

Jordan School District
MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
February 10, 2026

The Board of Education of Jordan School District met in a study session on Tuesday, February 10, 2026, beginning at 4:00 p.m. in the Jordan Academy for Technology and Careers South Campus, 12723 S., Park Avenue, Riverton, Utah.

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
Ian Roberts, Facility Capital Outlay Manager, Facility Services
Roxane Siggard, Administrative Assistant, Office of the Superintendent

President Niki George called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. The Board of Education met in a study session to discuss the following:

A. Draft Resolution of Salt Lake County Hazard Mitigation Plan

Scott Thomas, Administrator of Auxiliary Services, explained that the need for a Hazard Mitigation Plan was first brought to the Board in September 2024, as a requirement to qualify for FEMA funding in the case of a large natural disaster. During this initial discussion, the options for a Hazard Mitigation Plan for Jordan School District were to: 1) develop its own plan; 2) join a multijurisdictional plan with Salt Lake County; or 3) annex into another plan. The Board at that time directed staff to proceed with joining Salt Lake County. The Board of Education must now adopt a resolution to demonstrate its commitment to hazard mitigation and to achieve the goals outlined in the 2025 Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan.

Ian Roberts, Facility Capital Outlay Manager, answered specific questions about the mitigation plan. This is a five-year plan that does not bind the District financially, but rather brings awareness. Jordan staff took part in workshops, gave input, and identified hazards and mitigation in helping to develop the plan. Paul Van Komen assisted in drafting the resolution. Suzanne Wood pointed out that this resolution is in line with policy AA435 *Community Emergency Management Programs*, which states that the District will cooperate with local, county, state and federal agencies in the event of an emergency or disaster. Staff was directed to include the resolution on the February 24, 2026, consent agenda for approval.

B. Exception Request to Administrative Policy AA414 Student Overnight Travel

Brad Sorensen, Administrator of Schools, and Thomas Gatten, Principal, Herriman High School, presented a request for an additional local overnight trip for the Herriman High School track team. The team would like to participate in a track tournament in St. George in April 2026. The benefits

would include giving additional opportunities to qualify for the state tournament and increasing the team's standings.

MOTION: Darrell Robinson made the motion to approve the additional trip for the Herriman High School track team. Bryce Dunford seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

C. Discussion Regarding the Approval Process for the 2026-27 Student Fee Schedule

President George explained the purpose of reviewing the process for approving the fee schedule. Dr. Godfrey expressed the desire to have Board members' questions answered prior to requesting approval. Questions and discussion on fees included the following:

- Is it okay to charge different fees for the same program in schools?
 - The consensus of the Board was that the answer is "yes."
- Do we want a narrow or broad path to graduation without fees?
 - The requirement under the law is that a student can go all the way through high school to graduation without paying any fees. Dr. Godfrey said that it would cost approximately \$700,000 to eliminate fees on all entry-level elective classes. Staff is to bring back options for both a narrow, least expensive pathway with only enough options to graduate, and a wider, more expensive pathway that would provide more opportunities for electives needed for graduation without incurring fees.
- Can parents raise concerns without damaging relationships?
 - The Board discussed having an anonymous way for parents to make fee complaints vs. talking to a coach/school with possible repercussions. Options were reviewed that are already in place for anonymous reporting, including the Superintendent's "SOS" communication link on his webpage, where he can communicate directly through email. Parents are encouraged to first work through the school, then consider "SOS" second.
- Can teams make additional charges outside the voted fee?
 - No.
- Can a fee be amended after approval?
 - The amended fee schedule would need to go through the same process, including the opportunity for public comment and Board approval.
- How can parents see the way their fees are being used?
 - Board members requested that the fee schedule include a statement that parents may request information on the budget and spending from their school.
- What are principals hearing?
 - Brad Sorensen, Administrator of Schools, will report on this at the next meeting.

Athletic fees for Jordan District high schools include covering the cost of transportation, which is a big part of the expense, whereas some districts pay for transportation for athletics. Mr. Robinson felt this was good information to provide to parents since Jordan's athletic fees are higher than those of other districts.

A fee schedule must be approved by April 1, 2026, to comply with Utah code. The timeline for approving the 2026 Student Fee Schedule is:

February 24, 2026	Presentation on fees (the fee website would go live for the public after the Board gives approval) Opportunity for Public Comment #1
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March 10, 2026	Discussion in study session Opportunity for Public Comment #2
March 24, 2026	Special Business item to approve fee schedule Public comments on special business item

Dr. Godfrey will check on the specific requirements for public comments vs. public hearing and email Board members with that information.

D. Calendar Committee Representative

Dr. Anderson recommended that the nominated parent serve on the Calendar Committee as the Herriman Feeder parent representative. In accordance with Administrative Policy D207 *Calendar Development*, he asked for the Board's approval for her appointment. After discussion and review of the website for the Calendar Committee, including how a parent could get on the Committee, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Brian Barnett made the motion to approve the nominated parent to serve on the Calendar Committee as the Herriman Feeder parent representative. Lisa Dean seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

E. Continued Discussion on Under-Enrolled Schools on Watch List

Brian Barnett, Chair of the Facilities Committee, noted that policy A13 *School Consolidation/Closure* gives the Facilities Committee the responsibility to analyze trigger point data as well as school information and make recommendations to the Board. He emphasized that this discussion is to determine the Board's appetite for consolidating and closing schools that are under-enrolled. The reasons for closing an under-enrolled school include the cost to maintain the school, limited curriculum when there are not enough students to fill classes, and class and teacher flexibility. Rather than discussing specific schools, the Committee is looking for a general approach, from less aggressive to more aggressive.

