

Jordan School District  
**MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
August 25, 2015

The Board of Education of Jordan School District met in study, closed, and regular sessions on Tuesday, August 25, 2015, beginning at 4:04 p.m. at the JATC South Campus (Board Conference Room), 12723 S. Park Avenue (2080 West), Riverton, Utah.

**STUDY SESSION**

Those recognized or signed-in as present:

Susan K. Pulsipher, Board President  
Janice L. Voorhies, Board Vice President  
Kayleen Whitelock, Board Secretary  
Jen Atwood, Board Member, via electronic connection  
J. Lynn Crane, Board Member  
Richard S. Osborn, Board Member  
(Matthew Young, Board Member, excused)  
Patrice A. Johnson, Superintendent of Schools  
John Larsen, Business Administrator  
Paul Van Komen, Burbidge & White  
Michael Anderson, Administrator of Schools  
Jill Durrant, Administrator of Schools  
Laura Finlinson, Administrator of Curriculum and Staff Development  
June M. LeMaster, Administrator of Human Resources  
Scott Thomas, Administrator of Auxiliary Services  
Teri Timpson, Administrator of Schools  
David Rostrom, Director, Facility Services  
Jeri Clayton, Administrative Assistant  
Carmen Freeman, Mayor, Herriman City

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

**A. Ends Policies and Student Achievement / "What Counts?" Community Outreach Activity**

Board members reviewed preparations for the "What Counts?" community outreach activity which will be held Thursday, September 10, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board room at the JATC South facility. President Pulsipher reviewed the letter that will be sent to the selected participants and invited input. Board members discussed table assignments and the selection of one individual at each table to serve as table facilitator. It was noted that table facilitators and the members of the Board and District administration who will serve as recorders should arrive at 6:00 p.m. to receive instructions regarding their responsibilities and conduct during the activity.

**MOTION:** At 4:40 p.m., it was moved by Kayleen Whitelock and seconded by Richard S. Osborn to go into closed session. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Those recognized or signed-in as present:

Susan K. Pulsipher, Board President  
Janice L. Voorhies, Board Vice President  
Kayleen Whitelock, Board Secretary  
Jen Atwood, Board Member, via electronic connection  
J. Lynn Crane, Board Member  
Richard S. Osborn, Board Member  
(Matthew Young, Board Member, excused)

Patrice A. Johnson, Superintendent of Schools  
John Larsen, Business Administrator  
Paul Van Komen, Burbidge & White  
June M. LeMaster, Administrator of Human Resources  
Scott Thomas, Administrator of Auxiliary Services  
Luann Leavitt, Consultant, Planning and Student Services  
Carmen Freeman, Mayor, Herriman City

President Pulsipher presided and conducted. The Board of Education met in a closed session to discuss personnel, property, and a student appeal. The closed session discussion was recorded and archived.

At 5:33 p.m., the meeting adjourned. The Board returned to study session.

### **STUDY SESSION, Continued**

Those recognized or signed-in as present:

Susan K. Pulsipher, Board President  
Janice L. Voorhies, Board Vice President  
Kayleen Whitelock, Board Secretary  
Jen Atwood, Board Member, via electronic connection  
J. Lynn Crane, Board Member  
Richard S. Osborn, Board Member  
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Jill Durrant, Administrator of Schools  
Laura Finlinson, Administrator of Curriculum and Staff Development  
June M. LeMaster, Administrator of Human Resources  
Scott Thomas, Administrator of Auxiliary Services  
Teri Timpson, Administrator of Schools  
Sandy Riesgraf, Director, Communications  
Paul Bergera, Staff Assistant, Auxiliary Services  
Jeri Clayton, Administrative Assistant  
Jennifer Boehme, President, Jordan Education Association  
Carmen Freeman, Mayor, Herriman City  
Wendy Harmon, Math Specialist, Curriculum and Staff Development

President Pulsipher presided and conducted. The Board of Education continued its study session to discuss the following:

