

Board Study Session & Business Meeting (Tuesday, February 11, 2014)

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Members present

Michelle Kaufusi, Julie Rash, McKay Jensen, Marsha Judkins, Jim Pettersson, Shannon Poulsen, Steven Staples

Staff members present

Supt. Keith C. Rittel; Asst. Supt. Ray Morgan; Interim Business Administrator Stefanie Bryant; Exec. Director of HR Melissa Frost; Exec. Director of Student Services Gary Wilson; Exec. Director of Elementary Education Gaye Gibbs; Exec. Assistant Shelley Shelton

Guests

Caleb Price, Communications & PR Coordinator; Chad Duncan, Technology Director; Darin Loertscher & Josh Espinoza, Tech Support

Meeting called to order at 3:29 PM

1. 3:30 - 4:00 p.m. Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel. Utah Code 52.4.205

A. Roll Call

B. Motion to Enter Executive Session

C. Motion to Adjourn Executive Session

Motion by Jim Pettersson, second by Steven Staples.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Michelle Kaufusi, Julie Rash, McKay Jensen, Marsha Judkins, Jim Pettersson, Shannon Poulsen, Steven Staples

2. 4:12 - 6:06 p.m. Study Session

A. Welcome: President Michelle Kaufusi

B. Roll Call

C. Student Travel Requiring Board Approval

Timpview Football to San Diego, CA

Coaches Don Olson and Taz Murray presented a review of the proposed trip.

- The team has been invited to play in a Brothers in Arms charity event in San Diego, CA.
- The Brothers in Arms Foundation will pay for a portion of the hotel and food costs.
- All proceeds will go to the Brothers in Arms Foundation.
- ESPN and Under Armour sponsor the event.
- The game is Sat., Aug. 30; would leave on Thursday morning or Wednesday evening after school if taking a charter bus.
- The budget as presented in the request is for flying. They're hoping to be able to travel by bus to save money.
- Each student is asked to contribute \$250.

- Additional funds would be raised; work opportunities would be provided for those who could not afford the \$250.
- 75 players / 15 adults and trainers would make the trip, as well as 12 chaperones.
- Supt. Rittel will sign the contract with Brothers in Arms upon Board approval.

Timpview Dance and Drill Teams to Chicago

Advisor Lindsay Challis reviewed the background on the trip and opportunities for students while in Chicago.

- Chicago has a unique dance community. Students will be able to take masters classes in multiple dance genres.
- Students will have the opportunity to see what would be involved in being a professional dancer.
- Approximately 30 students and three chaperones would make the trip.
- Fundraising opportunities will be provided.

D. Policy Review

Supt. Rittel reviewed the following Child Nutrition Policies, all of which are in compliance with state and federal requirements, such as the need for a district child nutrition program and adherence to USDA guidelines.

Policy 6710 Federally Funded Child Nutrition Programs

Policy 6720 Federal Paid Lunch Equity

Policy 6730 Child Nutrition Employees Continual Education

Policy 6740 Child Nutrition Safe Food Practices

Supt. Rittel recommended the Board pass all policies. He stated the Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Program is federally mandated. The district Child Nutrition Program is aware that students often throw away the fruits and vegetables rather than eat them, so steps are being taken to provide students with more options, and to make those options as appealing as possible. As a result of those efforts, a decrease in the amount of discarded fruits and vegetables has been noted.

E. Bond Discussion

Each board member was given fifteen minutes to share their views.

Vice President Julie Rash:

It's been an extraordinarily difficult decision. Endless hours have been spent in the background of the bond decision. Expressed confidence in the board individually and collectively. She's fluctuated in her decision as she's become more educated, has heard more points of view, and has done her own research.

- The district is currently in a hole that we won't climb out of quickly.
- The board has every intention of eventually taking care of all seven schools recommended for rebuilding by the Facilities Advisory Committee (FAC), as well as addressing the repair and maintenance needs of other schools not currently in need of a rebuild.
- The board is limited in their bonding capacity, which precludes the board from being able to rebuild all seven schools with one bond.
- Regardless of the decision, the board will need to ask Provo citizens for support.
- She wants to advocate for a \$100 million bond to take care of Provo High School and four elementary schools.
- If the board is going to go beyond the \$90 million proposal, there needs to be a loud voice within the community that patrons are willing to support it. She feels she has heard that loud voice from her constituents and other patrons across the city.
- She asked what patrons would support, and what they felt their neighborhoods would support, and would they help us. She repeatedly got positive responses to each question.
- She recommended the rebuilds of Rock Canyon, Provost, Edgemont and Sunset View Elementary schools, following the architects recommendations, as well as Provo High.

