

Jordan School District
MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
November 18, 2025

The Board of Education of Jordan School District met in study, general, and closed sessions on Tuesday, November 18, 2025, beginning at 4:02 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
Scott Thomas, Administrator of Auxiliary Services
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. West Jordan City ZAP Tax Application

Facilities Advisory Committee Chair Brian Barnett said West Jordan City approached them with a proposal to build a recreation center with the hope of receiving financial and verbal support from Jordan District. Administrator of Auxiliary Services Scott Thomas explained that the District received a similar County request approximately ten years ago. He said the application process is funded by the Zoos, Arts, and Parks (ZAP) tax and the City would donate the land for a recreation center, which would include a community pool with an option for a competition (or lap) pool. They are requesting to partner with Jordan District for this project.

Mr. Thomas said currently the District has a contract with the County to use their recreation center pools, which means each high school has a pool for swim teams to use. He provided information about practices, cost of facility use, and distance to the following pools for each high school:

- Bingham* and Copper Hills High Schools - Kearns Oquirrh Park
 - Herriman and Mountain Ridge High Schools - JL Sorensen
 - Riverton High School - Draper
 - West Jordan High School - Gene Fullmer
- * It is anticipated Bingham will move to the South Jordan pool later this year when the facility is finished.

Mr. Thomas said the Kearns agreement contains a 20 year clause (with five years remaining), that requires the District to pay for facility upgrades, which could exceed \$2 million.

Board members discussed the proximity of the pools to high schools, operational costs, and cost of Jordan's contribution should Board members support the proposal. Although the agreement doesn't

mention cost, Mr. Thomas said the maximum contribution amount required of the District would be capped at \$2 million.

Brian Barnett asked if it is possible to begin a 20 year contract with West Jordan City at the end of the current 20-year Kearns facility agreement. Mr. Thomas said the pool would take a few years to complete, but this could be negotiated with West Jordan City. Mr. Larsen suggested this could be included in the letter of support to the City.

President George called for a motion regarding the ZAP Tax application.

MOTION: It was moved by Suzanne Wood and seconded by Darrell Robinson to approve submitting a letter of support for the ZAP Tax request to West Jordan City with a contingency that the 20 year term begin no sooner than 2029 and including a \$2 million contribution cap. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

B. Review of Proposed Boundary Changes

Associate Superintendent Mike Anderson gave a timeline and overview of the boundary change process. He reported that official notices were sent to parents and stakeholders, boundaries were discussed at open houses and School Community Council meetings, a survey was sent out twice and feedback was collected, and there was opportunity for public comment at the October 28, 2025 meeting, the November 11th public hearing, and tonight's public meeting. He reviewed both the Midas Creek and Northwest Area boundary proposals, as well as permit options being proposed by the Board.

Board members discussed problems the boundary changes are trying to solve, namely: enrollment concerns and unifying students at an elementary school who are designated to attend one of three different secondary feeder schools.

Mr. Robinson said he wants to discuss the boundary process in more depth, with more consideration of Board member's priorities. Brian Barnett mentioned the Enrollment Considerations for Growth document that the Board and staff created with guidelines that may instigate boundary change proposals.

Board members discussed the length of guaranteed permits for students who want to remain in their current feeder school, the possibility of voting separately on each area in the Northwest boundary change proposal, and the positive and negative aspects of each boundary option.

C. Summer Projects 2026 Update

Scott Thomas, administrator of Auxiliary Services, shared an revised capital projects list with updated cost estimates. He said it is expected the projects will go out to bid in February or March 2026.

Dave Rostrom, director of Facility Services, explained the improvements included in the Daybreak project and Ms. Barrow said she considered that a priority, rather than including an alternate project at Elk Ridge Middle School.

MOTION: It was moved by Bryce Dunford and seconded by Suzanne Wood to move forward with all summer Capital projects as listed, with the exception of Elk Ridge Middle School auditorium upgrades.

