Jordan School District
MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
February 25, 2025

The Board of Education of Jordan School District met in study, general, and closed sessions on Tuesday, February 25, 2025, beginning at 4:01 p.m. at JATC South (Board Conference Room), 12723 S. Park Avenue (2080 West), Riverton, Utah. The sessions were also provided electronically via YouTube.

STUDY SESSION

Those recognized or signed in as present:
Niki George, Board President
Bryce Dunford, First Vice President
Brian W. Barnett, Second Vice President
Erin Barrow, Board Member
Lisa Dean, Board Member
Darrell Robinson, Board Member
Suzanne Wood, Board Member
Anthony Godfrey, Superintendent
John Larsen, Business Administrator
Michael Anderson, Associate Superintendent
Paul Van Komen, BVKTS Law, arrived at 4:05 p.m.
Scott Thomas, Administrator of Auxiliary Services
Sandy Riesgraf, Director, Communications
Dave Rostrom, Director, Facility Services
Ian Roberts, Capital Outlay Manager, New Construction
Lisa LeStarge, Administrative Assistant

President George presided and conducted. The Board of Education met in a study session to discuss the following:

A. **Legislative Review**

Suzanne Wood, Government Relations Chair, reported on the successful SBO Day on the Hill held February 20, 2025, where students interacted with legislators at the Capitol. She thanked Dr. Anderson for coordinating this event and invited him to give a brief overview on pending legislation.

Dr. Anderson thanked the Board for sponsoring the Day on the Hill event and said it was a highlight for students from all Jordan high schools and virtual schools. He then provided a legislative update, reviewing bills that would impact Jordan School District and/or public education. Bills of interest and items of concern include the following:

- SB237 - Defines “valid excuse” for missing school, which includes high school rodeo participation.
- HB267 - Public Sector Labor Union Amendment which forbids collective bargaining by labor organizations. This bill passed into law and eliminates the yearly formal ratification process that the District engages in with the Jordan Education Association (JEA) and Jordan Education Support Professionals Association (JESPA).
- HB344 – School Fee changes. Explains parameters for school fees and requires students have at least one fee-free option for a graduation pathway.
- SB37 - Minimum Basic Tax Rate Amendments ensuring state tax revenue is remitted to the State’s general fund and not to the local LEA. Mr. Larsen explained that the state mandates the amount the Board must levy and this amendment would negatively impact Jordan’s financial reports.
- SB102 - Bill rolling funding for education programs into a flexible allocation. It mandates review of certain programs which may be eliminated.
- SB321 – Combines the voted and Board levies of state funding to make one minimum guarantee rate. Equity funding balances wealthy and poorer school districts.
- HB110 - Freezes growth associated with Teacher and Student Success Act (TSSA) funding.

- HB100 – Establishes a program to provide free school lunch to students on the reduced lunch program.
- HB77 - Allows the display of certain flags on government property.
- HB40 – School security bill. Funding was recently allocated as one-time money to address security needs in schools across the state.
- HB408 – Amends provisions related to local referendums and specifies school boards could be subject to referendum if a vote is not a supermajority.

Lisa Dean asked about HB552, a Local Building Authority amendment, and Dr. Anderson said it was a late bill and may not pass. Business Administrator John Larsen explained the types of bonds that could be approved by the LBA and commended the Board for wise decisions related to former bonds.

President George thanked Dr. Anderson for his work with legislators and Board members for their involvement in the legislative process.

B. **Summer 2025 Project Review and Proposed Timeline**

Brian Barnett, Facilities Committee Chair, reviewed the timeline for 2025 summer projects, noting in August 2024 the Finance Committee recommended a $10.5 million allocation. Two projects were postponed since that time, bringing the total estimated cost to $10.86 million.

The 2025 Summer Project list was shared with the Board and some projects were briefly discussed. President George said the listed projects are on the agenda to be approved in the subsequent business meeting and Mr. Larsen confirmed the Board has adequate funds to approve all listed projects.