Member Jim Pettersson:

There are many needs in the district that have developed over time, and will need to be addressed over time. He has struggled as he has weighed the needs against the financial situations of his constituents. Any decision the board makes will impact some patrons more than others. The greatest resource we have for our future is

the children in Provo City School District. We need to have a strong commitment to provide every possible opportunity to Provo's children to perform academically and to excel. We need to be flexible in addressing needs as they change. With the information received regarding additional critical needs at Provo High, those needs have moved the school to the forefront. There may be a concern that the Board is over prioritizing Provo High, but the needs are very real and can't be put off.

- Supports taking care of PHS with its critical needs.
- Would like to see the four elementary schools taken care of as recommended by the architects.
- Elementary students are the most vulnerable and more dependent upon their teachers in the event of an emergency, while secondary students are more able to take care of themselves to some degree.
- He tends to be very conservative in terms in finances; it was a major shift for him to agree to ask for more than \$100 million in bonding. We are, however, at a critical juncture where we need to look at that.
- He does not feel as a board member that it is his responsibility to vote for what he wants as an individual; this is not about what Jim Pettersson wants. This is what the voters, the patrons of Provo School District want. He's willing to respond to what they're requesting. If the community would support a \$100 million + bond, he will whole-heartedly support and advocate for that.
- While he does not have a firm amount in mind at this point, he's appreciative of the community's willingness to go beyond \$100 million.

Member McKay Jensen:

He's been surprised at what he's learned about his community: when the board asked for feedback, he was surprised that the universal response was "please do as much as you possibly can." Weighing that against opposing voices that will eventually come forward and be heard about the impact on individual tax bills, he cannot deny that at this point people are generally strongly in favor.

- As we move forward, we must have a compelling story to tell. As the board moves forward, we need to be prepared to educate the community.
- The most compelling number we have seen is the projected annual maintenance savings we will realize by rebuilding and taking care of Provo High.
- From everything we have learned from the report by the Facilities Advisory Committee, "Provo School District is dying a death by ten thousand cuts and one gusher, Provo High". We're bleeding in a lot of places as we're trying to use our maintenance budget to continually make repairs on very old buildings. That is not the most effective or appropriate use of our budget and is no longer acceptable; the bleeding has to stop.
- He has concerns about the input regarding an increase in taxes; the lowest bond amount considered is three times the amount of the largest bond previously issued by the district.
- People need to understand this bond is for rebuilding failing schools. This is not for salaries, for programs, for temporary repairs that need to be redone in ten years. We are rebuilding Provo School District buildings.
- We will be making good use of the money by keeping part of Provo High intact - the newer gym and the athletic field.
- Based on the input and requests he received that the board do as much as possible, Member Jensen is in favor of seeking a \$112 million bond to rebuild Provo High and four elementary schools.

Member Marsha Judkins:

Once the feedback she received on the question of a \$112 million bond was evaluated, she was pleasantly surprised to learn approximately 90% of the respondents were asking the board to "get as much as you can and do as much as you can" to rebuild Provo High and four elementary schools.

- While the board is currently focused on seven schools with critical needs, there are other schools throughout the district that also have needs, in particular Timpview High School.
- The bond would allow the district to have a comprehensive plan to meet the current needs and to keep up with district facilities so we won't be in this position again.
- \$1,000,000 has been budgeted for the track and football field at Timpview within the next couple of years.
- An additional \$13.5 million has been budgeted for other maintenance / repair issues at Timpview.
- Provo High is currently "the artery that is spewing money out." Until that is fixed, the other issues can not be addressed within the district.
- If we can educate the community on the bond, we will have their support. Everyone who has doubted, but then has toured the schools, reviewed the Facilities Advisory Committee and architects' reports, while not necessarily excited about additional taxes, has seen the need and expressed support.

- She wants to have the board create and vote on a non-binding legislative document that lists all seven schools recommended for rebuilding so in the future, if the intentions of the board is questioned, they can refer to the document.
- Not having the repair and maintenance costs would bring the district approximately \$10.5 in savings.
- Member Judkins would support a \$112 million bond to allow for the reconstruction of Provo High and four elementary schools.

Member Shannon Poulsen:

The bond gives us the opportunity to speed up the process of updating our facilities to make them safe for students and teachers. She thanked the Facilities Advisory Committee, who began the process as individuals with their own ideas, but emerged united in their support of the plan they put forth to the board. They continue to be supportive of both the plan and the school board.

- Tax increase for businesses: Even though businesses would see a tax increase as a result of the bond, new schools attract businesses to a community, which benefits the whole city, including existing businesses, through increased revenue.
- If patrons have questions, they are encouraged to visit any school selected for rebuilding.
- Supports a rebuild of Provo High (minus the new north gym built in 1993), and Rock Canyon, Edgemont, Provost and Sunset View elementary schools.
 - Supt. Rittel: The original architect's estimate to rebuild Provo High was \$67 million. A revised estimate keeping the gym intact drops the estimate to \$55.5 million.
 - Member Jensen: All instructional space would be new.
 - Vice President Rash: Facilities Director Mark Wheeler had stressed that the 1993 gym is structurally sound, would not negatively impact new construction, and makes sense with some designs that have been reviewed.
- She expressed hope some Timpview concerns could be addressed as well as some issues at the district office.
- Recommends not exceeding \$112 million; would like to hear staff recommendations.