Brian Barnett said he would like to move forward with all the items on the capital projects list.

Darrell Robinson said he prefers to table this agenda item to allow a further review by the Finance Committee.

Ms. Dean called the question and Board members all agreed to a vote. The motion passed with a vote of five to two. Mr. Robinson and Mr. Barnett cast the dissenting votes.

D. Field House Follow-Up

Due to time constraints, President George requested item D. *Field House Follow-Up*, be discussed in a continuing study session after the general session.

At 6:16 p.m., the meeting adjourned. The general session started at 6:37p.m.

GENERAL 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
Daniel Ellis, Director, Accounting, Budgets and Audits
Michael Heaps, Director, Information Systems
Sandy Riesgraf, Director, Communications
Steffany Ellsworth, Support Services Manager, Information Systems
Lisa LeStarge, Administrative Assistant
Janet Sanders, President, Jordan Education Association
Kyle Greene, Squire & Company
Elliott Fisher
Jeff Rifleman
Shawn Mathis
Kai Falls
Leslie Dixon
Jordan Dixon
Kiersten Caldwell
Alexandria Humphries
Janet Sanders

President George presided and conducted. She welcomed those present. West Jordan Middle School Student Body Officers and Latinos in Action Leadership conducted a flag ceremony and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. The National Anthem was sung by Kaylee Bucio Prudente and Reverence was given by Tess Rogerson, students at West Jordan Middle School.

Celebrating West Jordan Middle School

Penny Wheelwright, Student Body President of West Jordan 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.

Resolutions of Appreciation

Lisa Dean read a Resolution of Appreciation for Shirley Johnson Madsen, who recently passed away. Ms. Madsen was employed by Jordan School District from 1971 to 1997.

Board Member Recognitions

Lisa Dean recognized the community for the political activism she has seen and for efforts to be more engaged citizens. She attended the Future Teacher Fest at JATC North and the PTA Advocacy Conference at the Jordan Learning Center. She said she appreciates the efforts of local PTAs working to help students receive a high-quality education. She invited everyone to attend one of the high school musical theater productions happening in Jordan District this weekend.

Niki George thanked everyone who serves on School Community Councils. She attended the Future Teacher Fest, saying it offers students great career pathways, and she thanked the CTE team for hosting this event.

Suzanne Wood recognized the District's Communications team by name, thanking each one of the following for their professionalism and hard work behind the scenes:

Sandy Riesgraf, Director

Doug Flagler, Communications Specialist

Chad Margetts, Media Manager

Kraig Williams, Marketing and Social Media Specialist

Superintendent's Recognitions

Dr. Godfrey recognized kindergarten students that have met goals with letters and sounds to reach "Planet Kindergarten" by this month. He thanked teachers for their dedicated efforts, noting that some students have made incredible progress. He recently recorded a Supercast with teachers and kindergarten students at Riverton Elementary School and enjoyed celebrating this achievement with them.

I. Public Comments

A. Public Comments Regarding Non-Agenda Items

Elliott Fisher, a student, asked that the Board consider providing a vegetarian lunch option at every school.

Jeff Rifleman, a citizen, expressed concern over the District's discipline process regarding allegations of student abuse and neglect. He said employees should also be trained on reporting suspected incidents.

Shawn Mathis, a patron, expressed concern over the cost of a new Herriman High School greenhouse which was approved at the last Board business meeting. He requested the Board take another vote to postpone this project.

Kai Falls, a student, said there should be vegetarian meal options at school and suggested more students would opt to take school lunch if this were offered.

President George invited Mr. Larsen, business administrator, to read comments submitted to boardcomments@jordandistrict.org from the following individuals, whose comments are summarized below:

Katrina Marshall said funds should be used to provide athletic fields for students in competitive sports.

Sidney Apple expressed interest in adding a Spanish immersion program at Aspen Elementary School.

Trent Assay requested the Board "undo" the vote to spend \$700,000 on a high school greenhouse, stating it is wasteful spending of taxpayer dollars.