Bryce Dunford, Finance Committee Chair, said he recommends approving all projects, including option three at South Jordan Middle School, regarding a seismic upgrade.

At 5:02 p.m., Mr. Dunford excused himself from the meeting as he needed to attend to a personal matter.

Darrell Robinson said he would like to look at the design for the Bingham High School parking lot expansion and Mr. Rostrom furnished him with a copy. Scott Thomas reviewed the RFP and prequalification process, giving the assurance that all contractors are vetted, bid requirements are precise, and lowest bids are usually chosen.

C. **Review of Proposed Revisions to Administrative Policy DP338 *Reimbursement of Licensed Employees Elected to Public Office***

President George said changes to Administrative Policy DP338 were discussed in the February 11, 2025 study session. As there were no concerns with the draft policy, it will be brought to the ensuing business meeting for a vote.

D. **Follow Up Discussion on Board Priorities**

As a follow up to the February 11, 2025 study session discussion, President George proposed creating a plan with first steps for items previously identified as top Board priorities. The Finance Committee accepted the assignment to look at the cost of hiring an in-house independent auditor and the Facilities Committee accepted the assignment to study boundary changes that might reduce busing needs in the District.

Board members discussed Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) and Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS) programs including purpose, implementation, and impact. It was mentioned twenty-seven elementary schools currently use PBIS. The Board requested administration bring back a report on the effectiveness of PBIS in schools where it is implemented, including how it is used in general and special education, and recommendations on expanding the program.

President George said another priority was looking at teacher preparation time in elementary and secondary levels. She assigned Cabinet to look at possible options and costs in relation to those options and bring this report back to a future Board study session.

Erin Barrow suggested looking at policy adjustments for disciplining students with behavioral issues as part of the study of MTSS.

President George asked the Board if they would like to move into a brief closed session prior to the business meeting and all agreed.

MOTION: At 5:59 p.m., it was moved by Suzanne Wood and seconded by Lisa Dean to go into closed session. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

CLOSED SESSION

Those recognized or signed-in as present:
Niki George, Board President
Bryce Dunford, First Vice President, excused
Brian W. Barnett, Second Vice President
Erin Barrow, Board Member
Lisa Dean, Board Member
Darrell Robinson, Board Member
Suzanne Wood, Board Member
Anthony Godfrey, Superintendent
John Larsen, Business Administrator
Michael Anderson, Associate Superintendent
Paul Van Komen, BVKTS Law

President George presided and conducted. The Board of Education met in a closed session to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual; property, potential litigation, negotiations, and security measures. The closed session discussion was recorded and archived.

MOTION: At 6:25 p.m., it was moved by Lisa Dean and seconded by Suzanne Wood to end the meeting. The motion passed with a unanimous vote. The general session started at 6:36 p.m.

GENERAL SESSION

Those recognized or signed in as present:
Niki George, Board President
Bryce Dunford, First Vice President, excused
Brian W. Barnett, Second Vice President
Erin Barrow, Board Member
Lisa Dean, Board Member
Darrell Robinson, Board Member
Suzanne Wood, Board Member
Anthony Godfrey, Superintendent
John Larsen, Business Administrator
Michael Anderson, Associate Superintendent
Paul Van Komen, BVKTS Law
Lisa Robinson, Administrator of Schools
Scott Thomas, Administrator of Auxiliary Services
Paul Bergera, Director, Transportation Services
Steven Peart, Director, Custodial/Energy Services

Kurt Prusse, Director, Purchasing
Sandy Riesgraf, Director, Communications
David Rostrom, Director, Facility Services
Jason Skidmore, Director, Career & Technical Education
Michael Glenn, Principal, Mountain Creek Middle School
Lisa LeStarge, Administrative Assistant
Janet Sanders, President, Jordan Education Association
Melanie Canick
Kelly Wood
Wendy Berrett
Collette Memmot
Amy Ludlow

President George presided and conducted. She welcomed those present. Mountain Creek Middle School students Aerie Garrett, Anthony Kerr, and Claire Willardson conducted a flag ceremony and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. Reverence was given by Student Body Officer Bennett Gray of Mountain Creek Middle School.