Member Steven Staples:

This is one of the most important decision the board will ever make.

- For years the district has limped along and has had a "band-aid" approach to maintenance in an effort to save money. We simply cannot continue that approach.
- We need to get on top of the issues; there are *currently* \$200 million worth of facility needs district wide.
- At the beginning of the bond process the board recognized they needed to know what the needs are, and they needed data.
- He takes the recommendations and data from the FAC and architects seriously, but still has concerns about asking for such a large amount.
- Having a totally transparent and open process will show the community we're serious about doing this the right way - not continuing a band-aid approach and taking care of the most severe needs right now.
- Visiting the schools showed how dire the needs are. As an example, he shared how the lunch manager at Provost arrives at the school 90 minutes early each Monday just to turn on the water and let it run so it's not brown when the kids arrive at school.
- The bond needs to pass. It would allow the district to save money on immediate needs and to take care of needs at other schools such as Timpview's track and field.
- He would ask for under \$100 million but would be willing to go up to \$110 million.
- He was surprised at the number of people who encouraged the board to ask for more than \$90 million.
- Supports the rebuild of Provo High and Rock Canyon, Edgemont, Provost and Sunset view elementary schools.

President Michelle Kaufusi:

- Is comfortable asking for \$90 million; doesn't want to ask for more than \$110 million.
- The district receives no tax revenue from BYU / church properties. The city has leverage; they can add \$2 to every utility bill to raise money, whereas the district can't.
- Her response to patrons who ask why the district put money into the Provo High track and field if the school is in such dire need is that at the time the track and field were in dire need. Student athletes were breaking bones as they tripped over pot holes, etc.
- The board is addressing the most critical needs of the district first, regardless of the schools they represent.

- Supports the rebuild of Provo High and Rock Canyon, Edgemont, Provost and Sunset View elementary schools.
- The bond *has to pass*. The entire community needs to be educated so there is a clear understanding of the reasons for the bond.
- Field testing indicated the Timpview field needs to be replaced after another year or it will be shut down for safety reasons. The board intends to get the track and field replaced in a year.

Vice President Julie Rash:

- We should be able to take care of the five schools for under \$110 million, maybe closer to \$108 million.
- We need to not lose sight of the people in the city who have expressed support for the bond but will have difficulty in meeting the financial obligations.
- If we do our job of educating the citizens on what is at stake, we'll get the support, even from those who will be impacted in difficult ways.

Member Jensen:

- To ask for less than \$110 million is not being true to the feedback he sought. To ask for \$108 million means we're still waiting for savings to kick in.
- To really be transparent, potential maintenance savings need to be looked at realistically.
- "Under promise and over deliver."
- Wants the board to have a plan for all seven schools.
- Extremely worried about Dixon and what we're offering the students by not including that rebuild now; savings should go to Dixon and Wasatch rather than to other projects.
- Create a rebuilding priority list by motion.
- Establish a bond accountability committee made up of some members of the FAC, by motion, to issue an annual report.
- For accountability and transparency, he recommended the bond amount and construction list be kept on the website. It would be regularly updated for public viewing and would allow patrons to monitor progress.
- Supports rebuilding the elementary schools recommended by the FAC: Rock Canyon, Edgemont, Provost and Sunset View, and Provo High.
 - Wants Dixon and Wasatch listed publicly that they need help and still need to be replaced.
- Make the tax abatement information resources available to those on fixed incomes.
- Demographics are on our side for the bond to pass:
 - 6% of our population is over 65
 - 25% of our population (over 5 and under 18) is in school
 - There will be an interest among the 6% over 65 in building neighborhoods and taking care of their school-age grandkids.

Supt. Rittel:

- Member Shannon Poulsen had brought the board's attention to a discrepancy in the estimate of \$16.6 million for rebuilding Provost that was shared with the board in September. On the architect's posters that were subsequently placed on the district website, it was noted the revised estimate was approximately \$11.5 million.
 - Facilities Director Mark Wheeler: The budget change at Provost was due to a 10,000 square footage reduction and looking at variables in student enrollment.
 - Member Poulsen: Projected enrollment numbers for Provost over the next 10-20 years show an increase rather than a decrease in enrollment.
 - Mr. Wheeler: The 30-year projections showed a net growth of approximately 50 students at Provost. Architects didn't feel the additional 10,000 square feet would be needed.