Emily Hyer requested the Board provide programs for kids before and after school, noting the need for District employees and residents to have safe and affordable childcare options for their children after school hours.

Sommer Baisch asked that the Board consider solutions for safe and affordable programs for children before and after school. She suggested the Board consult with other districts for ways they address this issue.

II. General Business – Consent Agenda

A. Motion to Approve Consent Agenda Items

1. Minutes

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

2. 2025-26 School LAND Trust Amendment for Hidden Valley Middle School

A School LAND Trust Plan amendment for Hidden Valley Middle School was presented to the Board of Education for approval.

3. LEA Specific Licenses

It was recommended that License and Endorsement Application submitted by educators be approved (Administrative Rule R277-301-7).

MOTION: It was moved by Lisa Dean and seconded by Erin Barrow 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 October 2025 were provided to the Board of Education.

2. Financial Statement

The financial statement through October 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 October 2025 were provided to the Board of Education.

4. Non-Compliance Report

MOTION: It was moved by Lisa Dean and seconded by Erin Barrow to accept Consent Agenda items B1 through B4, as recommended. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

III. Special Business

A. Recommendation to Approve Boundary Changes to Balance Enrollment and Align Middle and High School Boundaries for the Midas Creek Area

Public Comment

President George called for public comment regarding the Midas Creek Area.

Leslie Dixon, a parent, asked the Board to refrain from voting on the Midas Creek boundary change and to consider the effect it would have on youth sports programs. She asked the Board for a plan B.

Jordan Dixon, a parent, asked the Board to vote no on the Midas Creek boundary change and to choose an option that allows families to succeed.

Kiersten Caldwell expressed opposition to the proposed Midas Creek boundary change due to the negative impact it will have on sports and student relationships.

Janet Sanders, JEA president, thanked Board members for their careful consideration of boundary issues. Ms. Sanders said this has been a laborious process and she appreciates the great effort Board members have made to find solutions for boundary concerns.

President George invited Mr. Larsen, business administrator, to read comments submitted to boardcomments@jordandistrict.org regarding the Midas Creek Area.

Brittany Nunley stated she is against the Midas Creek boundary change as it will create transportation issues. She suggested students from that elementary school only have the guaranteed option of permitting to one of its three feeder schools.

Cindy Cassity requested that Midas Creek Elementary continue as a multiple-feeder school.

MOTION: It was moved by Brian Barnett and seconded by Lisa Dean to approve Boundary Changes to Balance Enrollment and Align Middle and High School Boundaries for the Midas Creek Area.

Mr. Barnett said he appreciated the comments that were made about proposed boundary changes. He acknowledged this was not a quick process and said the permit process the Board approved is very generous.

Lisa Dean thanked families in attendance at tonight's meeting. She said she puts a high priority on aligning feeder systems.

Erin Barrow said she appreciates all the information on boundaries from staff and public input that included many diverse viewpoints.

Bryce Dunford said the boundary change for the Midas Creek Area was in response to community request that began in December of 2024. He said the Board has been working on proposed boundaries for a year and has undergone a high level of scrutiny during the process.

President George called for a vote on the motion to approve boundary changes for the Midas Creek Area. The motion passed with a vote of six to one. Mr. Robinson cast the dissenting vote.

Bryce Dunford requested that staff educate everyone on permit options.

B. Recommendation to Approve Boundary Changes to Balance Enrollment in the Northwest Area of the District

Public Comment

President George called for public comment regarding the Northwest Area.

Alexandria Humphries, a parent, expressed opposition to the Northwest Area boundary change saying it would create a feeder system issue for students that attend Copper Canyon Elementary School, as well as a transportation safety issue.

President George invited Mr. Larsen, business administrator, to read comments submitted to boardcomments@jordandistrict.org regarding the Northwest Area.

Chris Kuhlemeier, a band director at Copper Hills High School, opposes the Northwest Area boundary change as it will cause proximity challenges and recruiting issues for students in the band and other school programs.