Celebrating Mountain Creek Middle School

McKenzie Hansen, Student Body Officer of Mountain Creek Middle School, presented information to the Board about the good things happening at this school and reviewed some of the programs and activities in which students and faculty members participate. A musical selection from the play Anastasia was presented by student Chanelle Mella.

Mr. Dunford arrived at 6:48 p.m. and joined the meeting in progress.

Resolutions of Appreciation

Lisa Dean read a Resolution of Appreciation for the following former Jordan District employees who recently passed away:

Mark Montague – employed by Jordan District from 1975 to 2007
Shane Reed Thomas – employed by Jordan District from 1998 to 2025

Board Member Recognitions

Lisa Dean recognized Olivia Murphy, teacher at Majestic Elementary School, as the recipient of the Outstanding Elementary Music Educator award from the Utah Music Educators Association (UMEA). Ms. Murphy thanked her Majestic team and administration and invited everyone to the school's upcoming art show.

Erin Barrow recognized the Bingham High School cheer team for winning first place in the State competition and taking the national title at the National High School Cheerleading Championship (NHSCC) in Florida.

Mr. Robinson recognized the Mountain Ridge High School girls wrestling team for their recent 6A State championship.

Ms. Barrow also thanked staff for the successful Health and Wellness Day held on February 7, 2025.

Niki George said she appreciated the opportunities for Board members and students to spend time on the Hill with State lawmakers. She extended a special thanks to representative Miller for spotlighting Jordan students on the floor.

Superintendent's Recognitions

Dr. Godfrey recognized Jason Skidmore, Director of Jordan's Career and Technical Education (CTE) program, for his work and invited him to give a presentation highlighting the program in celebration of National CTE Month.

Mr. Skidmore thanked staff, coordinators and specialists for their tireless work giving students so many CTE opportunities with 14 career clusters and 32 pathways to explore. He said there are 17,544 students enrolled in CTE courses and of the 260 courses offered, 121 of them are eligible for college credit. Mr. Skidmore expressed gratitude for the 20 advisory boards and 195 business partners; and he thanked the Board for their continued support of traditional trades and the expansion of new opportunities in Jordan District.

I. <u>Public Comments</u>

A. Public Comments Regarding Non-Agenda Items

Melanie Canick, an employee, requested a review of the occupational and physical therapy salary schedule in Jordan District. She asked the Board to consider a salary adjustment.

Kelly Wood, an employee, asked the Board to increase pay for occupational and physical therapists working in Jordan District, noting the salary should be competitive with other districts.

Janet Sanders, JEA President, thanked the Board for their support over the years. She said she hopes it will continue, despite the passage of HB257 in the Utah Legislature.

Wendy Berrett, an employee, said the District has struggled to hire and retain speech language pathologists and she asked the Board to consider options for retaining SLPs.

Collette Memmot, a teacher and vice president of JEA, thanked the Board for approving the cellphone policy and for all of the support given teachers throughout the District.

Amy Ludlow, an employee, advocated for higher pay for speech language pathologists. She said they are dedicated and passionate about helping students.

II. <u>General Business – Consent Agenda</u>

A. Motion to Approve Consent Agenda Items

1. Minutes

Minutes of the Board of Education meetings held January 28, 2025 and February 11, 2025, were presented to the Board of Education for approval.

2. South Jordan Middle School LAND Trust Amendment

A school LAND Trust Plan amendment for South Jordan Middle School was presented to the Board of Education for approval.

3. 2024-25 School LAND Trust Final Reports

<u>MOTION</u>: It was moved by Lisa Dean and seconded by Brian Barnett to approve Consent Agenda items A1 through A3, as recommended. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

B. Motion to Accept Consent Agenda Items

1. Expenditures

Expenditures for the month of January 2025 were provided to the Board of Education.

