

**TOOELE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
and
PUBLIC HEARING FOR BOUNDARY REALIGNMENT
92 S Lodestone Way – Tooele Utah 84074
Tuesday, March 8, 2016**

Public Session was held in the Board Room at the District Office.

Board Members Present:

Scott Bryan, Julia Holt, Carol Jensen, Matt Lawrence, Maresa Manzione, Alan Mouritsen, Kathy Taylor

Administration Present:

Superintendent Rogers, Deb Bushek, Mat Jackson, Doelene Pitt, Lark Reynolds, Diane Valdez

President Manzione conducted the meeting. Notice of the time, place, and agenda had been given to the Transcript Bulletin and to each member of the governing body more than two days before the meeting. The agenda was also published on the Public Access Website.

1. Executive Session, 6:00 p.m. (Closed to the Public)

1.1 Personnel / Negotiations / Property / Litigation

The Board of Education called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. in the Executive Conference Room for roll call and a vote to convene into Executive Session.

2. Business Meeting, 7:00 p.m. (Start of Public Meeting)

2.1 Welcome and Roll Call

President Manzione called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

2.2 Pledge of Allegiance

Hana Barnes, senior at Blue Peak High School, sang the National Anthem.

3. Recognition / Good News

3.1 District Recognition for the Month of March – Blue Peak High School

- Justin Brooks, 12th Grade, District Student of the Month
- Jill Jones, Math Teacher, District Employee of the Month
- Mindy Barnes, Volunteer of the Month

4. Public Hearing for Boundary Realignment for Small Section from Harris Elementary School to Middle Canyon Elementary School.

4.1 Presentation

Assistant Superintendent Doelene Pitt presented the proposed boundary change between Harris Elementary and Middle Canyon Elementary schools beginning with the school year 2016-2017.

The Sterling Elementary transition committee looked at walking boundaries for the future location of Sterling Elementary. With that in mind, the committee recommends

the Board consider moving the boundaries for Middle Canyon Elementary. The boundary for Middle Canyon Elementary would move south to include homes along East 670 North. Families residing in the blocks of this subdivision would have a safe walking route to Middle Canyon Elementary.

Middle Canyon currently has 590 students, with another 30 new students expected next year in the Spanish Dual Language Immersion (DLI) Program. This proposed boundary change would move approximately 50 students from Harris to Middle Canyon (or the equivalent of two classrooms). Middle Canyon's enrollment for next year is estimated to be about 672 students. Middle Canyon could continue to add approximately 30 students each year to enrollment through the Spanish DLI program.

Students from this area currently enrolled in the Portuguese DLI Program through Harris Elementary will be allowed to remain at Sterling Elementary. Siblings will also be permitted to stay.

The committee believes the recommended boundary change would be a minimum disruption to families.

It was further recommended by the committee to close Middle Canyon Elementary and Sterling Elementary Schools for out-of-boundary requests for the school year 2016-2017. Member Bryan pointed out that according to the information presented, Middle Canyon Elementary will not be over capacity next school year and therefore, the out of boundary requests cannot be closed.

4.2 Public Comment

President Manzione opened the meeting for comments from the patrons. It was explained that each speaker will receive three minutes for comment.

- No comments.

4.3 Board of Education Action

It was recommended by the transition committee that the Board of Education approve the proposed boundary change for Middle Canyon Elementary School beginning with the school year 2016-2017. It is further recommended that the Board close the out-of-boundary requests for both Middle Canyon Elementary and Sterling Elementary Schools for the 2016-2017 school year.

Member Bryan expressed concern that in the near future the proposed boundary change will put Middle Canyon Elementary over capacity due to growth and the Dual Language Immersion Program. He hears administration and some of the other Board Members say that when Old Mill Elementary School opens in 2017-2018, a boundary committee will have to realign boundaries and that could include some students from Middle Canyon to Copper Canyon Elementary. He opposes the idea of changing boundaries that alters the feeder to the secondary schools. Anyone moved to Copper Canyon boundaries will have to change from Tooele's secondary schools to Stansbury's secondary schools. He wants to avoid disrupting the lives of families with that type of change.

Member Holt is on the transition committed and she stated that parents from this boundary area are asking to go to Middle Canyon Elementary. They are within walking distance. When Sterling Elementary is built, they would have to be bused to that location. It made sense to the committee to move the boundary at this point in time. It involves approximately 50 students and would help lessen the impact of all the students at the Harris Elementary site.

Vice President Jensen expressed that she is also concerned with adjusting the feeder school concept.

