

Minutes of Regular Meeting

Board of Education of Ogden City
1950 Monroe Boulevard, Ogden, Utah

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Ogden City School District was held Thursday, May 21, 2026, beginning at 5:30 PM in the Henry Barker Board Room. The following were present when the meeting convened:

Members:

Joyce Wilson, President
Arlene Anderson, Vice President
Amber Allred
Stacy Bernal

Jamie Nunley
John Peterson
Jennifer Zundel -absent

Staff:

Luke D. Rasmussen, Superintendent
Zane K. Woolstenhulme, Business Administrator
Nelida Gil, Executive Assistant
Jessica Bennington, Exec. Director, Human Resources
Adam McMickell, Exec. Director, Student Achievement

Regular Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

1. **Welcome and Acknowledgment of Visitors**
Board President Joyce Wilson called the meeting to order and welcomed attendees.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Superintendent Rasmussen.

3. **Celebrations (Students & Staff)**
 - a. Ben Lomond Softball Coach Jamie Pippin introduced student Brooklyn Richie, who was celebrated for maintaining a 4.0 GPA and earning her third academic all-state recognition of the year.
 - b. Lorenzo Lopez (representing the Intermountain Sports Field Managers Association and the Utah Recreation and Parks Association) celebrated groundskeeper Brett Barker for having won a prestigious National Field of the Year award, which places his facility alongside famous stadiums in national turf management magazines.
 - c. Jessica Bennington, Executive Director of Human Resources, recognized Denett Banz, Administrative Assistant in the Maintenance Department, and recognized her recent achievement in earning the Professional Standards Program (PSP) certificate and national certification from the National Association of Education Office Professionals.
 - d. Shauna Haney, Ogden High Administrator, recognized students for their Academic All- State Recognition for Spring sports. Megan Beus (Track), Jill Wood (Softball), Denver Rhodes (Baseball), Julia Draper (Golf), and Luke Larson (Soccer).
 - e. Ogden High Soccer Coach Todd Scott celebrated the team's historic season, securing a 3-peat State Championship with an undefeated 43-0 record. The team maintained a collective 3.77 GPA, with seven players holding a perfect 4.0.
 - f. Madison Hartman from the Weber State Dual Enrollment department recognized Ben Lomond and Ogden High graduates who earned their university credentials alongside their diplomas. Ben Lomond had two graduates earn associate degrees, Ogden High had one student earn an Associate Degree, and Ogden High had eight students earn certificates of completion/proficiency.
 - g. CTE Teacher Luke Mandleco recognized Ivan Silva Izaguirre, a junior at Ben Lomond High School, who won a state gold medal in the "Job Skill Demo" contest and will represent Utah at the SkillsUSA National Leadership Conference in Atlanta, Georgia.
 - h. CTE Teacher Margaret Holmes introduced Juno Winger, a 9th-grade FBLA student from Mount Ogden Junior High. Juno took 1st place at the state competition in the "Young Leader" event and will compete at the national conference in San Antonio, Texas.
 - i. Lisa Pockrus presented the district's historic participation in National History Day, themed "*Revolution, Reaction, Reform in History.*" The district had 495 student participants at the school level, 176 at the district level, 77 at regionals, and 47 state

qualifiers.

Youth Category (Group Documentary): Aiden Evans and Nora Fish (Liberty Elementary) took state honors for their project on the *Pure Food and Drug Act of 1906*.

Arts and Culture Prize: Amelia (Ogden High) won for her individual senior documentary on the Beatles' *Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band*.

Senior Group Performance State Champions: Lauren Graham and Lucy Hinkley (Ogden High) won for *How Beethoven Revolutionized Music*.

Senior Group Exhibit State Champions: Genesis Gonzales and Khalea Hileman (Ogden High) won for *Martha Hughes Cannon*. Their project was chosen to be showcased at the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C.

Glenn and Caroline Miner Prize in Utah History: Maya Erickson (Ogden High) won for her historical paper on Bernard DeVoto and will advance to the national contest.