2. **Financial Statement**

The financial statement through January 31, 2025, was provided to the Board of Education. A copy is attached at the conclusion of these minutes. (Attachment 1)

3. **Personnel – Licensed and Education Support Professionals**

Personnel changes for the month of January 2025 were provided to the Board of Education.

4. **Recommendation to Issue Certificates for Home Instruction**

It was recommended that the students whose parents have filed affidavits pursuant to Utah Code 53G-6-204 shall be issued certificates excusing them from attending public school.

5. **Non-Compliance Report**

MOTION: It was moved by Lisa Dean and seconded by Brian Barnett to accept Consent Agenda items B1 through B5, as recommended. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

III. **Bid Recommendations**

A.

School or Department	Items for Bid
District Administration	**New Furniture at Jordan Learning Center**

Bidders	Amount of Bid
Eduteck	$594,634.08
KI Furniture	
Lakeshore Learning	
Meteor Education	
Midwest Commercial Interiors	
School Specialty	
Workspace Elements	

Purpose: To purchase office and classroom furniture for the new Jordan Learning Center.

Budget: Capital Outlay for Jordan Learning Center Supplies

Recommendation: It was recommended awarding the contract to state contract vendor, Workspace Elements. The Elementary AOS department made the recommendation based on the results of the evaluation process and final ratings of the bid.

MOTION: It was moved by Brian Barnett and seconded by Darrell Robinson to approve the bid for New Furniture at the Jordan Learning Center, as recommended. The motion passed unanimously.

B.

School or Department	Items for Bid
Facility Services	**Chiller Replacement at West Jordan High School**

Bidders	Amount of Bid
Commercial Mechanical Systems & Service	$2,019,382.00
Ralph Tye & Sons	
US Mechanical	

Purpose: To replace the existing chiller and retrofit the controls at West Jordan High School

Budget: Summer Projects Budget

Recommendation: It was recommended awarding the contract to the lowest responsive, responsible and acceptable bidder, Commercial Mechanical Systems & Service. The company complied with the specifications, terms, and conditions outlined in the bid documents.

MOTION: It was moved by Lisa Dean and seconded by Brian Barnett to approve the bid for Chiller Replacement at West Jordan High School, as recommended. The motion passed unanimously.

C. School or Department: **Facility Services**

Items for Bid: **Stadium Lighting/Audio Visual Upgrades at Copper Hills High School**

Bidders	Amount of Bid
Hurd Electric LLC	$464,327.00
Prime Power & Electric Inc.	
Tri-Phase Electric	

Purpose: To upgrade the existing Stadium Lighting and Audio-Visual system at Copper Hills High School.

Budget: Districtwide Capital Audio Visual Upgrade Budget

Recommendation: It was recommended awarding the contract to the lowest responsive, responsible, and acceptable bidder, Hurd Electric. The company complied with the specifications, terms, and conditions outlined in the bid documents.

D. School or Department: **Facility Services**

Items for Bid: **Stadium Lighting/Audio Visual Upgrades at West Jordan High School**

Bidders	Amount of Bid
Hurd Electric LLC	$331,885.00
Prime Power & Electric Inc.	
Tri-Phase Electric	

Purpose: To upgrade the existing Stadium Lighting and Audio-Visual system at West Jordan High School.

Budget: Districtwide Capital Audio Visual Upgrade Budget

Recommendation: It was recommended awarding the contract to the lowest responsive, responsible, and acceptable bidder, Tri-Phase Electric. The company complied with the specifications, terms, and conditions outlined in the bid documents.

MOTION: It was moved by Bryce Dunford and seconded by Lisa Dean to approve the bids for Stadium Lighting/Audio Visual Upgrades at Copper Hills High School and West Jordan High School, as recommended. The motion passed unanimously.