#### **B. Math Assistance for Parents to Help Their Children**

Wendy Harmon, math consultant for Curriculum and Staff Development, discussed the programs and materials available to parents to assist them in providing math homework help to their children. She said parents will receive information about these materials through flyers that will be sent home with students and Skylert messages. She indicated that classroom posters will also be provided to elementary and secondary teachers. Ms. Harmon said last year the Board requested that student math homework include one problem worked by the teacher so parents have an example to refer to, if needed, and this is being done. She provided information about school math night activities and programs, activities of the District math specialists, recommendations for student math homework, and formative assessments developed to assist teachers in determining student understanding of math concepts. Ms. Harmon noted that a District-wide Elementary Math Night will be held for parents on September 30, 2015, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at South Jordan Elementary School. It will be an open house format designed to provide parents with information about the math helps available on the District

website, a demonstration of using Think Central and other programs, and to answer questions parents may have about the math programs. She said a Secondary Math Night has been planned for September 24, 2015, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at JATC North in the same open house format.

**C. Discussion on Recommendations for Capital Outlay Projects for Summer 2016**

Kayleen Whitelock presented a list of Capital Outlay projects recommended for completion during the summer of 2016. The estimated cost of these projects is \$12.3 million. The Board Facilities and Finance Committees worked in conjunction with each other to prepare the recommendations. President Pulsipher noted that the projects will come before the Board for formal approval at the September Board meeting.

Scott Thomas, administrator of Auxiliary Services, expressed appreciation to the Board for authorizing next summer's projects and stated that this advanced planning will provide the Maintenance Department more opportunity to obtain favorable bids.

**D. Middle School Course Requirements**

Laura Finlinson, administrator of Curriculum and Staff Development, provided Board members with a copy of the current middle and high school class requirements and noted that significant course requirement changes were recently approved by the Board. Mrs. Finlinson and Mr. Anderson, administrator of schools, reviewed these changes.

Mr. Anderson stated that a couple of years ago middle schools transitioned from a half year to a full year of seventh grade science. Mrs. Finlinson added that Jordan District is unique in that for many years it has required middle school reading courses and while reading is beneficial to students, there are other content areas that are also important. She said starting this year, the reading class is only required for students testing below grade level and students testing at or above grade level have the option to take elective courses in subject areas such as language, fine arts, physical education, etc. Mr. Anderson also noted that several course offerings that were not previously available to seventh grade students are now available such as world languages. This was done in preparation for the elementary Dual Immersion students that will be entering middle school next year.

Mrs. Finlinson reviewed preliminary SAGE data regarding reading scores for seventh and eighth grade students and noted that the teacher is at the forefront of insuring that students are reading on grade level. She said professional development efforts are focused on assisting teachers with reading strategies that benefit students. Teachers were also provided collaboration time to assist each other, which resulted in the creation of some fantastic lesson plans that focused on strategies for helping struggling students. She also noted that trainings will be held for teachers interested in having these materials available to them.

Mrs. Finlinson said statistically, 28 percent of seventh grade students and 29 percent of eighth grade students are in reading classes this year. The overall District-wide SAGE score shows improvement; however, there is room for more improvement.

Mrs. Whitelock expressed that she would like to receive concrete data about the benefit students receive from taking a middle school reading course. She questioned whether students could benefit more from elective courses, such as music, to develop skills in different ways, or if reading strategies could be taught or reinforced in other classes such as language arts, science, history, etc. Mrs. Finlinson responded that it will be important to gather more information about the benefit of the reading class prior to eliminating this requirement. The Board asked Mrs. Finlinson to also gather data about the number of students who are required to take the middle school reading class and the number of students who take it as an elective. The Board asked Mrs. Finlinson to bring this matter back for Board review at an appropriate time in the near future.

At 6:25 p.m., the meeting adjourned. The regular session started at 6:40 p.m.

