

Wasatch County School District Board of Education Special Meeting (Tuesday, August 20, 2019)

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Members present

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

Meeting called to order at 7:20 PM

A. Call To Order

Procedural: 1. Roll Call of Members

Procedural: 2. Pledge of Allegiance

Lead by Board Member Bluth

B. Action Items

Action: 1. Approval of Bond Resolution

Guest Presenter, Paul Berg - Berg Engineering - Due Diligence to include the wet land delineation, cultural resource inventory, Biological and Plant survey, endangered species inventory, Study of 100 Year FEMA Flood Plains, geotechnical survey, ground water depth, Water Pressure, utilities have been reviewed with the city engineer, street master plan reviewed with city engineer. Traffic Study, Coordination with UDOT, Contractor and Architect that is familiar with building plan have reviewed, title report and property survey, reviewed Jordanelle Inundation map.

Based on this very thorough investigation, we recommend this sites for the build of the school and think that it is adequate and will serve the district well.

Jordanelle Flood Survey by Mr. Berg - Red area of map illustrates the major flood area. The pink area is the overflow limits of the dam. The school site is not in the major flood area. The 1992 study shows that the school site is not in the major floodway and is 3/4 miles away. As is the property and would only have a small amount of water from overflow if the dam were to break - the worst case scenario. The bureau has asked me to read this, "The inundation shown on these maps show an extremely remote nature and these results are not in any way intended to reflect on the integrity of the dam". Designed for a 7.0 Wasatch quake and 6.5 local earthquake. the last 7.0 earthquake was estimated to be 1200 - 1600 years ago. The only recorded event above 4.5 was a 4.7 magnitude in 1972. If the dam broke the bureau of reclamation have estimated it would take almost an hour to reach the Heber City. We would have an hour to evacuate the kids. The distance would need to be 2 blocks to 600 west.

We can typically evacuate the school in under 10 minutes.

If the dam broke is not an event that the is regulated by Wasatch ordinance code typically it is FEMA. The only 100-year flood plane is next to spring creek which would be mitigated.

Board Member Comments Welcomed by President Baird -

Board President Baird - I have talked to many people who feel like this is a thumbs up. At the inter local meeting we had discussions about achievements and showings of our excellent students. Utah ranks 3rd of 19 state. We pay for all of our Junior's to take the ACT. Wasatch School District is .5-1 point higher than average. We have a great high school. We offer many college classes. Every year we have students graduates with their associates.

Midway is deserving of a new school and it is a need. The facility has met its time and has served us well. I feel like it is needed. In any case, I am confident it is the appropriate thing that we pass this resolution and I hope our public will support us.

Board Member Tyler Bluth - As the new guy on the board. I just want to tell you how much time and efforts we have put in. We are former Wasatch High guy's. There're is a need not a want. We are doing this right. I am proud to be a part of it.

Board Member Cory Holmes - I would like to comment on the site. Board members Baird and Davis have spent many hours looking over every parcel in the Valley. There were some concerns, but we have done our homework, and we love the spot for the new high school. Thanks to Blaik and Mark for their work.

Board President Blaik Baird - This is a nice safe location for a school. We looked very seriously into the Sorenson property. That is a lot of students crossing the road. We didn't feel like that was the appropriate location at this time.

Board Member Tom Hansen - I just came from Midway Elementary back to school night. It was jam packed. My 7 year old and I met Mrs. Gardner and Mrs. Fernandez. Mrs. Gardner, a first year teacher, is driving from Provo - That is the first salary of \$43,000 - she has to commute. I then went with Anna to her classroom in the portable. I realized I was leaving from their to come here to talk about the new schools. For their teachers to be able to teach in a facility that is necessary and doesn't

smell. It is almost 40 years old. I thought that it was something that I can be excited about for the future of the students, community and teachers. For the HS, we have done our homework. We are almost in a state of emergency in the amount of crowding that is occurring at WHS and in the next 3-4 years that a new school is built. We are going to have 2400 students in that school. They will be spread throughout the west, north and main campus. The parking is limited to Juniors and Seniors. This building was built to hold 1300 students and there are 2400 right now. I am excited to put forth this decision. The decision has been made over study sessions, focus groups, inter local meetings - we have heard from the majority. There are many opinions - but I am confident that the majority of my constituents are excited about voting on a proposal for the ballot of two new schools. Two things that have come up are the flood zone and the 2 locations that we own. The Sorenson property and another elementary school site - the timing isn't right for these schools. Thanks to those who have helped us prepare for tonight.