E. School or Department: **Facility Services**

Items for Bid: **Greenhouse Demolition at South Valley School**

Bidders	Amount of Bid
Cal Wadsworth Construction	$394,000.00
Jardine Builders	
Peckham Asphalt Paving, Inc.	
Pride Construction	
RC Enterprise Paving and Construction	
SMM Excavation	

Purpose: To remove the current greenhouse and put in new curb and gutters as well as additional parking stalls and parking lot pole lighting at South Valley School. They will also build a smaller greenhouse for the school's use.

Budget: Summer Projects Capital Budget

Recommendation: It was recommended awarding the contract to the lowest responsive, responsible, and acceptable bidder, RC Enterprise Paving and Construction. The company complied with the specifications, terms, and conditions outlined in the bid documents.

MOTION: It was moved by Erin Barrow and seconded by Bryce Dunford to approve the bid for Greenhouse Demolition at South Valley School, as recommended. The motion passed unanimously.

F. School or Department: **Facility Services** — Items for Bid: **Stair Access at Blackridge Elementary School**

Bidders	Amount of Bid
Clear GC, LLC	$149,357.93
Peake REI, LLC	
Peckham Asphalt Paving, Inc.	

Purpose: To create additional stair access at Blackridge Elementary School from Rosecrest Road.

Budget: Summer Projects Capital Budget

Recommendation: It was recommended awarding the contract to the lowest responsive, responsible, and acceptable bidder, Peckham Asphalt Paving, Inc. The company complied with the specifications, terms, and conditions outlined in the bid documents.

MOTION: It was moved by Darrell Robinson and seconded by Brian Barnett to approve the bid for Stair Access at Blackridge Elementary School, as recommended. The motion passed unanimously.

G. School or Department: **Facility Services** — Items for Bid: **Parking Lot Expansion at Bingham High School**

Bidders	Amount of Bid
Cazier Excavations	$651,333.75 or $1,064,520.55
Judd Construction	
Peckham Asphalt Paving, Inc.	
R. Cherrington Enterprise LLC	
RB Construction & Concrete Inc.	
Strong Solutions LLC	

Purpose: To expand the existing parking lot at Bingham High School

Budget: Summer Project Capital Budget

Recommendation: It was recommended awarding the contract to the lowest responsive, responsible, and acceptable bidder, Peckham Asphalt Paving, Inc. The company complied with the specifications, terms, and conditions outlined in the bid documents.

MOTION: It was moved by Bryce Dunford and seconded by Darrell Robinson to approve the bid for Parking Lot Expansion at Bingham High School – Option 2, as recommended. The motion passed unanimously.

H. School or Department: **Facility Services**

Items for Bid: **ATC Upgrade at Riverton High School**

Bidders	Amount of Bid
CCI Mechanical, Inc.	$1,189,085.00
Commercial Mechanical Systems	

Purpose: To upgrade and replace the Automatic Temperature Controls (ATC) of the HVAC systems at Riverton High School.

Budget: Summer Projects Capital Budget

Recommendation: It was recommended awarding the contract to the lowest responsive, responsible, and acceptable bidder, Commercial Mechanical Systems. The company complied with the specifications, terms, and conditions outlined in the bid documents.

MOTION: It was moved by Erin Barrow and seconded by Brian Barnett to approve the bid for ATC Upgrade at Riverton High School, as recommended. The motion passed unanimously.

I. School or Department: **Facility Services**

Items for Bid: **Renovations at South Jordan Middle School**

Bidders	Amount of Bid
Bud Mahas Construction	$4,128,916.00 (option 1),
Entelen Design-Build	$4,866,937.00 (option 2), or
Hughes General Contractors	$5,182,109.00 (option 3)
Judd Construction	
Willmeng Construction	

Purpose: To renovate the kitchen, serving areas, and other areas that need upgrades at South Jordan Middle School.