Member Taylor said that nothing is forever and the boundaries have to adapt to the growing population and to schools that can accommodate additional students. It was expressed by Member Lawrence that he supports the proposal from the transition committee and we should move forward.

MOTION 1:

Approve the recommended boundary change for Middle Canyon Elementary School beginning with the school year 2016-2017.

Motion by Julia Holt, second by Alan Mouritsen.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Julia Holt, Matt Lawrence, Maresa Manzione, Alan Mouritsen, Kathy Taylor

Nay: Scott Bryan, Carol Jensen

MOTION 2:

Approve closing out-of-boundary requests for Sterling Elementary for the 2016-2017 school year with the exception of dual language students and their siblings.

Motion by Julia Holt, second by Matt Lawrence.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Scott Bryan, Julia Holt, Carol Jensen, Matt Lawrence, Maresa Manzione, Alan Mouritsen, Kathy Taylor

5. Open Forum (Limited to three minutes per individual and a total of 30 minutes for all comments)

4.1 Patron Comments

- Matt White, President of the Community Council at Northlake Elementary School: The Northlake Community Council is concerned with the amount of testing that is happening and that students may be getting anxious and sick worrying about the testing. Parents are asking about opting out of testing due to the emotional and physiological effect on their students. The second topic is in regard to spring break. His wife is the PTA President at Northlake Elementary and she believes that a full week is needed for this break.

Superintendent Rogers said it has been echoed with the state legislature in regard to too much testing. Many of these bills are being contested by the state teachers, superintendents and board of education associations. He likes to believe that the future holds less federal mandates for testing.

6. Consent Items

- 6.1 Minutes
- 6.2 Expenditure Report
- 6.3 Revenue Reports
- 6.4 Disbursements
- 6.5 Personnel Decisions
- 6.6 Internal Audit Director
- 6.7 Surplus Property
- 6.8 Trustland Plan Amendment(s)
- 6.9 Large Purchase

MOTION 1:

Pull item 6.9, Large Purchase, for discussion and approve the consent calendar.

Motion by Scott Bryan, second by Carol Jensen.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Scott Bryan, Julia Holt, Carol Jensen, Matt Lawrence, Maresa Manzione, Alan Mouritsen, Kathy Taylor

Large Purchase

Member Bryan inquired why a school needs a forklift. Mr. Steve West, Construction Manager, explained that there have been injuries loading/unloading the supplies for the welding program and a forklift should resolve the problem. Ms. Marianne Oborn, Director of Career Technology Education, added that Tooele High School has a hoist that assists them. The layout of the area at GHS is not conducive to a hoist. They have inquired about renting a forklift and the local rental company will not enter an agreement for this purpose. The cost for recertification on the forklift will be borne by the CTE Program.

MOTION 2:

Approve item 6.9, Large Purchase.

Motion by Scott Bryan, second by Matt Lawrence.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Scott Bryan, Julia Holt, Carol Jensen, Matt Lawrence, Maresa Manzione, Alan Mouritsen, Kathy Taylor

7. Information / Discussion Items

7.1 Business Administrator's Report

Business Administrator Lark Reynolds explained the letter in regard to Truth in Taxation that was prepared on March 2. To be in compliance with pending legislation, the District had to notify the public of the intent to consider increasing taxes for the upcoming school year and this had to be declared by March 4, 2016. Our intent at this point is to have a public hearing for the proposed tax increase on August 9, 2016, if the Board so chooses to go through Truth in Taxation. This pending decision will be made following the budget hearing on June 21, 2016.

A fund balance analysis was conducted by Mr. Reynolds for the year ending June 30, 2015. He recommended looking at having more of the unassigned fund balance committed.

The Superintendent and Business Administrator have authority to make the recommended change if the Board would support the idea. Through discussion of the proposal, Mr. Reynolds was asked to bring the recommendation back to the Board in the future if he and the Superintendent agree having more of the unassigned fund balance committed.

7.2 Capital Outlay 2016-2017, 1st Read

Requests for proposed capital outlay projects for next year have been received. The requests were reviewed and the Board was provided with the recommendations for next year's projects. The information was assembled in four parts:

1. The requested projects with an estimated cost for each project,
2. Budget ideas,
3. Recommended projects, and
4. A spreadsheet indicating the priority for each district wide budget.

Mr. West asked Board Members to email any of their comments on capital outlay to the Superintendent and himself.

A second read will be conducted next month for a potential approval.