MOTION: It was moved by Erin Barrow and seconded by Suzanne Wood to approve the Area C boundary change as recommended.

Darrell Robinson said he dislikes the idea of moving students from the lowest enrolled school to the school with the highest enrollment. Lisa Dean agreed.

Brian Barnett said earlier Board discussions calmed his concerns about this enrollment issue.

President George called for a vote on the motion to approve the Area C boundary change, as presented. The motion passed with a vote of five to two. Mr. Robinson and Ms. Dean cast the dissenting votes.

MOTION: It was moved by Lisa Dean and seconded by Suzanne Wood to approve the remaining boundary changes, as recommended, for Areas 1 and 2 in the Northwest Area of the District.

Lisa Dean said she feels strongly about increasing enrollment at West Jordan High School while balancing enrollment in the Northwest Area.

Darrell Robinson said he opposes moving students to Bingham High School when they live closer to West Jordan High School.

Erin Barrow said she is uncomfortable with this boundary change and would like to see a different approach to solving this boundary issue.

President George called for a vote on the motion to approve the boundary changes for Areas 1 and 2 in the Northwest Area of the District. The motion failed with a vote of six to one. Niki George cast the affirmative vote.

C. Recommendation to Adopt the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025

Bryce Dunford, District Finance & Audit Board Advisory Committee Chair, said the Committee met with independent auditors who make sure the District operates in line with government standards. He invited Auditor Kyle Greene, of Squire & Company to explain his findings.

Auditor Kyle Greene, of Squire & Company, met with the audit committee on November 7, 2025. He said audits were completed to review the following: financial statements, federal compliance, and state compliance, and Jordan's Special Education program was a focus this year. Mr. Greene said Squire expects to issue an unmodified or clean opinion on federal compliance for Jordan District; however, due to the recent government shutdown, the federal compliance report has not yet been issued.

Mr. Greene stated there were no issues of non-compliance on either the District's financial statements or state compliance, and the firm has issued an unmodified, or clean, opinion that statements given to the Board accurately reflect the business that has taken place this past year.

Ms. Dean and Ms. Wood expressed appreciation for the report, saying it boosted their confidence in Jordan's financial management.

Mr. Dunford highlighted the following pages of the ACFR with topics he considers informative:

- Page 125 – student attendance and enrollment
- Page 126 – history of high school graduates
- Page 127 – teacher to student ratios
- Page 128 – teacher compensation data with state averages
- Page 129 – ten-year building plan

Mr. Dunford thanked Squire and the Accounting team for their work.

MOTION: It was moved by Bryce Dunford and seconded by Erin Barrow to approve the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025.

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 adopt the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR). The motion passed unanimously.

D. Recommendation to Approve Policy Revisions to Administrative Policy A7 *Suggestions from Employees*; Board Policy G103 *Board Members' Principles of Operation – Conduct and Ethics*; and Board Appendix *Guidelines for New Board Members Orientation*

MOTION: It was moved by Erin Barrow and seconded by Lisa Dean to approve revisions to Administrative Policy A7 *Suggestions from Employees*; Board Policy G103 *Board Members' Principles of Operation – Conduct and Ethics*; and Board Appendix *Guidelines for New Board Members Orientation*

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 revisions to Policy A7, G103, and the Board Appendix. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Bid Recommendations

**A. School or Department
Information Systems**

**Items for Bid
Skyward Qmlativ Student
Management Suite**

Bidders
Skyward Inc.

Amount of Bid
\$144,190.00

Purpose: To convert the existing Skyward SMS Student System to Qmlativ Student Management Suite.

Budget: Information Systems Contracted Services

Recommendation: It was recommended awarding the contract to Skyward Inc., in accordance with Utah State Procurement Code 63G-6a-802(1)(b) *Award of contract without engaging in a standard procurement process*, based on the results of a cost-benefit analysis.