## **REGULAR SESSION**

Those recognized or signed-in as present:

Susan K. Pulsipher, Board President  
Janice L. Voorhies, Board Vice President  
Kayleen Whitelock, Board Secretary  
Jen Atwood, Board Member, via electronic connection  
J. Lynn Crane, Board Member  
Richard S. Osborn, Board Member  
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Patrice A. Johnson, Superintendent of Schools  
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Jill Durrant, Administrator of Schools  
Laura Finlinson, Administrator of Curriculum and Staff Development  
June M. LeMaster, Administrator of Human Resources  
Scott Thomas, Administrator of Auxiliary Services  
Teri Timpson, Administrator of Schools  
Kurt Prusse, Director, Purchasing  
Sandy Riesgraf, Director, Communications  
David Rostrom, Director, Facility Services  
Paul Bergera, Staff Assistant, Auxiliary Services  
Steve Dunham, Communications Manager  
MaryAnn Erdmann, Fine Arts Consultant, Curriculum and Staff Development  
Michael Heaps, Support Services Manager, Information Systems  
Steven Harward, System/Programming Manager, Information Systems  
Jeri Clayton, Administrative Assistant  
Garth VanRoosendahl, AV Maintenance  
Robert Conder, AV Maintenance  
Bill Applegarth, Mayor, Riverton City  
Brian Broadhead, Unified Police Department

President Pulsipher presided and conducted. She welcomed those present. Riverton Scout Troop 1751 conducted a flag ceremony and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. Reverence was given by Mayor Bill Applegarth, Riverton City.

## **Celebrating the Jordan All-District High School Marching Band**

Prior to celebrating the Jordan All-District High School Marching Band, Sandy Riesgraf, director of Communications, thanked Mayor Applegarth for taking time from his busy schedule to provide the Reverence for the Board meeting. She also recognized in the audience the newly appointed chief of police for the Riverton precinct of the Unified Police Department, Rosie Rivera. Ms. Riesgraf said she has known Chief Rivera for years and is thrilled for the opportunity to work with such a dedicated public servant in protecting the safety of the students.

Ms. Riesgraf recognized the efforts of the talented band and orchestra teachers and students at the five District high schools who joined together to create one large band and made history at the Days of '47 Parade. She also recognized Mary Ann Erdmann, Fine Arts/PE consultant for Curriculum and Staff Development. These teachers and students spent four days preparing and practicing for the parade and their efforts made Jordan District proud. Ms. Riesgraf showed a two-minute clip of this group coming together to practice and perform in the Days of '47 Parade.

Superintendent Johnson presented Mrs. Erdmann and the high school band/orchestra directors with "Applause" certificates and thanked them for their dedication to music education and making a difference in

the lives of students. The band/orchestra directors recognized were Jacob Bradshaw (West Jordan), Darin Graber (Bingham High), Jerusha Johnson (Copper Hills High), Jamie Kim (Herriman High), Jason Weimer and Max Meyer (Riverton High). She also recognized the Jordan Education Foundation for providing the banners and flags used in the parade.

### **Resolution of Appreciation**

President Pulsipher read a Resolution of Appreciation for each of the following former Jordan District employees who recently passed away:

Joseph Graziano – employed by Jordan District from 1970 to 1973 and 1976 to 1995  
Joyce Swan Rentmeister – employed by Jordan District from 1981 to 2007  
Kathleen Schneider – employed by Jordan District from 1979 to 2009

### **Recognitions by Board Members**

President Pulsipher recognized Mayor Applegarth for accepting the invitation to provide the Reverence at the beginning of the meeting. She expressed appreciation to him for his wisdom, leadership, and support of Jordan School District.

### **Patron Comments Regarding Non-Agenda Items**

No patrons signed up to address the Board of Education.

#### **I. General Business**

##### **A. Motion to Approve Consent Agenda Items**

###### **1. Minutes**

Minutes for the Board of Education meetings held July 28 and August 11, 2015, were provided to the Board of Education.

