contract - Eric Campbell

This a renewal contract for training on reading and a refocus for the schools. The 95% Group will assist in training and we request a motion to approve the \$33,000.

Recommendation to approve 95% Group Contract Product and Training Quoted at \$5,850 WCSO and \$9,050 each for JRS, DCE and HVE

Motion by Mark Davis, second by Tyler Bluth.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action: 5. Approve ExploreLearning: Reflex Site Licenses - Eric Campbell

This is a renewal for math facts in the elementary schools. The renewal price is \$14,827.50 with a discount of multiple years for 2 years for \$26

Recommendation to approve ExploreLearning REFLEXSITE License for \$14,827.50

Motion by Tom Hansen, second by Mark Davis.

Motion Carries

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

Action, Information: 6. Online Teacher Workstations - Eric Campbell

397 students who are enrolled in Wasatch Connect. There is a portable at Midway Elementary School for our teachers who are supporting those online students. We have one teacher K-5. The work station is based on a state contract. Award bid to BlueFin Office Group in the amount of \$19,688.00.

The portable has been used for Art and Speech in the past. We have moved those teachers in the schools for push-ins. These are movable workstations so that we can move them in the future.

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

G. Board Report

Discussion, Information: 1. Information/Updates
Thank you to everyone who is being fiscally responsible and in budget.

Next week there is a USBA Regional Meeting on Sept. 24 at 6:00 pm.

Monday we have our annual family dinner at the park. 5:30 -7:00 at the events center as a drive through. We need a few board members to be available.

H. Superintendent Report

Discussion, Information: 1. Information/Updates
I want to recognize Lexi Cunningham - she replaced Terry Shoemaker at the USSA.

Lexi Cunningham - Previously Supt in Salt Lake District. My goal is to be in a school board meeting or meet with Supt. Sweat. I am excited to learn more about WCSD. I have looked at your return plan and it seems that everything is going very well.

I. Adjournment

Action, Procedural: 1. Adjourn Meeting

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

J. Executive Session

Action: 1. Section 52-4-5 of the Open Meetings Act identifies the topics that may be discussed in a closed meeting.
Discussion to purchase, exchange or lease of real property; character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual; pending or reasonably imminent litigation; and or collective bargaining.