

Members present

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

Meeting called to order at 7:08 PM

[Link to Audio - October 24, 2019](#)

A. Study Session

Discussion, Information: 1. Board of Education Public Open House to Answer Questions and Discuss Facts About the 2019 Bond

B. Call To Order

Procedural: 1. Roll Call of Members by President Baird

Procedural: 2. Pledge of Allegiance by Board Member Holmes

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

Action (Consent), Minutes: 2. Minutes - 9.19.19 Public Hearing
Consideration and Approval of Consent Items E 2. - E11.

Motion by Mark Davis, second by Tom Hansen.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action (Consent), Information, Minutes: 3. Minutes - 9.19.19 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, Cory Holmes, Mark Davis, Tom Hansen, Tyler Bluth

Action (Consent), Minutes: 4. Minutes - 8.20.19 Special 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, Cory Holmes, Mark Davis, Tom Hansen, Tyler Bluth

Action (Consent): 5. 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, Cory Holmes, Mark Davis, Tom Hansen, Tyler Bluth

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

Action (Consent): 7. 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, Cory Holmes, Mark Davis, Tom Hansen, Tyler Bluth

Action (Consent): 8. 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 Mark Davis, second by Tom Hansen.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Blaik Baird, Cory Holmes, Mark Davis, Tom Hansen, Tyler Bluth

Action (Consent): 9. 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, Cory Holmes, Mark Davis, Tom Hansen, Tyler Bluth

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

D. Action Items

Action, Discussion, Information: 1. Presentation of the Proposed Bond- Keith Johansen
Business Administrator - This is the final step of the bond process. We will read the pro statement for the bond. This is unique situation because there was no con statement submitted. Since there was no con statement there are no rebuttals to be read.

Randy Larsen, Bond Council - A Con statement was received but not before the statutory deadline set by the Lieutenant

Governors Office. We wanted to accept it but were not able to due to that the hard deadline It was delivered late, and we were unable to receive and accept it.

Business Administrator Keith Johansen - We would have rather published it than not, but the deadline was a set by statute.

President Baird - After the reading we will open for public comment.

READING OF PRO ARGUMENT by Kieth Johansen

Wasatch County is the third fastest growing county in the U.S. Student population continues to increase at an alarming rate. Wasatch High School had 1,300 students upon opening in 2009. That building was designed for 1,500 to 1,800 students. In 2019, school began with almost 2,400 students. Hundreds of students are overflowing each period into the Wasatch West Campus, formerly Timpanogos Intermediate School. While this provides classroom space, the infrastructure of the school, the hallways, the commons area, the auditorium, and parking lots were not designed for such a large population. The district's goal of maintaining student centered activities and education becomes more difficult when students get lost in the crowd. This growth will continue, as demographers forecast 10,000 new homes being built in the next decade. Midway Elementary was built in 1975 for 300 students. Over the past 45 years, the district has remodeled and added on to try to keep up with rapid growth. However, the building itself now provides challenges to maintaining an environment conducive to a progressive, safe, and challenging education.

As is true throughout the valley, growth in Midway has skyrocketed. Midway has 8 portable classrooms and will need to add more as student population grows. While the school district will always use portable classrooms to provide flexible space during times of growth, it is the philosophy of the district to minimize the use of portable classrooms as much as possible. The past additions to Midway have provided temporary relief, but the facility falls short of providing a strong, safe educational environment. Some classrooms and offices are, in reality, storage areas and closets. This bond would provide the elementary students in Midway the same safe, educationally well-designed facility as other elementary schools in Wasatch County, and would provide room for the growing Midway population. This school would be built using the same design as Daniels Canyon Elementary.

Wasatch County School District desires to maintain smaller high school populations, and to provide appropriate and safe neighborhood elementary schools. Adding an additional high school to the district will enable students to experience the safety and supportive environment that has been a hallmark of Wasatch High School. Two schools mean twice as many opportunities to participate in programs such as Sterling Scholars, the school play, student leadership, as well as athletics and other activities and will create smaller, more closely-knit populations. Large schools create an anonymous environment where students can be lost in the crowd. Wasatch County School District believes maintaining moderately sized high schools is one of their most important responsibilities.