Budget: Summer Projects Capital Budgets and Districtwide Risk Management Budgets

Recommendation: It was recommended awarding the contract to the lowest responsive, responsible, and acceptable bidder, Judd Construction. The company complied with the specifications, terms, and conditions outlined in the bid documents.

MOTION: It was moved by Erin Barrow and seconded by Darrell Robinson to approve the bid for Renovations at South Jordan Middle School – Option 3, as recommended. The motion passed unanimously.

J. School or Department

Items for Bid

Facility Services	**CNG Tank Replacement on Five (5) School Buses**
Bidders	Amount of Bid
American CNG	$103,436.43
The Lancer Garage	

Purpose: To replace CNG Tanks on five (5) school buses that have expired CNG tanks.

Budget: Transportation Vehicle Repairs Budget

Recommendation: It was recommended awarding the contract to the lowest responsive, responsible, and acceptable bidder, The Lancer Garage. The company complied with the specifications, terms, and conditions outlined in the bid documents.

K.

School or Department	Items for Bid
Transportation	**Transportation Services for Special Education Students**
Bidders	Amount of Bid
Collaborative Student Transportation	$630,893.36
EverDriven	
First Student/FirstAlt	

Purpose: To contract with a transportation company to meet the transportation needs for Special Education students that the District cannot accommodate on an as-needed basis.

Budget: Transportation Contract Services Budget

Recommendation: An evaluation committee comprised of personnel from the Transportation and Information Systems departments has recommended awarding a contract to EverDriven as the highest scoring and provides the best value to the District. Information Systems was involved to ensure the software and parent app provided by the vendor would be compatible with safety filters on the District network. This is a five (5) year contract.

L.

School or Department	Items for Bid
Transportation	**Replacement of Special Education Bus**
Bidders	Amount of Bid
Lewis Transportation Sales	$166,000.00

Purpose: To replace a totaled Special Education bus for Transportation

Budget: State Risk Reimbursement and Transportation Capital Outlay for Buses

Recommendation: It was recommended placing the order with the state contract holder Lewis Transportation Sales as they have a bus available immediately and it an exact replacement.

MOTION: It was moved by Darrell Robinson and seconded by Bryce Dunford to approve the bids for CNG Tank Replacement on Five (5) School Buses, Transportation Services for Special Education Students, and Replacement of Special Education Bus, as recommended. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Special Business

A. **Recommendation to Approve Proposed Revisions to Administrative Policy DP338 *Reimbursement of Licensed Employees Elected to Public Office* and to Eliminate Administrative Policy DP338B *Reimbursement of Educational Support Professionals Elected to Public Office***

MOTION: It was moved by Lisa Dean and seconded by Darrell Robinson to approve Proposed Revisions to Administrative Policy DP338 *Reimbursement of Licensed Employees Elected to Public Office* and to Eliminate Administrative Policy DP338B *Reimbursement of Educational Support Professionals Elected to Public Office*.

Public Comment
No patrons signed up to address the Board regarding this Special Business item and no patrons accepted the invitation to speak.

President George called for a vote on the motion to approve proposed revisions to Administrative Policy DP338 and eliminate Administrative Policy DP338B.The motion passed unanimously.

A copy of Administrative Policy DP338 is attached at the conclusion of these minutes (Attachment 2)

V. **Information Items**

A. **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Godfrey thanked everyone involved in the great Health and Wellness Week activities. He said the support from the community is inspiring and he commended the department for making wellness opportunities available to employees year-round. He thanked the Board for supporting this effort.

Lisa Dean agreed, saying teachers were appreciative of the lunch the Board provided and Darrell Robinson added kudos to those employees who provided services on Health and Wellness Day.

VI. **Discussion Items**

A. **Committee Reports and Comments by Board Members**

President George reported on the Joint Legislative Committee (JLC), inviting the Board to visit the website https://utahlovespublicschools.com which focuses on the blessing public education is in our communities.

MOTION: At 8:20 p.m., it was moved by Lisa Dean and seconded by Brian Barnett to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

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Attachments