

April 25, 2019 - Wasatch County School District Board of Education Meeting (Thursday, April 25, 2019)

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Members present

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

Meeting called to order at 5:06 PM

A. Study Session

Discussion: 1. Round-table Discussion

Keith Johansen, Tom Hansen, Supt. Sweat, Cory Holmes, Blaik Baird, Tyler Bluth, Mark Davis, Ben Springer, Kirsta Albert, Eric Campbell, James Judd

Brett Zabel, Stephanie Discher
Stacey Moore (minutes)

School Fees - James Judd

The documented being reviewed does not include all of the fees that exist. We are in the process of collecting all of those fees. Our fees are not changing however we are making the fees more transparent than they have been presented before. We are not making parents pay any differently than they have before. However, they might see it as a fee schedule that has more items than it has before.

Teachers are working with us to identify and provide a fee proposal for us. We need more time with extra curricular clubs to figure out the best way to be transparent. We are auditing through our extra curricular activity directors/coaches.

Fundraising should include an articulation of what we are trying to raise and what they will pay for.

Section 4 and 5 the high school recommends that we set some max out-of-pocket funds the rest will come from fundraising. Many districts have this model.

Some programs raise funds for not only travel but also for equipment. We cannot charge students for things that are not immediate for that season and it should directly go toward that kid. There are not fees raised for the upkeep of fields. They could be for clothing, travel...

Part of the reason that the fee audit started was so that ALL kids have the same opportunity to participate.

We should continue to have this discussion on how to reduce our fees, that was the original intent. This process at WHS is becoming awareness and discovery in the form of a fee. We do need to do the best we can to minimize fees. We need to include people who can speak to that population of poverty who doesn't get to or feel like they can afford to participate. We should be in partnership that cost shouldn't be the reason that a kid doesn't sign up.

Discussions need to happen at the younger grade levels not at the freshman level. Especially those kids who need a hand-up. They will do much better academically and in many other areas. We have a neat opportunity with a second high school to give more kids more opportunities because there will be more spots. We need to have this conversation to make sure our community knows that any kid can do anything they want to in this community. There are a lot of means for people to support these kids.

The high school is looking at this as a way to get more kids to be involved. They are excited. In the past we have waived the participation fee but not the other fees included. The legislature is asking schools to evaluate all fees not just the participation fee.

Drivers Ed is a fee we will increase. Our recommendation is that the district should not be subsidizing. Recommend to move it from \$120 from \$80. Alpine, Nebo and Jordan have good models for us to look to.

If we are writing a fee schedule we want to be thinking of those students that don't get involved. How can we use money to help kids participate?

The kids who help fundraise will be better off than the kids whose parents just give them the money.

We plan to have the fee schedule done by the May board meeting but we will continue to have more discussion.

Boundary Discussion - Eric Campbell

Making an adjustment for boundary changes for the next school year. Having discussions with principals. OME and MES are

closed.

Adjourn for dinner.

B. Call To Order

Procedural: 1. Pledge of Allegiance

Procedural: 2. Roll Call of Members

C. Information

Discussion, Information: 1. Vaping Presentation

Information meeting on Tuesday in Wallsburg. The meeting was designed to partner with the community and to bring awareness to the Vaping Issue. It was one of the best attended meeting for the safety of our students at Wasatch. Thank you Wallsburg for beginning the conversation so that we can make changes and make policy and help solve the issue. We are parents we are fathers first. We approach it that way to help our kids.

Lance Jepperson - 520 S Starks Lane - 6 months ago we got a phone call telling us that our kid had been vaping. That person helped up to search and find the vape. We asked a lot of questions. We found out that about other 20 kids in the community had also been vaping. Parents got together trying to make it go away. It seems to have gotten worse. We hear of Vaping in the bathrooms at the schools, it would be helpful if you could help us as parents to provide a safe place for our kids to go to school. We found out how easy it was for kids to get a vape. It was easy if kids had access to a credit card number. We also learned that high school kids were selling it to middle schoolers. Please help us with discipline or cleaning it up at the schools.