- j. Visual Arts Specialist Emma Koslowski highlighted the success of the recent Elementary Festival of Arts held at James Madison Elementary, featuring over 500 students/families, 30 musical performances, and 300 judged art pieces.

4. **Public Participation**

None

5. **Consent Calendar**

The Consent Calendar was reviewed.

a. **Recommended Personnel Actions**

- i. Personnel Events for May Board Meeting FY26

b. **Financial Reports**

- i. April Financial Reports

c. **Minutes**

d. **Other**

- i. Calendar Revision for Juneteenth National Freedom Day: 2026/2027 District Calendar
- ii. RFP26-007 Bus Transportation Services for OSD
- iii. Fresh Produce RFP for the Child Nutrition Department
- iv. Extended Student Travel Request-OHS to National History Day Competition

MOTION: To approve the consent calendar. This motion, made by Arlene Anderson and seconded by Jamie Nunley, passed 5 to 1 (John Peterson opposing)

6. **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Rasmussen praised the success of the graduation season and commended the teachers, principals, and district staff. He highlighted the major historical improvement in graduation rates, noting that the district has moved from a prior 68% graduation rate up to 92% at Ogden High and over 80% at Ben Lomond, with a vast majority of students graduating with rigorous concurrent enrollment, AP, IB, or CTE credentials. Special recognition was given to Adam McMickell Executive Director of Student Achievement who was awarded the **2025-2026 Mentor of the Year** by the Utah Assessment Directors Association.

7. **Business Administrators Report**

Business Administrator Woolstenhulme reported on a self-imposed watering restriction implemented by the maintenance crew due to drought conditions. The district will restrict watering to two days a week between 6:00 PM and 10:00 AM (stricter than the city's 3-day guideline) to keep lawns alive through the summer.

8. **Action Items (Motion, possible discussion and vote intended)**

- a. Human Resource Executive Director Jessica Bennington presented the finalized employee agreements resulting from IBB committee meetings across three groups: Education Support Professionals (ESP), Licensed Educators, and Administrators.

MOTION: To ratify all three employee association agreements. This motion, made by Arlene Anderson and seconded by John Peterson, passed unanimously.

b. The board reviewed policy 9.105 (Child Custody) and 9.106 (Student Residency).

MOTION: To adopt board policy revisions on first reading for Policy 9.105 and Policy 9.106. This motion, made by Arlene Anderson and seconded by John Peterson, passed unanimously.

c. **Approval - One-Year Extension of Mathematics Curriculum Adoption**

Director of Student Achievement Adam McMickell requested a one-year contract extension for the district's K-5 (*i-Ready Classroom Mathematics*) and 6-8 (*Reveal Math*) curricula. The projected cost of the one-year extension is \$332,906.

MOTION: To approve the one-year extension of the mathematics curriculum adoption. This motion, made by Jamie Nunley and seconded by Amber Allred, passed unanimously.

d. **Approval - Ogden City proposal to purchase the eastern portion of Taylor Canyon Property (formerly Taylor Canyon Elementary School) of approximately 2.6 acres.**

Business Administrator Zane Woolstenhulme presented a formal signed proposal from the Mayor of Ogden City to purchase approximately 2.6 acres of Taylor Canyon property from the school district. Following separate appraisals from both entities, the compromise price was set at \$8.42 per square foot plus an additional \$50,000 added by the city, bringing the total proposed purchase price to \$953,546. No real estate commission fees are attached to this deal. The district will clear the remaining non-sold portions of the property for sale on the market after the city deal officially closes post-July 1st.

MOTION: To accept the formal offer from Ogden City as outlined in the purchase contract to purchase approximately 2.6 acres of Taylor Canyon property for \$953,546, and to direct the Business Administrator to put the balance of the Taylor Canyon property up for sale following the close of the transaction. This motion, made by Amber Allred and seconded by Arlene Anderson, passed, 5 to 0 (John Peterson, abstained)

President Wilson adjourned the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.ogdensd.org

Joyce, Wilson President

Zane K. Woolstenhulme, Business Administrator