8. **Action Items**

8.1 Healthy Lifestyle

The health committee met and found the following materials to be medically accurate and appropriate for use in the classroom:

1. Five cartoon videos explaining STIs (STDs) - These videos are intended for use in 11th grade health classes:
 - The video labeled STI is an overview of sexually transmitted infections. \
 - The bacterial, parasitic and viral videos are follow-up videos that go into more detail about each type of STI.
 - In the STD video, cartoon pictures are drawn as a narrator explains STDs.
2. Sexting flyer – The flyer from NetSmartz can be shared with parents as an additional resource when sexting is addressed in the health curriculum.

Chantel Cowan, Health Curriculum Director, recommended the Board approve the information presented for implementation.

MOTION:

Approve the five STI videos for the 11th grade health classes and the sexting flyer to be used by health teachers.

Member Bryan stated that he was not able to view the videos and will abstain from the vote.

Motion by Carol Jensen, second by Kathy Taylor.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Julia Holt, Carol Jensen, Matt Lawrence, Maresa Manzione, Alan Mouritsen, Kathy Taylor

Abstain: Scott Bryan

8.2 School Improvement Plan for Wendover High School

Assistant Superintendent Doelene Pitt explained that Wendover High School was designated as a Title One Priority School in November 2015. As part of the requirements for the priority status, the school must have an appraisal by an outside agency and a school improvement plan developed from the data identified in the appraisal. With the completion of these two items WHS will receive \$100,000 to help implement the school improvement plan.

The Board was provided a copy of the completed appraisal and school improvement plan. The plan covers a timeframe of 18 months.

Mrs. Pitt recommended the Board approve the appraisal and school improvement plan from Wendover High School.

MOTION:

Approve the appraisal and school improvement plan from Wendover High School.

Motion by Kathy Taylor, second by Alan Mouritsen.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Scott Bryan, Julia Holt, Carol Jensen, Matt Lawrence, Maresa Manzione, Alan Mouritsen, Kathy Taylor

8.3 District School Year Calendar for 2016-2017

Assistant Superintendent Doelene Pitt explained that the proposed school year calendar for next year is presented by the Tooele Education Association (TEA), the Tooele Education Support Professionals Association (TESPA) and District administration. They have been meeting as a committee and the individual associations have taken the options to their executive boards for discussion and recommendation. All three entities mutually agreed to recommend the calendar that was presented to the Board of Education.

Highlights from this calendar include:

- Teachers will have five of their six professional development workdays in August (they usually have four in August, one in October and one in February).
- Winter break will begin on Thursday, December 21 through Tuesday, January 2.
- Spring break will be a full week, March 20-24.
- Two days for Easter, Friday, April 14 and Monday, April 17.

MOTION:

Approve the District Calendar for the 2016-2017 school year.

Motion by Alan Mouritsen, second by Kathy Taylor.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Scott Bryan, Julia Holt, Carol Jensen, Matt Lawrence, Maresa Manzione, Alan Mouritsen, Kathy Taylor

8.4 Fee Schedule for School Year 2016-2017, 2nd Read

The Board was provided a revised recommended fee schedule for 2016-17. At the February Board meeting the Board asked Assistant Superintendent Pitt to conduct further research on the fee schedule. As a result from this research, she found that many of the school accounts have large balances due to funds collected from the student fees. Shawna Gurling, Finance Office, and Mrs. Pitt reviewed the secondary school accounts together and identified accounts with an excessive balance.

In addition, principals were asked to canvas their teachers who have fees attached to their classes and identify what is purchased with the funds. Most teachers are purchasing consumable supplies for their classes or not even using the collected money. There are a few teachers purchasing equipment type items, which administration does not believe to be an appropriate use of collected student funds.

These concerns will be addressed with the principals during the next leadership meeting with some specific guidelines identifying items that can be purchased with money from student fees.

The revised fee schedule represents many fees being lowered due to collecting more funds than required to pay for student items or due to large balances in the school accounts. Since the fee schedule is approved on an annual basis, Administration will review and adjust the fees as needed each year. The intent is that the schools do not lose money but the fee represents what is appropriate based on actual costs.

MOTION:

Approve the fee schedule for school year 2016-2017

Motion by Scott Bryan, second by Matt Lawrence.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Scott Bryan, Julia Holt, Carol Jensen, Matt Lawrence, Maresa Manzione, Alan Mouritsen, Kathy Taylor

9. Adjourn (10:00 p.m. Curfew)

9.1 Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

MOTION:

Motion to Adjourn

Motion by Julia Holt, second by Alan Mouritsen.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Scott Bryan, Julia Holt, Carol Jensen, Matt Lawrence, Maresa Manzione, Alan Mouritsen, Kathy Taylor