Board members reviewed draft enrollment maps from Planning and Enrollment, and expressed the desire to look at plans that would be less aggressive to the center of the scale. Mr. Barnett felt he had enough information for the Facilities Committee to proceed with reviewing the data and bringing back options.

F. Legislative Review

Dr. Anderson reviewed the bills being tracked by USBA. He said the 5% cut that state departments are being asked to make is currently a budget exercise. If this reduction is finalized, among the cuts would be the digital grant, and the funds for professional development would be cut by 44%. Representative Tracy Miller was instrumental in keeping the flexible line item intact.

Bills reviewed were:

- HB236 – Clarifies property tax notification requirements for Truth in Taxation hearings; districts must prove they can continue with a fallback plan if the tax increase is not approved; supported by the Joint Legislative Committee (JLC).
- SB 241 – Early literacy/80% proficiency in reading for third graders by 2030; schools not meeting the goal must allocate 50% of their TSSA plans to improve reading; student retention would occur in third grade.

- HB170 – Referendums would be allowed on school board decisions that are not made with a super majority (at least 5-2 vote for Jordan); Mr. Van Komen stated the bill may have constitutional issues.
- HB273 – Referred to as the “balance act”, it would limit screen time for students; it would not apply to online schools or carve-outs/ 504, etc.
- HB293 – Schools would be required to initiate an additional sports moratorium in the summer; it would also limit practice time to fifteen hours per week and double off-season moratoriums.
- HB 467 – Utah Fits All Scholarship changes; it tightens who and what types of schools/programs qualify.
- HB 241 – Puts charter schools on par with cities for first right of refusal when school districts surplus property.
- HB440 – School lunch amendment; requires SCC to take considerable responsibility for school lunch targets. JLC opposes, as it should be a local decision.
- HB528 – Affects local school board reporting.
- SB167 – Requires reintegration plans for students who have committed serious offenses; data to be shared between districts in cooperation with the Juvenile Justice Center.

G. Review of Board Policies GP108 through GP110

Bryce Dunford, Chair, Board Policy Committee, led a discussion on each of the policies and asked for input on areas of concern. The Policy Committee will make the recommended revisions and bring the policies back for review at a future meeting.

- *GP108 Meeting Planning* – The revisions that were discussed at the last meeting were reviewed.
- *GP109 Construction of the Agenda* – The effectiveness of using the current tracking document to request items be placed on the agenda was discussed. It was decided to continue the practice with the option to include the date by a Board member’s name when it is seconded. Wording changes were recommended for section C.4., and section D. needs to be clarified.
- *GP110 Public Participation at Board Meetings* – Board members discussed section B. concerning adding emailed comments as another option for public participation.

H. Board and Superintendent Reports and Comments

Brian Barnett said the Facilities Committee will be meeting in a week.

Chair Bryce Dunford said the Finance Committee does not have a meeting scheduled, but will be getting together as soon as they have the projections needed to work on the budget.

Chair for the Licensed Employee Committee (LEAC), Lisa Dean, gave an update on the meeting that was held on February 9, 2026. Mr. Dunford and President George attended along with Dr. Anderson and Dr. Godfrey. The focus of the meeting was on behaviors in the classroom. One item mentioned was arena scheduling as being somewhat problematic for behavior when groups of friends are in the same class. Mr. Robinson asked for further discussion on the topic at another meeting.

Chair of the Joint Legislative Committee (JLC), Niki George, said she is now chairing the USBA Legislative Committee. Included in her new responsibilities will be planning the pre-delegate and delegate assemblies. JLC is meeting every Friday on The Hill, which she said is advantageous with increased face time with legislators. She will forward the legislative update to the Board each week.

Erin Barrow reported on the Region 6 PTA by stating that they are taking note of the Governor's reading initiative. She said that the National PTA website has resources available to help parents with their students who are struggling with reading.

Bryce Dunford, who is on the Utah High School Activities Board of Directors, reported that the executive director, Rob Cuff, is retiring and they are looking for candidates to replace him. They are also starting the realignment process.

Superintendent Godfrey reported that the Health & Wellness Day on February 6, 2026, was the best so far. Employees were out doing things and going to activities to get to know each other. Every year, there are better lessons and activities for families. A full report will be presented at the next meeting. Darrell commented that the connection being made with the community is phenomenal.

A question was asked about student protests. Dr. Godfrey confirmed that student protests must be off school property. Class consequences are imposed for walking out of school, as for other absences.

Mr. Robinson noted that South Jordan City is celebrating the country's 250th birthday and also the 25th anniversary of 9/11. He and Dr. Godfrey are on the planning committee. The celebration will start the day after Labor Day and go for a week.

MOTION: At 8:46 p.m., it was moved by Lisa Dean and seconded by Suzanne Wood to go into a closed session and adjourn the meeting at the conclusion of the closed session. The motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

CLOSED SESSION:

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Suzanne Wood, Board Member, excused
Anthony Godfrey, Superintendent
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President George presided and conducted the meeting, which began at 8:54 p.m. 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. The meeting was declared adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

JL/rs