Interim Business Administrator Stefanie Bryant:

- In response to Member Jensen's concern for bond accountability, the financial reports will show accountability, but the website is a good idea.
- The board delivered on the last bond by doing what they said they would do; the public can have confidence in the board.

Member Jim Pettersson:

- It's crucial that we do at least 4 elementary schools and the high school. While there will be an adverse

impact on those on fixed incomes; they'll struggle on any level the board passes. There are some agencies and entities that can help mitigate the impact, but the concern will always be there.

- In thinking of the future of the district and looking at the critical needs, he is comfortable asking for \$108 million: "How can you put a price on the life of a child?"

Vice President Julie Rash:

- The board is not interested in over promising. When considering cost savings from building multiple schools and from maintenance, would \$108 million allow the board to deliver?
 - Facilities Director Mark Wheeler: It's still a reasonable range without taking away the savings cushion. Some worst-case scenarios and contingencies have been built in to the amount.
 - Mr. Wheeler is working with a structural engineer to assess the needs of the PHS "D' wing, including signs of settling.
- She received an email from a patron who said her family could not afford the bond. Whether it's \$10 or \$15, it will be a stretch that will impact her family, but that she supports the bond. Member Rash emphasized that if we do our job and if we educate the community on what's at stake, while we won't convince everyone, we will see more of that type of response.

Member Marsha Judkins:

- With \$108 million, we can get all the schools done with a savings of approximately \$10.5 million (a conservative estimate).
 - Member Jensen: The bonds are not sold all at once, but as the need arises. Therefore, the good news is that nobody's taxes will go up next year. The bad news is that the projected savings won't occur until the new schools are in use.

Member Poulsen:

- Stated for the record that she's in support of rebuilding all seven schools sooner rather than later.
- Alternatives to the bond not passing puts the board back to trying to save \$2 million a year, building a new elementary school every five to seven years (while still having to make repairs on old buildings) with all schools being pushed back even farther on the timeline.

President Michelle Kaufusi:

- If the bond passes, what is the timeline for building a new high school and four elementary schools?
 - Facilities Director Mark Wheeler: It would have to be phased. Following passage of the bond, the board would immediately select an architectural firm. It takes at least a year to design, do programming and get bidding documents prepared. At least a year of construction would follow - two years after the bond. It would take five to six years to complete all schools. There would be patron input from each school community regarding building design.
 - Supt. Rittel: The more unique a school is, the more it will cost. There will be savings by having some consistency in elementary school design.
 - One criticism Mr. Wheeler has heard is that buildings were not taken care of as they should have been over the years. He's been amazed at how well the buildings have been maintained with a greatly reduced budget.
 - We must be careful to not create a financial collision between the two high schools. Timpview has been discussed as "the new school" for a long time, but it's nearly 40 years old. Since July 2013, \$1.3 million has been invested in improvements at Timpview.

Superintendent Rittel:

- Through a meeting with Brent Brown & Google, a partnership concept being explored is the idea that following the passage of the bond, Google may have interest in assisting in the design of the schools, implementing greater technology in "Google Schools." While the discussion is in the very early stages, it shows great promise for the district.

F. Consent Calendar Review & Questions

H. Motion to Adjourn

I move we adjourn the study session.

Motion by Shannon Poulsen, second by McKay Jensen.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Michelle Kaufusi, Julie Rash, McKay Jensen, Marsha Judkins, Jim Pettersson, Shannon Poulsen, Steven Staples

The study session was adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

3. 7:00 p.m. Business Meeting

A. Welcome: President Michelle Kaufusi

C. Opening Remarks: Member Marsha Judkins

D. Pledge of Allegiance: Emily Elgaaen, Provost Elementary Student

4. Community Connections

A. Recognition: Healthier US School Challenge Award Recipients; Provo Way Awards

Bill Seidel introduced Provo Mayor John Curtis, Kathleen Burton and Michelle Martin from the Utah State Office of Education. Schools receive a banner, plaque, and \$500 for their Child Nutrition Programs. Schools, lunch managers and principals recognized included:

SCHOOL	LUNCH MANAGER	PRINCIPAL
Amelia Earhart	Stacy Halladay	Jason Cox
Edgemont	Cindy Christen	Dennis Pratt
Provo Peaks	Cheryl Dorsey	Alex Judd
Franklin	Capri Jenkins	Kim Hawkins
Lakeview	Cheryl Bird	Drew Daniels
Provost	Loraine Roberson	Steve Oliverson
Rock Canyon	Karen Cowley	Dean Nielsen
Spring Creek	Lee Duncan	Missy Hamilton
Wasatch	Coty Arns	Colleen Densley
Westridge	Cathy Ford	Cory Anderson

Mayor John Curtis congratulated the principals and schools that received the awards. He thanked them for the love and care they show Provo children each day.