###### **2. Updates to Board Policy GP 118 *Midterm Vacancies on the Board***

###### **3. Updates to Administrative Policies**

- a. *A9 Named Gifts to Jordan School District*
- b. *DP300 Personnel Philosophy*
- c. *DP303 Staff Selection – Licensed*
- d. *DP307 Staff Selection, Promotion and Salary Placement – Classified*
- e. *DP352 Affirmative Action*
- f. *DP356 Substance Abuse-Free Work Environment*
- g. *DP358 Employee Discrimination and Harassment*
- h. *DP367 District Records Management*

Copies of the policies listed as items a through h are attached at the conclusion of these minutes. (Attachment 1)

**MOTION:** It was moved by Richard S. Osborn and seconded by Janice L. Voorhies to approve Consent Agenda items A1 through A3, as recommended. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

##### **B. Motion to Accept Consent Agenda Items**

###### **1. Expenditures**

Expenditures for the month of July 2015 were provided to the Board of Education.

2. **Financial Statement**

The financial statement through July 31, 2015, was provided to the Board of Education. A copy is attached at the conclusion of these minutes. (Attachment 2)

3. **Personnel – Licensed and Classified**

Personnel changes for the month of July 2015 were provided to the Board of Education.

4. **Recommendation to Issue Certificates for Home Instruction**

It was recommended that the students whose parents have filed affidavits pursuant to Utah Code 53A-11-102 shall be issued certificates excusing them from attending public school.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Janice L. Voorhies and seconded by J. Lynn Crane to accept Consent Agenda items B1 through B4, as recommended. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

II. **Bid Recommendations**

A.	<u>School or Department</u> <b>Information Systems</b>	<u>Items for Bid</u> <b>Identity Management System</b>
	<u>Bidders</u> Campus EAI DLT Solutions EOS System EST Group Tools4Ever	<u>Amount of Bid</u> \$121,360.00 (5-yr. contract)

Purpose: Provide Jordan School District with an identity management solution for the purpose of managing the lifecycle of student and staff computer accounts and group membership in multiple computer systems and applications.

Recommendation: It was recommended awarding a five-year contract to Tools4Ever. They complied with the specifications, terms, and conditions outlined in the RFP documents. The Purchasing Department made the recommendation based on the results of the evaluation process and final ratings of the proposals.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Kayleen Whitelock and seconded by Richard S. Osborn to approve the bid for an identity management system, as recommended. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

B.	<u>School or Department</u> <b>Districtwide</b>	<u>Items for Bid</u> <b>Professional Legal Services</b>
	<u>Bidders</u> Burbidge & White Cowdell & Woolley Fabian Clendenin Harward & Associates Hayes Godfrey Bell Kirton McConkie Lear & Lear Ray Quinney & Nebeker Thompson Ostler & Olsen	<u>Amount of Bid</u> Undetermined

Purpose: Provide legal services to Jordan School District administration.

Recommendation: It was recommended awarding the contract to five law firms: Kirton McConkie, Fabian Clendenin, Burbidge & White, Lear & Lear, and Thompson Ostler & Olsen. They complied with the specifications, terms, and conditions outlined in the RFP documents. The Purchasing Department made the recommendation based on the results of the evaluation process and final ratings of the proposals.

Board members discussed setting parameters for services provided by Mr. Van Komen as the Board's attorney and services provided to the administration by either he or his firm, Burbidge and White. President Pulsipher asked to have this matter added to a study session agenda for further discussion.

**MOTION:** It was moved by J. Lynn Crane and seconded by Janice L. Voorhies to approve the bid for professional legal services, as recommended. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

C. School or Department  
**Districtwide**

Items for Bid  
**Pharmacy Benefits Manager**

Bidders

Envision  
Express Scripts  
Kroger  
PEHP  
SelectHealth  
VRx

Administration Fee

\$100,000 (approximate)  
Estimated Expenditure \$9 million,  
based on enrollment and usage

Purpose: Provide pharmacy billing and payment services to Jordan School District employees who carry medical insurance.

