Jordan School District
MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
August 11, 2026

The Board of Education of Jordan School District met in study and closed sessions on Tuesday, August 11, 2026, beginning at 4:03 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 (participating electronically)
- 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
- Carolyn Gough, Administrator of Teaching & Learning
- Brad Sorensen, Administrator of Schools
- David Bowman, Systems & Security Manager, Information Systems
- Anthony Muto, Network/Technical Services Manager, Information Systems
- Jared Covili, Innovative Coaching Consultant, Teaching & Learning
- Becca Kirkman, Innovative Coaching Specialist, Teaching & Learning
- Roxane Siggard, Administrative Assistant
- Brandon Bateman, AV Department
- Richard Culatta, CEO, International Society for Transforming Education (ISTE)

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

A. Technology Use in Schools

Richard Culatta summarized his presentation “From Screentime to Screen Value” given at the Districtwide Professional Development Day on August 11, 2026, and invited questions from the Board. He commented that what is being done with technology in education is more important than the amount of time spent on it. The focus should be on the “why.”

Mr. Culatta made three recommendations to the Board to support technology use in classrooms: 1) Prioritize professional development for teachers; 2) Remove technology and tools that are not teaching; and 3) Involve parents and model what good use of technology looks like.

B. Board Member Professional Learning

Erin Barrow introduced a three-minute professional development moment that will be included as an agenda item at each Board meeting. Ms. Barrow spoke about what she has done with the resiliency challenge from PEHP and how she is applying the information to become a better Board member. Darrell Robinson accepted this assignment for the next meeting to be followed by Suzanne Wood, Lisa Dean, Brian Barnett, Niki George, and Bryce Dunford.

The America 250 project professional development will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

C. Review of Administrative Policy AA445 *Student Information Network Acceptable Use Policy*

Business Administrator John Larsen reviewed proposed changes to policy AA445 *Student Information Network Acceptable Use Policy* to comply with changes to Utah Code 53G-7-1003. He noted that many of the new requirements were already in place in Jordan's current policy. David Bowman and Anthony Muto assisted in the policy review and answered questions.

Action items in the law include: 1) the policy must be approved in an open meeting; 2) the policy needs to be reviewed every three years; and 3) information on the policy must be posted in a conspicuous place in every school.

Assignments were made as follows:

Mr. Barnett is to consider the frequency at which pre-approved websites are reviewed to evaluate if it would be advantageous to revisit them more often than every two to three years.

Positive elements were recommended to be added to the Board section of the policy as found on the policy summary poster for schools explaining the "why." This was assigned to Mr. Larsen, as well as adding the words "or appropriate" to section A. in describing the websites with restricted access.

Staff has been requested to remind parents of the "iboss" parent portal after school starts.

MOTION: It was moved by Suzanne Wood and seconded by Darrell Robinson to instruct staff to bring the proposed policy back for approval at the next business meeting. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

The policy will be on the August 25, 2026 study session agenda for further discussion prior to a potential vote in the business meeting.

D. Reporting Required by Utah Code 53G-6-11-1101

Administrator of Schools Brad Sorensen and District Athletic Director Bryan Veazie reviewed the purpose of Utah Code 53G-6-11-1101 for gender-designated sports and the legal requirements for reporting. They reported on the number and type of interscholastic sports, participation rate for gender-designated sports, spending devoted to each gender-designated sport, and designated practice and game locations.

Each high school was analyzed for the 10% maximum discrepancy allowed in participation in gender-specific sports. Collectively, JSD is in compliance at 9.45%. UHSAA reclassified drill as a non-specific sport, which contributed to the increase in the number of Jordan schools above the 10% threshold.

Mr. Veazie will work with each of the high schools that are above the threshold to develop a plan that will bring them into compliance.

E. Continued Discussion on Potential Changes to Administrative Policy AA417 *Fundraising*

Superintendent Godfrey summarized the changes to the policy to reflect the Board's discussion in the June 9, 2026 study session. The current policy is proposed to be revised into three policies, one for each level: elementary, middle, and high schools.

Discussion ensued, and revisions were recommended. Dr. Godfrey will make the changes and bring the new policies back for review at the next study session. Concern was raised about PTA involvement in fundraisers, so Erin Barrow was assigned to take the proposed policies to the Region VI PTA for feedback.

MOTION: It was moved by Suzanne Wood and seconded by Erin Barrow to instruct staff to move forward with approval for a Board vote at the next business meeting, pending requested changes to all three policies. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Mr. Van Komen was excused from the meeting at 6:49 p.m.

F. Review of Board Policies GP113 through GP115

Erin Barrow, Policy Committee member, conducted the discussion and reviewed each of the Board-level policies. Board members held discussion and made suggestions that will be submitted to the Policy Committee for revisions.

It was confirmed that the President will introduce agenda items and may give a brief history in a public meeting to give context to policy changes or other agenda items prior to a vote.

G. Board Member, Committee, and Superintendent Reports and Comments

Brian Barnett reported on the Facilities Committee and said they will have two agenda items for the next meeting: unprioritized Summer Projects 2027 and a review of declining enrollment in the West Jordan feeder system.

Information on the Government Relations Committee was reported by Suzanne Wood, who thanked Dr. Anderson for coordinating upcoming meetings with legislators. She also reported that the Jordan Education Access Committee has distributed lapel pins and has two events coming up. On August 31, 2026, the Fall Family Fair will be held at the Viridian in West Jordan. September 30, 2026, is Orange Shirt Day and also the Native Community Night.

Erin Barrow commented that she is planning to meet with the Jordan Parent Advisory Committee and talk to parents about technology use in schools and training for teachers. She will also be participating in the training for new council presidents.

Lisa Dean asked for thoughts from Board members on feedback they want from the Licensed Employee Advisory Committee. Ideas included asking if they have enough training to use educational technology in their classrooms, what they need for Board support to support student learning, and also what could lighten the load for teachers. The annual meeting for the Jordan Education Foundation is September 3, 2026, at Lone Peak Hospital.

President George reported that Julie Jackson, USBA President-elect, is resigning. The Board of Directors will appoint someone to her seat until January, when the full USBA will elect the new president. She attended many events recently, including the Administrative Conference, Special Education opening, and Show Up for Teachers, and stated that these events helped reinforce to her that the District is in good hands. She is concerned that Jordan schools are not in session on the day chosen for Read Across America. Dr. Godfrey said that staff will come back to the Board with ideas.

Darrell Robinson commented on the recent ISTE conference that he attended and encouraged other Board members to go to the conference next year, as it is very impactful.

A personal statement was read by Suzanne Wood regarding reviewing sensitive materials as part of her work on the Sensitive Materials Review Committee.

Superintendent Godfrey thanked the Board for supporting all of the activities over the past weeks and those staff members who worked to make each of them successful.

MOTION: At 8:02 p.m., it was moved by Erin Barrow and seconded by Darrell Robinson 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 (participating electronically)
Bryce Dunford, First Vice President
Brian W. Barnett, Second Vice President
Erin Barrow, Board Member
Lisa Dean, Board Member
Suzanne Wood, Board Member
Anthony Godfrey, Superintendent
John Larsen, Business Administrator
Michael Anderson, Associate Superintendent

Vice President Dunford 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.

At 8:20 p.m., Mr. Dunford declared the meeting adjourned.

JL/rs