All Child Nutrition employees who were present in the audience were recognized.

Executive Director of Elementary Education Gaye Gibbs presented the Provo Way Awards:

- Autumn Christensen, Rock Canyon Elementary teachers aide

- Ginny Smith, District Gifted Coordinator
- Kimberly Martin, Spring Creek Elementary PE teacher
- Marie Elizabeth Christensen, Rock Canyon Elementary parent
- Lori Carlson, Spring Creek Facilitator / Testing Coordinator
- Diane Toronto, Amelia Earhart Facilitator / Testing Coordinator

B. School Report: Provost Elementary; Dr. Steve Oliverson, Principal

Dr. Steve Oliverson reviewed the following:

- Current year enrollment statistics
- Demographics
- School Mission Statement
- Student Achievement Trend Data in Language Arts and Math
- CRT Results
- Points of Pride
- Challenges
- Strategies for Increasing Student Achievement

Provost was recently recognized as a National Title I Distinguished School at the national conference in San Diego. PR Coordinator Caleb Price will send board members a clip from the Fox 13 interview done with Dr. Oliverson today.

Pres. Kaufusi asked Dr. Oliverson to extend the board's thanks to his faculty.

C. Public Input

Because the board typically does not respond to public comment, Member Marsha Judkins reviewed items the board has been considering over the past year in relation to the proposed bond, including:

- Enrollment projections / enrollment cap possibilities
- Property and location options
- Various bond pricing options
- Seismic conditions at each school
- Sizeable needs at Timpview
 - \$13.5 million is currently budgeted for Timpview over the next ten years regardless of the bond. \$1 million is also targeted for the track and football field.
- Sizeable needs at both Dixon Middle School and Wasatch Elementary School
 - The board's commitment is to replace all seven schools on the list as soon as possible
- Long- and short-term savings from discontinued maintenance as schools are rebuilt, including the nearly \$2 million spent annually for maintenance and repairs at Provo High.
- A statistically valid survey of Provo voters indicated a 77% level of support, even from those who had heard about the bond for the first time during the survey and were told what the bond was for.
- Input from five community open houses.
- The impact of increased taxes on those with fixed incomes.
- Estimates are high, very conservative and cautious in order to "under promise and over deliver."
- District-owned property / possible land exchanges / sales
- The cost of the bond per \$200,000 home in Provo
- The cost of the bond for local businesses
- Charter school construction costs vs. public school construction costs
- Granting opportunities
- Energy efficiencies
- The value of small neighborhood schools vs. closing schools with lower enrollment
- Recommendations from the Facilities Advisory Committee, comprised of community members throughout the district
- Additional information is available online at www.provo.edu

The following patrons addressed the board with regard to the proposed \$108 million bond:

- Mayor John Curtis, 3302 N. 140 W., Provo

- His support of the bond is unconditional regardless of the schools selected or dollar amounts. He expressed appreciation for the amount of research and public outreach the board had conducted. The bond is important for neighborhoods, as seen by the dramatic impact made by the reconstruction of Timpanogos and the construction of Provo Peaks. Enhancements to schools increase property values and attract new families to neighborhoods.
- Lorien Francis, 1584 W. 1170 N., Provo
 - Expressed appreciation for the work done by the Facilities Advisory Committee and the board in preparing for the bond, which she supports. She sought clarification on the following information given by Facilities Director Mark Wheeler.
 - Construction timeline, initial programming, phasing
 - The source(s) of the projected \$10.5 million savings
 - Asked the board to maintain the neighborhood feel when rebuilding schools.
 - Asked the board to consider the staff needs in each school when rebuilding.

President Kaufusi mentioned board members were noting questions posed by patrons, and that responses would be emailed to each person who had questions during public input. A document addressing questions would also be posted on the website. Questions may also be answered during the course of board discussion.

