

January 23, 2024 - Wasatch County School District Board of Education Meeting (Tuesday, January 23, 2024)

Generated by Kirsta Albert on Wednesday, January 24, 2024

A. Study Session*Members present:*

Board Vice President, Cory Holmes
Board Member, Kimberly Dickerson
Board Member, Tyler Bluth
Board Member, Marianne B. Allen

Superintendent, Paul Sweat
Business Administrator, Dr. Jason Watt

Members joining by phone:
Board President, Tom Hansen

Meeting called to order at 5:00 PM by Board Vice President Cory Holmes

A. Study Session- 5:00 p.m.**Discussion, Information: 1. New High School Naming Committee Presentation**

Wasatch High School Principal Justin Kelly, joined by WHS Assistant Principals Tara Jarvie & Amanda Edwards, led the discussion re: possible name for the new high school of "Deer Creek High," with "Mountaineers" as the mascot, and "Lake Blue" and "Silver Mine" as the colors. Click [here](#) to view the presentation

Superintendent Sweat: "I just want this on the record as we start that, what the board has requested for tonight is that Principal Kelly, as the chair of the naming committee that's been working on this for several months, that tonight they present a name and colors and a mascot for the board's consideration. So we are not naming the high school tonight and we realize that message may get a little confused as it goes out into the community, but we feel like it's a good process. The board has requested that you come tonight and that it's presented in this way, but we would just clarify for those people online and everyone else within earshot that this is going to be our first blush at a name with the accompanying mascot and colors for consideration. It's not on the agenda for the regular meeting."

Principal Kelly shared the process the naming committee went through in terms of considerations for the name, mascot and theme, and gave a history of Deer Creek Reservoir, which started in 1936, and is the confluence of the Provo River, Snake and Spring creeks, just like the students will come to the school from across the area it serves. "So what we'd like to propose to the school board today is we'd like to call it Deer Creek High School. And our legacy is built on our values. They've been constant and will remain long after we have all moved on."

Discussion 2. School Board Compensation Schedule Discussion

Business Administrator Jason Watt began his presentation by explaining there has not been an increase in School Board compensation for at least 40 years, and enumerated the many ways the Board spends hours on business and constituent issues. He proposed to increase the board monthly stipend to \$1,150 per month with board leadership receiving an additional \$150 per month for the additional services they render. The proposed compensation schedule will be discussed at the following Public Hearing and voted on at that point.

B. Public Hearing - 6:30 p.m.**Discussion, Information: 1. School Board Compensation Schedule****2. Public comments will be accepted. Each speaker will be allowed a maximum of two (2) minutes.**

Machele Smith of the Wasatch Education Association and former WCSD Business Administrator Keith Johanssen both expressed support for the proposed compensation schedule.

Business Administrator Jason Watt explained the impetus for the compensation update: "The Board currently receives \$250 per month for compensation for their time. And they put in significant time not only in meetings here, but in committee assignments and meetings in state-level assignments and working with constituents and other district committees. It's a significant amount of time. They receive \$250 a month for that and \$100 a month for travel stipend totaling \$350 a month, which is as low as anybody in the state. And so in an effort to keep them more similar to other

school districts and also other political entities in our community, we are proposing for the board to consider an increase in their stipend to \$1,150 per month. In addition to that board leadership for their roles as president and vice president would receive an additional \$150 per month. Also, board members on significant committee and state assignments such as the USBA board of directors or other similar type assignments as approved by the board would receive an additional \$150 per month for their services as is the case now, the board members also receive a funded insurance plan for them and their family."

Motion to adjourn the public hearing made by Kimberly Dickerson, second by Tyler Bluth

Public hearing adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

C. Board of Education Meeting

Call To Order

Meeting called to order at 6:44 p.m.

Welcome by Board President, Tom Hansen

1. Roll Call of Members

Members present:

Board Vice President, Cory Holmes
Board Member, Kimberly Dickerson
Board Member, Tyler Bluth
Board Member, Marianne B. Allen

Superintendent, Paul Sweat
Business Administrator, Dr. Jason Watt

Members excused:
Board President, Tom Hansen

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Offered by Board Member Kimberly Dickerson

D. Community Comment

Discussion, Information: 1. Public comments will be accepted for approximately twenty (20) minutes. Each speaker will be allowed a maximum of two (2) minutes.

No community comment offered

E. Consent Items

Action (Consent): 1. Consideration of Consent Items
Resolution: Consideration and Approval of Consent Items E 2. - E8.

Consideration and Approval of Consent Items E 2. - E8.

Motion by Kimberly Dickerson, second by Marianne B Allen.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Cory Holmes, Tyler Bluth, Marianne B Allen, Kimberly Dickerson
Action (Consent), Minutes: 2. School Board Meeting Minutes - December 19, 2023
Consideration and Approval of Consent Items E 2. - E8.

Motion by Kimberly Dickerson, second by Marianne B Allen.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Cory Holmes, Tyler Bluth, Marianne B Allen, Kimberly Dickerson

Action (Consent): 3. Employee Separations
Consideration and Approval of Consent Items E 2. - E8.