Recommendation: It was recommended awarding the contract to Express Scripts. They complied with the specifications, terms, and conditions outlined in the RFP documents. The Purchasing Department made the recommendation based on the results of the evaluation process and final ratings of the proposals.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Kayleen Whitelock and seconded by J. Lynn Crane to approve the bid for a pharmacy benefits manager, as recommended. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

III. **Special Business**

A. **Consideration to Approve Board Statement Regarding Moving to Traditional School Calendar from Year-Round Calendar When Possible**

President Pulsipher said a statement was prepared by the Board to inform teachers, parents and others of the Board's desire to move those elementary schools on a year-round calendar to a traditional school calendar whenever possible.

Mrs. Voorhies read the draft statement, with corrections by the Board attorney, Paul Van Komen. A copy of the statement is attached at the conclusion of these minutes. (Attachment 3)

Public Comment

No patrons signed up to address the Board regarding this Special Business item.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Richard S. Osborn and seconded by J. Lynn Crane to approve the Board statement regarding elementary schools moving to traditional school calendar from year-round calendar when possible. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

**B. Recommendation to Approve Five-Year Building Construction Plan**

President Pulsipher stated that the draft Five-Year Building Construction Plan was provided to the city mayors, council members, and legislators for review and input and is now ready for Board approval. She noted that the Five-Year Building Construction Plan will be reviewed and updated on a yearly basis or as necessary, based on current facility needs and requirements. A copy of the Five-Year Building Construction Plan is attached at the conclusion of these minutes. (Attachment 4)

Public Comment

No patrons signed up to address the Board regarding this Special Business item.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Kayleen Whitelock and seconded by Richard S. Osborn to approve the Five-Year Building Construction Plan. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

**C. Recommendation to Approve New Administrative Policy DP376 *Nursing Mothers in the Workplace***

Dr. LeMaster, administrator for Human Resources, stated that House Bill 242, passed during the 2015 legislative session, required that state and local government entities have a policy in place that guarantees employment protection for nursing mothers. Policy DP376 was created to comply with this requirement. A copy of Administrative Policy DP376 is attached at the conclusion of these minutes. (Attachment 5)

Public Comment

No patrons signed up to address the Board regarding this Special Business item.

**MOTION:** It was moved by J. Lynn Crane and seconded by Janice L. Voorhies to approve new Administrative Policy DP376 *Nursing Mothers in the Workplace*. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

**D. Recommended Action Regarding Student Appeal**

President Pulsipher stated that the Board met in closed session to review a student appeal. The Board took action on the appeal with the following motion:

**MOTION:** It was moved by J. Lynn Crane and seconded by Richard S. Osborn to accept the appeal to waive the out-of-state tuition for this school year with the parameters as identified in closed session. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

**IV. Information Items**

**A. Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Johnson said the District experienced a great beginning to the new school year and preliminary numbers indicate a student enrollment of 52,857, which is approximately 1,200 students above the projected enrollment of 51,685. She indicated that additional teachers will need to be hired to adjust for the increase in students.

Superintendent Johnson shared an excerpt from a letter received from the Utah State Office of Education regarding the District's oversight of Title II funding:

“All teachers assigned to teach core subjects are highly qualified in their assignment. The District Compliance Plan is thorough with explicit descriptions of actions of both teachers and administrators, District-level and school-level, its deadlines, and acknowledgement of priorities in most-needed support. Your response to the finding more than satisfies the requirements to meet the expectations as specified in Title II. This is one of the most outstanding Plans I’ve seen in my experience in this position.”

Dr. Johnson expressed appreciation to the following individuals for the exceptional work in insuring that teachers are highly-qualified: June LeMaster, administrator for Human Resources, Travis Hamblin, licensed administrator for Human Resources, Jill Lisonbee and Stacy Krahenbuhl, elementary and secondary Human Resource assistants, Laura Finlinson, administrator for Curriculum and Staff Development, Noreen Samowitz, administrative assistant to Laura Finlinson, Nancy Ward, coordinator for Educational Support Services, and Shelly Nordick, consultant for Instructional Support Services.

