

## May 16, 2019 - Wasatch County School District Board of Education Meeting (Thursday, May 16, 2019)

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### Members present

Blaik Baird, Cory Holmes, Tyler Bluth

A. Site Visit - Rocky Mountain Middel School Gym Addition

B. Study Session - Rocky Mountain Middle School

Discussion, Information: 1. Vaping Presentation  
Welcome by Board President Baird

Attendance - Blaik Baird, Mark Davis, Paul Sweat, Tom Hansen, Cory Holmes, Tyler Bluth, Ben Springer, Eric Campbell, James Judd, Justin Kelly, Tod Johnson, Keith Johansen, Jennie Mecham, Adam Hagan, Dave McNaughtan, Kirsta Albert, Shawn Kelly

Mark Davis - The purpose of meeting is that we can get everyone on the same page, we would like to continue the discussion of policy and how we can police vaping as a school district and a community. This meeting is open to public comment. We would like to invite you to come up.

Supt. Sweat - We would like to have a good productive discussion in an hour. If anyone has something to say please raise your hand so the you can participate.

We are not here to create policy we are here to talk about the issue with all stake holders. We have law enforcement, parents, administrators. We want to work with everyone to put a stop to Vaping. We will create a committee to help put a policy and procedures in place for the Fall.

Tom Hansen - I would like to see more SRO's in parking lots and bathrooms, since that seems to be a place kids are vaping.

Adam Hagan - Vape detectors in bathrooms, there are some curriculum resources that we can implement in our tutorial classes. Vape sensors are being put in the locations that we catch kids most often. Sense the chemicals, sounds etc that work through our camera system.

Hansen - Is there a way to test them? Yes, we can test it with someone who vapes, not a student of course. They suggest 3 per bathroom. Wasatch is a test school.

Shantell Bowthorp - The vape sensors are very costly. There are a lot of grants and resources available to help with the cost. Dummy sensors can also be put around to help deter vaping. I believe in education and I would suggest that there needs to be more teeth in this. Peers needs to be educated and then educate other kids.

\_\_\_ North Carolina is suing a JUL vaping company because of advertising to kids.

Adam - Our resource officers cannot charge students for vaping or tobacco in schools. We have kids make smoking cessation class when we catch the students they are enrolled in the online class. They are not suspending out of school, we isolate them in an in-school suspension.

Jennie Mecham - When we catch someone our SRO's give them a referral to peer court. When kids don't attend peer court then it falls back on the school. We need something to fall back into when it comes back to us. Peer court is a panel of students who are trained by police officers to help come up with solutions, consequences for the student. The panel often has them do community service. It is a problem when kids don't go.

Officer Demille- There is only one juvenile case for tobacco theft. Vaping offenders are required to take an ASPIRE online class.

\_\_\_ How closely can we search for vapes on a student, they are hiding it in their underwear. We are going to have to figure out how to handle this. Jules are really tiny and hard to find on kids.

Supt Sweat - I would like to talk about educating kids to say no to vaping. We launched #WasatchReads in August it has taken off in our schools and in Wasatch county. We need to approach this problem by banning with the entire community. Teach kids to know that this is not what successful kids do and that it will affect your brain. We have to get the message to kids that they shouldn't do it. Education should be the key.

Ben Springer - This is a big deal for the district. I work in mental health and want to applaud our SRO's and administrators for tackling this. I think we need to aggressively get real numbers on this. Interventions have 3 prongs 1) community outreach - hyper educate our community 2) awareness campaign 3) centralized reporting (get hard numbers of offenders). Vaping was a 5 on a survey that we sent out earlier in the school year. Our interventions have to be personalized by age. I don't want to take away from teeth or disciple from offenders. As administrators, we need to help and educate kids on this

issue.

Aubrey Parks, District Nurse - The vaping sensors catch the larger vaping devices. We can't just depend on the sensors. We are also learning that youth today are different from us. CAPS students have been working on a Wasatch Wellness campaign focused on youth. One focus is vaping. They are using social media campaign then incentives for coming to educational events.

Mark Davis - I would like to invite more parents to come forward. Rich Losie is also going to talk about the issue.

Rich Losie - This is an epidemic. I spoke with a student who experimented with Vaping, Marijuana and Alcohol. My company has treated over 6000 people for vaping/nicotine addiction or that is being treated for another addiction - this is a gateway drug. I would encourage to "Do Something". Outside of the school kids can be sited not in schools.

\_\_\_ - Regarding education, some teachers aren't sure how to approach it, "Don't let me see that again". There needs to be some training with our teachers.

\_\_\_ - Using Dogs might be a possibility to locate vape. "See Some Thing Say Something" is a great program, but my kids are afraid to say something.

Officer Purdy - A Wallsburg community member has offered to donate funds for a vape dog. We can get into some 4th amendment issues we might get into with students. I can usually find something if I think a kid has something on him/her. HB239 took away the ability for schools to send kids to juvenile court. If a kid is found outside of school grounds they can be charged, but not in a school setting. If we have parent support we are going to be effective, if not then we won't be. Parent support is everything.