Motion by Kimberly Dickerson, second by Marianne B Allen.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cory Holmes, Tyler Bluth, Marianne B Allen, Kimberly Dickerson

Action (Consent): 4. Employee New Hires

Consideration and Approval of Consent Items E 2. - E8.

Motion by Kimberly Dickerson, second by Marianne B Allen.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cory Holmes, Tyler Bluth, Marianne B Allen, Kimberly Dickerson

Action (Consent): 5. Financials

Consideration and Approval of Consent Items E 2. - E8.

Motion by Kimberly Dickerson, second by Marianne B Allen.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cory Holmes, Tyler Bluth, Marianne B Allen, Kimberly Dickerson

Action (Consent): 6. Home School Affidavits

Consideration and Approval of Consent Items E 2. - E8.

Motion by Kimberly Dickerson, second by Marianne B Allen.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cory Holmes, Tyler Bluth, Marianne B Allen, Kimberly Dickerson

Action (Consent): 7. School Choice

Consideration and Approval of Consent Items E 2. - E8.

Motion by Kimberly Dickerson, second by Marianne B Allen.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cory Holmes, Tyler Bluth, Marianne B Allen, Kimberly Dickerson

Action (Consent): 8. Staff or Student Travel

Consideration and Approval of Consent Items E 2. - E8.

Motion by Kimberly Dickerson, second by Marianne B Allen.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cory Holmes, Tyler Bluth, Marianne B Allen, Kimberly Dickerson

F. Action Items

Action: 1. Consideration to Approve the Audit Results from FY23 - Dr. Jason Watt, Business Administrator

The third-party independent auditors Paul Skeen and Shawn Kintaudi at Eide Bailly gave a "clean opinion" and lauded the transition from former Business Administrator Keith Johansen to current BA Dr. Jason Watt.

Motion by Marianne B Allen, second by Tyler Bluth.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cory Holmes, Tyler Bluth, Marianne B Allen, Kimberly Dickerson

Action: 2. Consideration to Approve the School Board Compensation Schedule - Dr. Jason Watt, Business Administrator

Motion by Kimberly Dickerson, second by Tyler Bluth.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cory Holmes, Tyler Bluth, Marianne B Allen, Kimberly Dickerson

Action: 3. Consideration to Retire Policy 104 - Resolution Committing to Keep Wasatch County School District Learning In-Person During the COVID-19 Pandemic - Dr. Eric Campbell, Director of Student Support & Equity

Recommendation to retire policy 104.

Motion by Tyler Bluth, second by Kimberly Dickerson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cory Holmes, Tyler Bluth, Marianne B Allen, Kimberly Dickerson

Action: 4. Consideration to Name the Wasatch High School Track at Wright-Tree Stadium After Former

Wasatch Teacher and Coach Verle Tolley- Superintendent Sweat

Superintendent Sweat proposed naming the track at Wasatch High School's Wright-Tree Stadium in memory of decorated track, basketball and football coach Verle Tolley. Mr. Tolley's wife, children and family members were in attendance to support the measure, which honors his multiple state championships and legacy as a beloved Wasatch educator.

Motion by Tyler Bluth, second by Kimberly Dickerson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cory Holmes, Tyler Bluth, Marianne B Allen, Kimberly Dickerson

Action 5. Election of School Board President - Dr. Jason Watt, Business Administrator

Cory Holmes nominated Tyler Bluth for School Board President, seconded by Kimberly Dickerson. All voted in favor.

Action 6. Election of School Board Vice President - Dr. Jason Watt, Business Administrator

Marianne B. Allen nominated Kimberly Dickerson for School Board Vice President, seconded by Tyler Bluth. All voted in favor.

Cory Holmes shared his appreciation for outgoing Board President Tom Hansen and all he has achieved as a leader.

G. Board Report

Board Member Allen reported on the Interlocal meeting, while Board Member Dickerson highlighted Daniels Canyon's literacy night and a news broadcast from Timpanogos Middle School created during a recent Board visit.

H. Superintendent Report

Superintendent Sweat announced that Old Mill Elementary School has been named the #5 elementary in Utah by U.S. News and World Report. He presented a plaque to current Old Mill Elementary Principal LaNay King, and invited former OME Principal Stephanie Discher to join them for a photo.

Superintendent Sweat: "There are 749 public elementary schools in the state of Utah, about 50 are private, and of those 750 plus (public) elementary schools, based on certain achievement metrics and some other things that they include ... Old Mill Elementary is ranked fifth out of almost 800 schools in the State of Utah. I should mention that all of our elementary schools fared very well in this report. In fact, Midway Elementary was close behind and I think they're right near the top 20. They didn't send us a plaque, but we'll recognize them in other ways. And all of our elementary schools are in a very good position on that list, so we give a shout out to all of our schools, but specifically to Old Mill tonight."

I. Adjournment

Action, Procedural: 1. Adjourn Meeting

J. Executive Session

Information: 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.