Shantell Bowthorpe - 23 50 West Main Cnyn - Thank you for letting us come and letting our voices be heard. My husband and I approached board member Davis. He listened to us, and we appreciate this. This is not a way for us to blame anyone. Our intent is that we realize there is a problem in our community, we dealt with it pretty aggressively. What we have found is that its is a bigger issue than just Wallsburg. Kids have access to vapes and Juules very easily. Parents of Wallburg created a group to help educate parents. We gain our power by educate kids on how big of a problem that it is and how much of a problem kids are doing this. Good kids are vaping because it is becoming socially acceptable. The problem is deeper than parents and kids in the home. It is very addictive and they are putting their kids in danger of addiction. There are no regulations that are being added to vape juice. The risk goes beyond addiction. We want to bring awareness and we come to the school board to ask for help. Everyone agrees that this is an epidemic. We want to educate parents, kids and bring more awareness to the schools.

Steve Mecham, 1180 West Main Canyon Rd - I am here first as a parent, a concerned citizen, a member of law enforcement and one of your SRO's. My part here is to give an impression of how serious this is. 6 months ago I looked at this as just another issue. Now I have been educated to know how addictive vaping can be. As a community we should be scared and concerned. The nicotine is very addictive - we are talking about more than 1 cigarette. Kids using vaping aren't turning its away because of the taste and the level of nicotine in the vape juice. Being addicted to something is so hard to quit. Think about a kid going through that. Parents might understand the issue a bit better being more educated about the addiction and how serious this is. The statistics indicate that from 2017-18 there has been an 80% increase in vaping. Thank you for your time. The people here are not here to complain, they are here to go to work to help the schools and law-enforcement better our community.

Ken Purdy, - We were in a similar position last year with edible marijuana. When the Wallsburg community asked me to attend I was shocked at the number of people attending. Vaping is undetectable and it is hard to track down. It is an epidemic. HB 239 took away our ability to charge students with law-enforcement. We have to rely on the schools to do this for us. This is a gateway drug - if they are using this they will likely try something worse.

My limitation is search and seizure, I have to have probable cause. I have to have a warrant at times. 3rd party we can pull kids in and search kids. What is your expectation of privacy for your kids? Parent have a roll in this but they are not always educated on it. We have to find better ways to educate them. I can't just shake down a class of students.

The worse thing in the school are cell phones. They are the conduit to how they are getting away with these bad things. A mother and her son had an issue due to the mother trying to take a phone away from her son.

Presentation by Trudy Brereton, Dept of Health

Supt Sweat - Remarks and thanks Lance Jepperson for leading out. I am concerned as a father. Our answer to what can we do? We are going to do EVERYTHING we can to be a part of this solution. Hopefully along the way we will make this a better community and a better place for our kids to be. We are going to get to work.

Remarks and thanks from board members. Agree to commit to do everything we can do tot be a part of the solution in the schools.

Turn the Time over to JRS Principal Ryan Brown -

Thank you to members of our faculty. Recounted an incident with a 6 yr old student. Bonnie, our secretary being the quick thinker that she is was able to help with the incident on the site of the accident. We are grateful tonight to present to Bonnie and talk about service and the value that she brings to Jr Smith.

D. Consent Items

Action (Consent): 1. Consideration and Approval of Consent Items 2-11

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

Action (Consent): 2. JR Smith LAND Trust Amendment

Resolution: Recommendation to approve the J.R. Smith Elementary Amendment #1 for monies to be used for Solution Tree RTI Professional Development.

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

Motion by Tom Hansen, second by Mark Davis.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action (Consent): 3. WHS LAND Trust Amendment

Resolution: Recommendation to approve the Wasatch High School LAND Trust Amendment.

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

Motion by Tom Hansen, second by Mark Davis.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action (Consent), Minutes: 4. Minutes - 3.21.19

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

Motion by Tom Hansen, second by Mark Davis.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action (Consent): 5. Travel

Resolution: Approve travel requests as presented on individual employee travel authorization request forms.

