

WEBER SCHOOL DISTRICT
5320 Adams Avenue Parkway
Ogden, UT

Study Session
October 7, 2026

The Board of Education of Weber School District held a Study Session in the Board Room at 5320 Adams Avenue, Ogden, Utah. The meeting convened at 5:00 p.m. The following Board Members and Superintendency were present:

Paul Widdison	Board President
Doug Hurst	Board Vice President
Bruce Jardine	Board Member
Jan Burrell	Board Member
Kelly Larson	Board Member
Wyle Williams	Board Member
Gina Butters	Superintendent
Dave Hales	Assistant Superintendent
Brock Mitchell	Business Administrator

President Widdison welcomed everyone to the meeting and excused Board Member Janis Christensen. Reminder to the Board that there will be a closed session tonight.

Master Board Certification Program is coming up for all Board Member. Also, the USBA Annual Conference will be held in January.

Board Member Kelly Larson shared that September was USBA's Invite a Legislator to School Month. Board Member Larson reached out to all local legislators and scheduled visits with Representatives Katy Hall, Jill Kofford, Jake Sawyer, Jason Kyle, John Johnson, and Ryan Wilcox. There are still upcoming visits to Valley Elementary and Snowcrest Jr. High. She thanked all the principals who welcomed them to their schools and how great it was to be welcomed by student leaders. They visited different classes at each of the schools and were able to visit a lot of CTE classes as well. Legislators also saw some of the hard things going on in schools and the impact legislation has on schools. Board Member Larson thanked all those that visited alongside her.

Board Member Kelly Larson briefly noted the Board on the JLC (Joint Legislative Committee) priorities.

Business Administrator Brock Mitchell noted the Fleet Management RFP has been sent out, and they are still working on recommendations.

Accounting Director Ben Hokanson shared with the Board a financial update. The preliminary budget was shared and noted the audit has taken place and is in the process of being finalized. It was noted the fund balance is looking to be more favorable than projected due to receiving additional State and Federal funding. The plan is to continue to build on the fund balance by making two adjustments: shifting more of the property tax levy into the general fund, and cutting expenses to align with our student enrollment. The property tax shift made is

working and will see more of it moving into November, December and January. It was noted expenses so far this year, are down about 3%.

Mr. Mitchell acknowledged Ben Hokanson and all the hard work he has done to prepare for the audit.

Assistant Superintendent Dave Hales shared the Superintendency update by noting the District has had a hard couple of weeks. The Bird family had a home fire and the death of five family members. This has impacted Bonneville High, Burch Creek Elementary, Riverdale Elementary and T.H. Bell Jr. High. Also, an auto pedestrian accident, resulting in the death of student Molly Korth at Kaneshville Elementary. Student Services and the Crisis Response Team has helped support the schools, employees and communities.

Next month the annual Elevate 28 Progress Report will be shared on the outcomes and progress for Elevate 28. It will also include the WSD Data Dashboard.

Board Member Larson was thanked for arranging the visits of our local legislative leaders to our schools.

A flag retirement ceremony was held at West Haven Elementary. It was noted they are a Purple Star School and honored the military and first responders on September 11th.

Superintendent Butters recently had a meeting with Weber State President Chris Mallett and noted there is an exciting potential partnership with the Weber Catalyst Center.

Book drops were held at Roosevelt Elementary and Burch Creek Elementary, sponsored by Intermountain Health Care, Weber School Foundation and the Curriculum Department. Authors held assemblies then after, all students received a signed book from the authors.

Business Administrator Brock Mitchell updated the Board on the 2026-2027 fee schedule amendments. He provided background and why the amendment was needed. Feedback was received from USBE concerned on how concurrent enrollment and college tech fees looked on the fee schedule. More detail was needed. Changes were made on the fee schedule for clearer maximum amounts and identification of waivable versus non-waivable costs for Concurrent Enrollment, and Technical College Programs. Schedule corrections include the removed fees for Utah Fits All students to participate in high school activities because we are not a vendor. Also, Woods & Welding fees identified as per-semester and Art III Jr. High fee course/class code was added.

Assistant Technical Services Director Casey Delpias updated the Board on the panic alerts. Last month it was discussed how we are committed to following legislation while protecting our investment with Audio Enhancement, but will have no State funding because they are not an approved vendor. Approved vendor Centegix, has developed a direct integration with Audio Enhancement that will allow us to continue with a hybrid system. We will receive State funding and be able to get badges in all the school that do not already have Audio Enhancement. Installation, setup and hardware will be all State funded for three years. July 1, 2027 is the deadline to have it in all schools.

Meeting adjourned at 5:41 p.m.