Dr. Johnson expressed appreciation to Scott Thomas, Dave Rostrom, and Maintenance personnel for the 10-week summer project miracles completed at Oquirrh Hills Middle, Joel P. Jensen Middle, Southland Elementary, and at the JATC South Campus. She said the personnel and students she has spoken with in these buildings are very appreciative of the improved learning environment. She also expressed appreciation to the Board of Education for allotting the dollars to make this happen for these students. Dr. Johnson said the principal at Oquirrh Hills Middle School commented that it will be great not to see sweat dripping from the kids during SAGE testing thanks to the installation of air conditioning.

Dr. Johnson said last Friday morning the first PLC visit was held at Daybreak Elementary and it was a treat to see “Every Child, Every Day” in action at that school. She reported that last year the school’s fifth grade team came up with a plan for carving out a block of time to be used to provide intervention for struggling students. The plan included using PLC money to hire a specialist/aid to teach for a 45-minute block of time. During this time, the specialist/aid teaches subjects such as library, computers, physical education, music, art, or character education and this allows the classroom teacher time to work with individual students. This plan was so successful it was adopted throughout the school.

Dr. Johnson invited Board members to attend the next PLC visit at Jordan Ridge Elementary on Friday morning, August 28, 2015

Dr. Johnson invited Scott Thomas, administrator for Auxiliary Services, to present the following report:

**1. Facilities Progress Report**

Mr. Scott Thomas, administrator for Auxiliary Services, reviewed the progress of current Capital Outlay projects. A copy of the Facilities Progress Report is attached at the conclusion of these minutes. (Attachment 6)

**V. Discussion Items**

**A. Board Member Committee Reports and Comments**

Mr. Osborn said he represents Jordan District as a member of the Board of the Utah High School Activities Association and will be attending a meeting of the Association this Thursday. He noted that the following Thursday he will be attending a meeting of the Realignment Committee. Mr. Osborn said his other committee assignment is to serve as a member of the PTA Board which he said is a wonderful group and he is looking forward to attending an upcoming PTA meeting. Mr. Osborn said he wanted it publicly known that he met with Welby Elementary administrators and teachers and in addition to the fact that they love the upgrades and changes to the school, they

are very appreciative of the help and attitude of the staff at Elk Ridge Middle School where they relocated during the summer while the construction was being completed at Welby. He said personnel at Elk Ridge made them feel very welcome. Mr. Osborn noted that in the past Elk Ridge personnel acted in the same helpful way when Oquirrh burned and the staff and students had to hold classes at Elk Ridge during the rebuilding process.

Mrs. Whitelock thanked Mr. Osborn for serving on the Board of the Utah High School Activities Association and said this position was held by her predecessor so she is grateful to him for taking this responsibility. Mrs. Whitelock said Mr. Osborn's comments about Elk Ridge were right and this morning the Elk Ridge principal and a South Jordan police officer were helping to direct traffic in both the morning and afternoon due to re-stripping of the parking lot. She said the new striping will be great once the parents learn the new pattern. She thanked the South Jordan Police Department for providing assistance to the parents. Mrs. Whitelock said the Board Facilities Committee meets regularly and information was shared during study session and earlier in this meeting. She said the Board is working towards building two new elementary schools and shared the following timeline for construction: August: agreed on architectural fees which were lower than staff projections. September: staff will be meeting with developers on both sites and agreeing on the site plans and building layouts; weekly design meetings will begin with architects and engineers. December: pre-qualification of general contractors. January: plans put out to bid and contractors selected and approved at the January Board meeting. February: contracts and bonds completed. March: construction begins with an estimated completion of July 1, 2017. Mrs. Whitelock expressed appreciation to staff members for putting this timeline together. She stated that the summer 2016 projects list was reviewed in study session and gave a "shout-out" to Dave Rostrom and Maintenance and Auxiliary Services employees for the great work done this past summer's projects and for the contractors that agreed to complete projects in a short period of time.

Mrs. Atwood expressed appreciation to Scott Thomas and Dave Rostrom for overseeing the summer projects. She said she attended the Joel P. Jensen Back to School night and school personnel expressed to her how much they appreciated the Copper Valley Construction employees for the accommodating and easy way in which they responded to their needs. She said it is important for school personnel to feel comfortable during construction projects. Mrs. Atwood also attended Back to School nights at West Jordan, Westland, and Heartland Elementary Schools and was impressed with the parent/student participation. She thanked the schools that provided information stations for parents to learn about the benefits of an active School Community Council.