Mark - This is where we can have a hard discussion. We want to put more things in place and help with parent support.

Purdy - When you talk about parent support it is hard for us to really have parents interested to educate. Some parents don't have time, they have 2-3 jobs (latino families). Parental support is huge.

Demille - If kids are caught they should be sent to peer court to at least complete the four hour aspire training. Parents have been supportive to get through the modules. I think it should be a standard.

Teresa Segura - I think the education needs to start earlier than we are (5th or 6th). We have 4th and 5th graders vaping. Parents feel like they are not getting enough information to provide parent support. We need to send more information no matter what.

Hagan - Contact legislators. Kids are purchasing vapes online. Safe UT can anonymously report it. I just need reasonable suspicion. I can ask them to come in to my office and dump their backpack.

Purdy - It is so prevalent that kids don't really think it is a big deal. Kids are numb to the issue.

Blaik - We have got to get this to the governor to make this a chargeable offense. Truancy court was so helpful when we could use it. Now we can't refer kids due to the law.

Supt Sweat - The HS239 took the teeth out of truancy and tobacco. There is belief that urban schools were sending kids off for offenses. Supt in the state have had conversations with legislature about this. We have asked them to have it overturned. We have gained no traction. Parents would be more effective then our schools can be. I would encourage you to go to the legislature. I think it would be powerful, and we might also get neighboring communities to join in as well.

Ken - Nebo took a strong stance on truancy and peer court. The same kids who are truant are also the kids who are vaping.

Mrs. Bowthorp - Everyone agrees that education will be helpful. If we hit this hard as a community and in the schools it might be more effective.

Trudy Brareton - Peer court has been effective in educating students, we have had more kids this year than before.

Patty Anderson - Do teachers know what to do if a student is vaping in school? Please keep informing parents. Are kids roaming the halls and going to the bathroom during class time? Should they be? The more we are aware kids are struggling the more we can help them.

Purdy - Most of our catches are from teachers. I think teachers are reporting it when they see it for the most part. Vape is hard to detect, harder than THC.

Principal Johnson - I appreciate having this conversation. There are some generalizations that "Everyone is Vaping". We are responding when there are instances, and they are receiving suspensions. We are working on this and aware of this, and we are bringing this to the community council's attention. We are thankful that you are bringing more attention to this issue. We need students, parents and teachers to stand up and say something when they see something.

Parent \_\_\_ - You mentioned that you have money for a vape dog. I think that is a good idea.

Parent \_\_\_\_ - Lets be obnoxious and make noise so parents are informed and hear us.

Mark Davis - Parent support is the key.

Tom Hansen - If you want Midway to come at this aggressive then I am your elected official, I am your guy. Shantell Bowthorp might also be a good resource for community representation. We will have something resolved for the first day of school.

Mark Davis - I have been a board member for 6 years now, there are a lot of times when we have a lot of interest in the beginning but it falls off. We need to keep up the community support.

Parent - We just need to know what the process is.

T Hansen - A good example are the parents in Midway. They wanted to have all the Midway kids go to MES. I sat in many living rooms talking with families. As a result, we are now proposing to have a larger school built in Midway. We listened to the families, and we want to hear all of your comments.

Parent Issues Summarized:

Educate Parents and Families

Vaping JUL is similar to

Kids in the community are seeing vaping everywhere especially in schools bathrooms, at times in classrooms.

Study Session Minutes on Audio File [www.wasatch.edu](http://www.wasatch.edu).

### **Board Meeting called to order at 6:31 PM**

C. Call To Order

Procedural: 1. Pledge of Allegiance

Excuse board members Tom Hansen and Mark Davis to continue study session conversation

Procedural: 2. Roll Call of Members

D. Information

1. WHS Broadcast Trip Report - John Moss

Video Presentation

Gratitude and Remarks from John Moss

Gratitude and Remarks for Mr. Moss from Supt. Sweat and Board Members

2. BYU Language Fair Winners

1. . WHS North Campus/WHS West Campus

Transition West Campus to North Campus, uses West Campus will determine needs and growth for the district.

E. Consent Items

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

Action (Consent): 2. School LAND Trust Plans 2019-2020

Action (Consent): 3. MES LAND Trust Amendment

Action (Consent), Minutes: 4. Minutes - 4.25.19

Action (Consent): 5. Travel

Action (Consent): 6. Financials

Action (Consent): 7. Home School

Motion - Holmes

2nd - Bluth

F. Action Items

Action: 1. Approve Student Wellness Policy- Ben Springer

Recommendation to approve Student Wellness Policy that has been out for 30 days.

Motion - Bluth

2nd - Holmes

G. Superintendent Report

Information: 1. Information or Updates

N/A

H. Board Report

Discussion, Information: 1. Information or Updates

N/A

J. Adjournment

Procedural: 1. Adjourn Meeting

Motion - Bluth

2nd - Holmes