Providing safe, high quality, neighborhood elementary schools and keeping high school populations at a moderate level, are critical to the educational programs of Wasatch County School District. A "Yes" vote for the school bond will allow the children in Wasatch County to continue to attend school in facilities designed to provide the safest environment with the highest quality education possible.

(No argument against the bonds was received by the statutory deadline)

A public meeting will be held on October 24, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. at 101 East 200 North, Heber City, Utah to hear the argument.

Board of Education of Wasatch County School District

Open public comment with a time limit of 1 minute per person.

Preston Kirk, I have the great fortune of working with many districts in Utah. What an incredible opportunity that the school district has right now. Interest rates are at a phenomenal level. In the last three weeks there have been three bonds issued for Alpine, Washington and Weber the interest rate is at 1.9% fixed at 15 years, Washington 1.93%. Alpine did two bonds, one for 80M then again borrowed 73M later because educational needs have demanded so. 5 of 41 districts have borrowed money for schools in the last 58 days. That is helpful information at you go to the poles.

Randy Larsen, Bond Council and Resident - I serve school districts for a living and I live in this area. We saw social media in a way that we haven't before in the democratic process, as information was shared about the bond. At the end of the day one thing that hampers the district in being able to get information out to the voters. It is state statuette ut to use historical property values and project how those will cover a debt service for over 20 years. There is a mismatch in that statuette requires us to use last years to project what taxable values will costs over the next 20 years. That is a high tax impact. It is not realistic because it accounts for no growth. What's unique to Wasatch school district is bonding for a high school before the first one is paid off because Wasatch is the fastest growing school district. If the growth bares out the actual tax impact will be the same or lower than any other district in the state. We have to deal with a statute that mismatches our analysis of over 20 years. We were able to borrow at 2% - the most conservative construction cost inflation index is 6%. Why does that matter? Any argument to say, "Lets wait to build a high school," A high school takes 3-4 years to build. If you were to borrow at 2%. Construction inflation of 6% - that matters because waiting just 3-4 year you could have borrowed at 2% while rates are growing at 6%, in an area which is so attractive to the state. The fringe arguments doesn't address the core argument

which is what the cost is to the tax payer. Personally, I am happy to invest in this election to say yes to chase low interest rates for a need that is coming. I appreciate what this board has done for my family. This is a burden that tax impact will show, but it is good investment.

Board President Baird - Anyone else with a comment?

Action, Information: 2. Y2 Analytics Survey Results - Kyrene Gibbs

Survey conducted by email, phone calls and interviews June 22 - July 27, 2019.

[2019 Bond Viability Research Likely Voter Survey Results LINK](#)

Action: 3. District Office Fire Panel - Francis Harrison

This is an action item to approve the purchase of a new fire panel for the District Office. State contract by Professional Systems Technology \$28,227.21

Tom - Is there a budget for this item since it was not expected?

Francis - It will fit into the capital budget fund.

Francis makes recommendation to approve the purchase of a new fire panel for Wasatch Education Center from Professional Systems Technology in the amount of \$28,227.21.

Motion by Tom Hansen, second by Tyler Bluth.

Final Resolution: Approved Motion Carries

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

Action, Discussion: 4. Public Comment and Approval of Boundary Change - Eric Campbell

Last opportunity for public comment for boundary changes for OME and DCE. No homes have been built in this area. This would allow any new building to start at DCE to relive the pressures from OME.

Open for comment - No comments from the public.

Motion by Mark Davis, second by Cory Holmes.

Final Resolution: Approved Motion Carries

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

E. Superintendent Report

Information: 1. Information or Updates

No report

F. Board Report

Discussion, Information: 1. Information or Updates

No report

G. Adjournment

Procedural: 1. Adjourn Meeting

H. Executive Session