

Minutes of Work Session

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

A Work Session of the Board of Education of Ogden City School District was held Thursday, August 6, 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

Staff:

Luke D. Rasmussen, Superintendent
Zane K. Woolstenhulme, Business Administrator-*absent*
Nelida Gil, Executive Assistant
Brynn Mortensen, Executive Director, Ogden School Foundation

Work Session, Board Room

1. Board Committee Reports

- a. **Budget, Finance and Facilities Committee:** Vice President Anderson reviewed the Audit Committee's structure (Members: Jennifer Zundel, Vice President Anderson, John Peterson) and discussed key updates:
 - July 27 Meeting: A draft Audit Committee Checklist was reviewed with leadership; final edits are underway before board-wide distribution.
 - Risk Assessment: Evaluated risk areas with Squire & Company, focusing on state compliance, budgetary fund balances, and federal compliance (e.g., child nutrition programs).
 - Audit Timeline:
 - Aug 24: Preliminary assessment with Squire & Company.
 - Dec 8: Board review of audit findings.
 - Dec 17: Final public audit presentation.
- b. **Student Achievement Committee:** Committee Chair Stacy Bernal noted regular meetings resume in September and highlighted recent media coverage on rising district reading proficiency. Superintendent Rasmussen presented growth data showing that while Ogden enters kindergarten near the bottom statewide, the district ranks 11th statewide in overall student growth and 1st among 6 demographically peer districts, marking four consecutive years of early literacy growth. Early Literacy Administrator Shannon Wilcox and her team were recognized for their leadership.
- c. **Policy and Law Committee:** The committee last met in May (reported in June), The next meeting is scheduled for late August.

2. Information Items (FYI Items)

- a. **Ogden School Foundation Update:** Executive Director Brynn Murdock shared highlights from the 2025–26 Impact Report, acknowledged community partners, announced upcoming events, thanked outgoing board members, and welcomed incoming members, including Board President Linda DeYoung.

3. **Let's Connect (Board member items)**

- **Back-to-School Nights:** Board members will attend events at Liberty Elementary and Hillcrest Elementary.
- **Recognitions:** Vice President Anderson recognized Adam McMickell for leading July AI workshops for staff and board members. She also commemorated the anniversary of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, emphasizing the district's commitment to student voices through student board representatives.
- **Board Governance & Evaluation:**
 - Vice President Anderson summarized board strengths and growth areas using recent Board Norms self-reflection survey data.
 - President Wilson announced a self-evaluation during the upcoming Board Retreat on September 10.
- **Advocacy & Professional Development:** Vice President Arlene Anderson shared her selection for the inaugural NSBA Policy, Leadership, and Advocacy Cohort and announced her attendance at the Advocacy Institute in Washington, D.C., in late January.
- **Administrative & Legislative Updates:**
 - Discussed tracking mandatory annual board training (e.g., Open and Public Meetings Act) via Canvas/TalentEd for audit compliance.
 - Reviewed USBA's 2026 legislative priorities.
 - Superintendent Rasmussen outlined plans to use district growth data to advocate with local legislators for targeted early literacy funding for high-need students.

President Wilson adjourned the meeting at 6:31 p.m.

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

President

Business Administrator