- Pamela Boshard, 745 W. 500 N., Provo
 - Represented the Dixon neighborhood in expressing excitement at the prospect of watching the schools being rebuilt. They recommended the board seek at least a \$105 million bond rather than \$90 million to allow Provo High to be rebuilt along with the elementary schools. They would support an even higher bond amount so more could be done.
 - The new Timpanogos Elementary building was built too small; let's not think too small when considering any new construction plans.
 - The Dixon community wants Dixon rebuilt where it is (or close by) rather than relocating it to a more distant location.
- Charlie Thomas, 1446 S. 1710 E., Provo
 - While not opposed to building new schools, he is opposed to bonding and going into debt to fund new construction.
 - Can the city afford the bond, and will residents be willing to shoulder the increased debt?
 - The monthly tax increase for business owners is nearly double that for residential owners.
 - 55% of the property in Provo is non-taxable: BYU, Utah State Hospital, LDS church-owned properties.
 - Some charter schools are being built to house 625 students for \$6.3 million from their Weighted Pupil Average (WPU), and not bonding. Why can't Provo do the same thing and not add debt to Provo residents?
- Cory Hansen, 434 N. 2800 W., Provo
 - Was initially opposed to the bond, but after receiving the information presented at the open houses, will likely vote for it in spite of some lingering concerns. He urged the board to not "re-brand" the bond with a catchy name or phrase; the taxpayers deserve better. If the board will continue to be transparent about what it's for, the bond has merit and can stand on its own.
- Kayleen Dewey, 275 N. 2475 W., Provo
 - A 15-year-old pair of scissors in the office at Amelia Earhart Elementary school reflects the frugality of employees and patrons in the district.
 - Before serving as a member of the Facilities Advisory Committee, she had no idea of the condition of the schools. As a committee member, she evaluated the many pages of data compiled by architects and engineers regarding the condition of the buildings. The seven schools on the recommended rebuild list have critical needs and require urgent attention.
 - Based on the board's transparency and willingness to accept public input to date, she would support any bond configuration the board would present.
 - She would support the formation of a construction committee that could monitor the use of bond funds.
 - Include a running tally on the website showing how funds are spent.
- Peter Kaanapu 885 W. 800 N., Provo
 - Is interested in how the board would use technology trends and opportunities that could mitigate costs, increase efficiency and effectiveness, i.e., flipped classrooms. etc.
 - Would like to study the Bonneville research report if it's available.
- Steve McDaniel, 846 S. 1350 E., Provo
 - Generally in favor of the bond, but would like to see more vision regarding the secondary schools and have the building plan integrated with the vision.

- Recommended having a single campus for the middle schools and a single campus for the high schools for the cost savings, as well as for the ability to share courses between schools.
 - Have UVU instructors teach on a combined high school campus.
- Joy McMurray, 1045 Ash Ave., Provo
 - Supports the bond; asked the board to find a way to include Wasatch as soon as possible.
- Nathan Partridge, 1301 E. Cinnamon Ridge Circle, Provo
 - While a \$90 million bond would seem to be better (as far as less of a tax increase), \$108 million would allow us to do more for the schools as long as money is not spent on things we don't need.

5. Business Items

A. Approve THS Trip to San Diego, CA

I move we approve the Timpview Varsity Football trip to San Diego, CA.

Motion by Marsha Judkins, second by Jim Pettersson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Michelle Kaufusi, Julie Rash, McKay Jensen, Marsha Judkins, Jim Pettersson, Shannon Poulsen, Steven Staples

B. Approve THS Dance and Drill Trip to Chicago, IL.

I move we approve the Timpview High Dance and Drill trip to Chicago, IL.

Motion by Steven Staples, second by McKay Jensen.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Michelle Kaufusi, Julie Rash, McKay Jensen, Marsha Judkins, Jim Pettersson, Shannon Poulsen, Steven Staples

C. Approve Policy 6710 Federally Funded Child Nutrition Programs

"I move that we approve new Policy 6710 Federally Funded Child Nutrition Programs."

Motion by Marsha Judkins, second by Julie Rash.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Michelle Kaufusi, Julie Rash, McKay Jensen, Marsha Judkins, Jim Pettersson, Shannon Poulsen, Steven Staples

D. Approve Policy 6720 Federal Paid Lunch Equity

"I move that we approve new Policy 6720 Federal Paid Lunch Equity."

Motion by McKay Jensen, second by Marsha Judkins.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Michelle Kaufusi, Julie Rash, McKay Jensen, Marsha Judkins, Jim Pettersson, Shannon Poulsen, Steven Staples

E. Approve Policy 6730 Child Nutrition Employees Continual Education

"I move that we approve new Policy 6730 Child Nutrition Employees Continual Education."

Motion by Jim Pettersson, second by Julie Rash.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Michelle Kaufusi, Julie Rash, McKay Jensen, Marsha Judkins, Jim Pettersson, Shannon Poulsen, Steven Staples

F. Approve Policy 6740 Child Nutrition Safe Food Practices

"I move that we approve new Policy 6740 Child Nutrition Safe Food Practices."

Motion by Shannon Poulsen, second by Jim Pettersson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Michelle Kaufusi, Julie Rash, McKay Jensen, Marsha Judkins, Jim Pettersson, Shannon Poulsen, Steven Staples

G. Approve Bond Election Amount

"I move that we proceed with pursuing a bond ballot initiative on the November 4 election that will be \$108 million and will include the following schools: Provo High (minus the north gym built in 1993 and the new athletic facilities), Edgemont, Rock Canyon, Provost, and Sunset View Elementary schools."

Motion by Marsha Judkins, second by Julie Rash.