Superintendent Sweat- The number we saw today of 2418 students, there may change because of no-shows. Those are on our records that we anticipate showing up. I would say those numbers are a little shocking to us today. Last year we were at 2158 - we anticipated the district growing by 300 students. This number shows almost 200-300 just the HS. To think of our high school going from 2158 to the 2300 range is concerning - we are going to be in a real bind.

Business Administrator Keith Johansen - Randy Larsen is our bond council. I would ask him to walk us through the resolution.

Randy Lawson, Gilmore and Bell, District bond council and a resident of the community. We have to let the governor know if we are going to hold an election 75 days prior to the election. The resolution sets several items that are required for the process in advance of November 5th.

Preston Kirk is also here as financial advisors for planning and ratings. For me as a bond council we represent over 20 districts. This is a difficult bond. We are the fastest growing in the state and 4th in the country. My opinion is that there is an expectation of educating our students. You can't preserve the culture without having the facilities to maintain it. Wasatch is one of the best financially planned school districts that we work with.

Entertain a motion as presented by Board Member Mark Davis.

RESOLUTION

A resolution providing for a special bond election to be held on November 5, 2019, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the Wasatch County School District, Utah, a proposition regarding the issuance of not to exceed \$150,000,000 general obligation bonds to finance all or a portion of the costs to acquire land and construct school facilities; including acquiring constructing and furnishing a new high school and replacing the exiting Midway Elementary school facilities; and related improvements; providing for the publication of a notice of public hearing; approving the form of and directing the publication of a notice of elections and the ballot proposition; and related matters.

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

Bond Council Randy Larsen - Given our deadline I would ask for a signature at this time.

Thank you from Board Member Baird.

Action: 2. Lease of Property at approximately 525 E 3000 S. Daniel, UT - Francis Harrison

This is an action item to approve the lease of property located at approximately 525 E. 3000 S. Daniel, UT. A five year lease so that we could show use for the water on that property. We advertised it and had no interest. Later, I had a conversation with an individual who had interest in the property. I ask them to submit a proposal. He is willing to lease and put animals on it. 5 years can be abandoned with 120 notice and a not to exceed \$5000 in property structure costs if abandoned.

Recommendation to lease to Roger Pearson at this time.

Motion by Tom Hansen, second by Cory Holmes.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Motion Passes

Action: 3. New High School Architect - Francis Harrison

This is an action item to approve the architect for the New High School. Two responses to the SOQ for the construction plans. Scores of a possible 100. The two responses were from Curtis Miner Architecture and Naylor Wensworth Land Architects. Curtis Minor Architecture scored highest. I would recommend this score and finalize negotiations with Curtis Minor Architecture.

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. New Elementary School Architect - Francis Harrison

This is an action item to approve the architect for the New Elementary School. Same process that the state uses for professional services. 3 responses. Curtis Minor Architecture was the highest score.

Recommendation to approve the Architectural Service for thee SOQ for the New Elementary School as presented to Curtis Minor Architecture.

Motion by Tom Hansen, second by Tyler Bluth.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Motion Passes

Kyle Mendoza from Curtis Minor Architect - Thank you and we are grateful to work with Wasatch for both the elementary schools and the high school.

President Baird- today is a great day. I believe it is the right thing. I am excited to move forward. I have confidence in our community to do the right thing.

C. Adjournment

Procedural: 1. Adjourn Meeting

Motion to Adjourn

Motion by Bluth, Second by Holmes

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

Motion Passes

D. Executive Session