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

Motion by Tom Hansen, second by Mark Davis.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action (Consent): 6. 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, Cory Holmes, Mark Davis, Tom Hansen, Tyler Bluth

Action (Consent): 7. New Hires 04.25.19

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

Motion by Tom Hansen, second by Mark Davis.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action (Consent): 8. Separations 04.25.19

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

Motion by Tom Hansen, second by Mark Davis.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action (Consent): 9. Status Changes 04.25.19

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

Motion by Tom Hansen, second by Mark Davis.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action (Consent): 10. 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, Cory Holmes, Mark Davis, Tom Hansen, Tyler Bluth

Action (Consent): 11. Home School Affidavits

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

Motion by Tom Hansen, second by Mark Davis.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

E. Action Items

Action: 1. School Lunch Fees Adjusted for 2019-2020 - Darren Wilkins

Propose to raise prices to the school lunches as presented on document. The price increase will help us to align with the criteria set by the state.

36% free or reduced program. JRS and HVE are the highest. We receive money from the federal government. We also get a portion of liquor tax. National School Lunch program that marks specific regulations that we are required to follow. Our state reaches many of those free or reduced families, more than most states. 97% of kids eligible in that program are involved, and we are reaching them. Our summer program is successful, and we partner with the community and partner with other entities in the community to serve food in the parks. We are partnering with the Christian Care Center for a food pantry to help feed more families. We will set up in the city parks. We will get the reimbursement from the state for that as well.

Recommendation to post the revised Wellness Policy for public comment till the next school board meeting.

Motion by Cory Holmes, second by Mark Davis.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Motion Passes

Action: 2. Student Wellness Policy- Ben Springer

Motion to make edit and approve for next school board to the Student Wellness Policy that was proposed at the last board meeting. It has been approved by the state.

Motion by Mark Davis, second by Tom Hansen.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action: 4. 2020-2021 Calendar - James Judd

Last board meeting the calendar was proposed for 20-21 school year making more academic breaks and aligning spring break with UVU. This has been out for review and we have received no comment so that we can put it out for parents.

Blaik - we felt like this was optimal for learning and education.

Recommendation to post the calendar as presented for public comment till the April board meeting.

Motion by Mark Davis, second by Tyler Bluth.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Motion Passes

Action: 5. Y2 Analytics - Superintendent Sweat

In a recent study session the board was introduced to Y2 Analytics. We chose to bring this as an item to approve them to help us as we are considering a proposal to building a new high school to help with surveys, focus groups and advise us. Also, for a replacement Midway elementary school. At this time we are going to forgo an RFP process. Our attorney and council has informed us that there is a provision in the procurement law, unique qualification and compatibility. Y2 has helped many other district in Utah pass a bond. As we are working on an announcement in the form of a proposal on May 7th. To use this exception in the procurement law the final cost must be under \$33000. It is my recommendation that the board approve this agreement with Y2 analytics.

Motion by Mark Davis, second by Tom Hansen.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Motion Passes

Action: 6. Utah Broadband Addendum MOU - Superintendent Sweat

We have been working with UBB for fiber in our district. They partnered with us to provide internet in Wallsburg. They were very helpful and UBB has stepped forward to help us at a substantial cost to them. We have

Ongoing MOU as we partner with them. We feel like this is a win-win.

Approve the addendum memorandum of understanding for the Telecommunications WAN Services Agreement for Utah Broadband.

Motion by Tom Hansen, second by Mark Davis.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Motion Passes

F. Superintendent Report

Information: 1. Information or Updates

G. Board Report

Discussion, Information: 1. Information or Updates

H. Executive Session

Discussion, Information: 1. Section 52-4-5 of the Open Meetings Act allows for closed sessions to discuss personnel, property, collective bargaining and matters of litigation.

I. Adjournment

Procedural: 1. Adjourn Meeting

Motion Davis, 2nd Holmes