MOTION: It was moved by Lisa Dean and seconded by Suzanne Wood to approve the bid for Skyward Qmlativ Student Management Suite for Information Systems, as recommended.

Mike Heaps, director of Information Systems, explained that procurement included cost comparisons between companies offering a similar product and the vendor was vetted by three stakeholder groups. He also confirmed that a data privacy agreement was signed to protect student data.

President George called for a vote on the motion to approved Qmlativ Student Management Suite and the motion passed unanimously.

V. **Information Items**

A. **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Godfrey said fall sports have come to an end. He thanked parents, coaches, community members and everyone involved for making the programs a success.

VI. **Discussion Items**

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

Erin Barrow reported on the recent Jordan Parent Advisory Committee (JPAC) meeting held November 12, 2025. She said it was well attended and presentations by Travis Hamblin, director of Student Services, and Safety Specialist Matt Alvernaz were well received.

As Government Relations Advisory Committee Chair, Suzanne Wood gave a reminder of the three Legislative Breakfasts scheduled within the next few weeks.

Lisa Dean gave a reminder of the Jordan Education Foundation's Christmas for Kids event. She said volunteers and donations are needed and more information can be found on the Foundation's website. Ms. Dean expressed appreciation for the financial presentation by the independent auditor, Squire & Company, during the recent Finance Committee Meeting.

Niki George reported on the Jordan Legislative Committee (JLC) and the Utah School Board Association (USBA). She gave a reminder about Master Board Certification and a JLC meeting that will be held December 11, 2025, noting there will be a virtual option. She said the USBA spring meeting will be changed to a virtual format with Board members participating together in a common location. Ms. George gave a reminder about USBA Day on the Hill scheduled for January 30, 2026 and a celebration for public education to be held at the State Capitol on January 21, 2026.

B. **Topics for Bulletin Board**

Board members gave the following suggestions for topics to be included in an upcoming issue of Board newsletter:

- Update of the Midas Creek boundary change
- Review of Board processes (boundary changes, bid processes, etc.)
- Difference between a Board study session and business meetings
- Formal announcement about not building new schools in the near future
- Recent policy updates
- Highlight on Board committees
- Highlight on Government Relations Committee work with legislators
- ACFR highlights

It was decided the Board Executive Committee will select items from the suggested list and work with the Communications department on creating the upcoming issue of the Bulletin Board.

MOTION: At 8:47 p.m., it was moved by Lisa Dean and seconded by Suzanne Wood to adjourn the meeting and resume the study session. The motion passed unanimously.

STUDY SESSION, Continued

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Lisa LeStarge, Administrative Assistant

President George presided and conducted. The Board of Education continued its study session to discuss the following:

D. Field House Follow-Up

Superintendent Godfrey invited Business Administrator John Larsen to share information on hiring an outside entity to conduct a public survey per Board request. A proposal from Lighthouse was presented with cost estimates for a mixed mode survey, with options for varying numbers of respondents and timelines for each. Mr. Larsen said the company recommends splitting the project into two phases: the original survey and focus group to gauge public sentiment, and a second survey and focus group to refine outreach efforts used for a bond campaign.

Mr. Barnett clarified the intent of the survey is to determine whether or not to go to a bond campaign for field houses.

Mr. Dunford said he prefers a survey for 900 people without a focus group. Mr. Larsen said Board members could have input on survey questions and decide on whether or not to include focus groups at a later time.

After a brief discussion the following motion was made:

MOTION: It was moved by Bryce Dunford and seconded by Suzanne Wood to move forward with a 900 participant Lighthouse survey on field houses. The motion was approved unanimously.

MOTION: At 9:37 p.m., it was moved by Suzanne Wood and seconded by Erin Barrow to go into closed session. The motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

CLOSED SESSION

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Erin Barrow, Board Member

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Suzanne Wood, Board Member
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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 10:10 p.m., it was moved by Bryce Dunford and seconded by Brian Barnett to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

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Attachments