Mrs. Voorhies said she serves on five committees, two of which have not yet met this school year. She serves on the Board Facilities and Legislative Committees, as well as the School Community Council Advisory Committee, of which Mrs. Atwood is the chair. Mrs. Voorhies expressed appreciation to Mr. Anderson, administrator of schools, for working hard to strengthen the School Community Councils at every school. She said the Utah Legislature decided that School Community Councils should be responsible for designating the use of Trust Land funds and so it is important to have Councils that are willing to invest their time in order to recognize the needs of the school and determine how the funds will most benefit the school. Mrs. Voorhies said School Community Council members at each of the schools volunteered their time during Back to School nights to recruit new members and to work to build a coalition of parents so that every school has a Council that is actively involved in the decision-making process.

Mr. Crane said he serves on the Salt Lake County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and will try to represent the District well when they meet the early part of next month. Mr. Crane said it has been an honor to serve on the Board Finance and Board Facilities Committees and to be involved in the details of finances and facilities. Mr. Crane said it was a positive experience for him to call patrons with respect to the upcoming "What Counts?" activity. He said he never received a negative comment or vibe from any of the people with whom he spoke, including those that said they would not be able to participate. He said this is an indication of the attitude the

community has about Jordan District and what it is doing. Mr. Crane noted that Mr. Birch, principal of Herriman High, ends his talks with "It's a great day to be a Mustang," so he wanted to say, "It's a great day to be a member of the Jordan Board of Education."

Mrs. Pulsipher expressed her agreement with Mr. Crane and said she has never felt better about Jordan School District. She is pleased with the work of staff and Board members on the various Board committees and for the many other ways they help to move the work forward. Mrs. Pulsipher said she serves on the Board Finance Committee, which has been a great experience, and Mr. Young, chair of the Committee, will report the work of the Committee when he returns. She did, however, say that a Finance Committee meeting was held last week and the plan is to meet every two weeks to accomplish the work that needs to be done. Mrs. Pulsipher said she also serves as chair of the Board Legislative Committee, a member of the Board Community Relations Committee, and as a member of the Board of Directors for the Utah School Boards Association. Mrs. Pulsipher said a majority of her work with USBA has been preparing for the USBA Delegate Assembly. She said two members of the Jordan Board's Legislative Committee were designated as delegates and attended the USBA Delegate Assembly where the legislative priorities for 2016 were ratified.

Mrs. Whitelock reported that at the Delegate Assembly, the USBA resolution the Board reviewed at a recent study session did not pass. Mrs. Pulsipher added that this resolution addressed the number of education bills the legislature puts forward each year and since this is still an issue of concern, it may come up again.

Mrs. Pulsipher reminded Board members about an upcoming USBA Leadership Academy to be held at Zermatt in Midway, Utah. She said she hopes Board members will be able to take advantage of this professional development opportunity and learn and grow from the information shared at these meetings. Mrs. Pulsipher said next week, September 2-3, 2015, all of the education entities in the legislature will be meeting in Cedar City to discuss what they want to have happen. She said the Governor's Office has a strategic plan and the State Board is creating a strategic plan as per legislation, and she understands that there will be an attempt to merge these two plans. Mrs. Pulsipher said school board members throughout the State have been invited to attend. She asked for the Board's support for her attendance at this meeting, which they provided. Mrs. Pulsipher said she is pleased with the JATC South facility and the new Board meeting rooms and expressed appreciation for the those who worked hard to have the Board rooms ready for tonight's meeting, particularly the audio visual people who worked to insure that the mics and video capabilities are working. She said she is most pleased with the fact that the JATC South campus is a multi-use facility and is open to use by city leaders and others.

**MOTION:** At 8:25 p.m., it was moved by Richard S. Osborn to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

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Attachments

[Minutes approved 9-22-15]