Board Discussion

Member Poulsen:

- Thanked and commended the Facilities Advisory Committee for their hours of research and work. She asked committee chair Jennifer Partridge to introduce other committee members present: Kayleen Dewey; Marty Evans; Nathan Walsh; Michelle Wages; Herb Stoddard
- The seven schools were not built to accommodate Science, Education, Engineering Math (STEM) education; the new schools will be better equipped.
- The median tax increase from a \$108 million bond on a \$200,000 home would be approximately \$13 monthly; \$21 for a business.
- Provo Peaks Elementary (formerly Farrer) has seen an increase in neighborhood pride, student enrollment and academic scores since the completion of the new building.
- Businesses will realize an increase in revenue as new families move into the community and neighborhoods surrounding new schools.

Member Jensen:

- The board is unanimous in remaking / rebuilding Provo City School District, and the first step is new buildings. They expect the district to progress and be better every year.
- The board is asking for an aggressive amount to improve the schools. If approved by the public, patrons have a right to expect those improvements to be done in creative and efficient ways.
- The research on technology in education shows schools require more public space / infrastructure for technology than business requires. Parents are asking for more infrastructure for technology. With technology, student attendance and performance can be tracked better, which leads to more public space / infrastructure requirements. The number of students on a campus goes up as performance goes up. Technology is only invested in public schools if it works; if it works it means the school is retaining its population and more students are on campus. It's an interesting trend that's the reverse of the technology impact on business.
- Because the board is universally looking to the future, the \$108 million bond amount is appropriate. However, it's important to remember no taxes will go up by \$13 next January, or the one after that, or the next one after that.
- Many people go into debt only for their homes - where they'll raise their families. The district will only bond for a good reason; this bond is not for salaries or for specific programs, but for the neighborhood buildings that house our students. This is a compelling reason for going to the public for help; he would not support bonding for any other reason.
- He asked those who came to the meeting and offered support to continue to support the bond through the November election.
- There are seven schools that need to be rebuilt, even if they're not all covered with this bond. Savings recovered from not paying millions of dollars in maintenance and repairs every year could eventually go towards rebuilding Dixon and Wasatch.

Member Rash:

Facilities Director Mark Wheeler was asked to clarify the following construction terms previously mentioned during public input:

1. *Programming*: Part of the design process. When a new school construction project is begun, the architectural firm will visit with the administration and members of the faculty. They will compile functional information about specific program needs, i.e., Career & Technical Education (CTE) and science courses. This process takes the bulk of the time with the design.
 2. *Phasing*: Referred to the bonding/funding process to minimize the tax impact as much as possible each year; it would be a gradual increase rather than a dramatic jump. Funding would be for a specific amount for specific schools each year. It does not apply to building any school in phases, particularly Provo High.
- Member Rash reiterated the fact that the Board's work on the bond didn't just begin, but has been an ongoing year-long process; the board is taking it very seriously.
 - The board has researched every issue / concern they have had, and that has been brought to them by the public, as well as they could.
 - The fact that Provo High has been added to the rebuild list doesn't mean the board isn't concerned about Wasatch and Dixon. The members of the Dixon community who are willing to back a bond that includes Provo High doesn't mean they don't care about Dixon. As had been mentioned, seven schools have been slated for rebuild. The board fully intends to rebuild all seven, as well as address additional large issues throughout the district, particularly at Timpview.
 - The bond is a good start to getting us out of the hole we're in, and as mentioned, rebuilding Provo School District.

Member Judkins:

- New information had been received earlier in the evening indicating a nearly \$5 million reduction in the construction cost of Provost accounted for the difference between the \$112 million bond she had advocated for in emails sent to her constituents, and the \$108 million she was currently supporting.
- To provide transparency and promote a feeling of trust, she supports the proposal of a community committee to serve as a watch dog over construction spending.
- Specific construction questions can't be answered until after the board approves a bond amount and the schools to be rebuilt.
- She recommended the board have a non-binding public document stipulating the bond money will be going to the seven schools needing to be rebuilt.

Member Pettersson:

- Expressed support for all previous board member comments.
- The district will not be building Taj Mahal schools. Buildings will be good, high-quality, functional schools that will have a long life, pay dividends over the long haul, and provide students with the greatest opportunity to learn.
- He has been encouraged by the "mountain of emails" he's received from the public, expressing their desires. His vote will reflect the desires and wishes of the community. He was not elected to represent what Jim Pettersson wants as an individual; he was elected to represent the patrons of the school district, and that is what he will seek to do.
- There have been no personal agendas among the board as they have met; they have focused on the needs of the entire city. Some board members have been willing to sacrifice their own priorities for the greater good of the entire district.

Member Staples:

- This has been a very intricate process backed by data. Over the years "band-aids and patches" have been applied to a lot of things.
- He was extremely opposed to asking for more than a \$90 million bond, as recommended by the Facilities Advisory Committee. After evaluating the needs and data, he was convinced the many critical needs demanded immediate attention, allowing him to support \$108 million. He's received the same feedback from patrons in his district.
- He reiterated other board members' comments that this bond is a school rebuild bond. Rebuilding the schools, rather than continuing to patch and band-aid, is spending the money in the best possible way.
- The savings from rebuilding the schools will allow the board to get on top of other needs in the district.

"If the bond doesn't pass, we're in a world of hurt."

- Examples: the lunch manager at Provost arrives at the school 90 minutes early every Monday morning, not to prepare the food or prepare for the week, but to let the water run so it's not brown when the kids arrive. There are many visible cracks in the walls and ceiling at Provo High. Timpview needs a new track and field. "We *must* pay attention to the needs at Timpview and other schools."
 - Member Poulsen: For the past ten years the district has been trying to put away \$2 million a year in a fund to build one elementary school without bonding. In the best case scenario, it would take 5-7 years to save the needed amount. But something is always in need of immediate repair, which draws from the fund. If the bond doesn't pass we'll be right back where we've been.

President Kaufusi called for a board vote.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Michelle Kaufusi, Julie Rash, McKay Jensen, Marsha Judkins, Jim Pettersson, Shannon Poulsen, Steven Staples

6. Consent Calendar

A. Board Minutes as Part of the Consent Calendar

Resolution: I move we approve the board minutes as posted.

I move we approve the consent calendar.

Motion by Jim Pettersson, second by Marsha Judkins.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Michelle Kaufusi, Julie Rash, McKay Jensen, Marsha Judkins, Jim Pettersson, Shannon Poulsen, Steven Staples

B. January 14 Study Session & Business Meeting

I move we approve the consent calendar.

Motion by Jim Pettersson, second by Marsha Judkins.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Michelle Kaufusi, Julie Rash, McKay Jensen, Marsha Judkins, Jim Pettersson, Shannon Poulsen, Steven Staples

C. January 23 Joint Meeting with Board & Utah County Legislators

I move we approve the consent calendar.

Motion by Jim Pettersson, second by Marsha Judkins.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Michelle Kaufusi, Julie Rash, McKay Jensen, Marsha Judkins, Jim Pettersson, Shannon Poulsen, Steven Staples

D. January 28 Executive Session & Study Session

I move we approve the consent calendar.

Motion by Jim Pettersson, second by Marsha Judkins.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Michelle Kaufusi, Julie Rash, McKay Jensen, Marsha Judkins, Jim Pettersson, Shannon Poulsen, Steven Staples

E. Personnel Report as Part of the Consent Calendar

Resolution: I move we approve the personnel report as part of the consent calendar.

I move we approve the consent calendar.

Motion by Jim Pettersson, second by Marsha Judkins.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Michelle Kaufusi, Julie Rash, McKay Jensen, Marsha Judkins, Jim Pettersson, Shannon Poulsen, Steven Staples

F. Home School/School Choice/eSchool Report as Part of the Consent Calendar

Resolution: I move we approve the home school and school choice reports as part of the consent calendar.

I move we approve the consent calendar.

Motion by Jim Pettersson, second by Marsha Judkins.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Michelle Kaufusi, Julie Rash, McKay Jensen, Marsha Judkins, Jim Pettersson, Shannon Poulsen, Steven Staples

G. Financial Reports as Part of the Consent Calendar

Resolution: I move we approve the financial reports as part of the consent calendar.

I move we approve the consent calendar.

Motion by Jim Pettersson, second by Marsha Judkins.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Michelle Kaufusi, Julie Rash, McKay Jensen, Marsha Judkins, Jim Pettersson, Shannon Poulsen, Steven Staples

H. Approve the Consent Calendar

Resolution: I move we approve the consent calendar.

I move we approve the consent calendar.

Motion by Jim Pettersson, second by Marsha Judkins.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Michelle Kaufusi, Julie Rash, McKay Jensen, Marsha Judkins, Jim Pettersson, Shannon Poulsen, Steven Staples

7. Board Member Reports

A. Vice President Julie Rash

Julie reported on her assignment as the board liaison to the City PTA. She acknowledged City PTA President Marty Evans. The school PTA presidents are excellent; principals and parent volunteers are very involved. She encouraged board members to attend the PTA Golden Apple awards banquet March 25.

8. Superintendent's Report

Report: A. Approved Student Travel

B. 2014 Presidential Scholars Candidates

9. Adjourn

A. Motion to Adjourn

I move we adjourn the business meeting.

Motion by Steven Staples, second by Marsha Judkins.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Michelle Kaufusi, Julie Rash, McKay Jensen, Marsha Judkins, Jim Pettersson, Shannon Poulsen, Steven Staples

The business meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.