

Jordan School District  
**MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
July 12, 2016

The Board of Education of Jordan School District met in a special Board meeting, study and closed sessions on Tuesday, July 12, 2016, beginning at 6:03 p.m. at the JATC South Campus (Board Conference Room), 12723 S. Park Avenue (2080 West), Riverton, Utah.

**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

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  
J. Lynn Crane, Board Member  
Richard S. Osborn, Board Member  
Matthew Young, Board Member  
John Larsen, Business Administrator  
Paul Van Komen, Burbidge & White  
Anthony A. Godfrey, Associate Superintendent  
Sandy Riesgraf, Director, Communications  
Jeri Clayton, Administrative Assistant  
Garth VanRoosendahl, AV Maintenance  
Vicki Olsen, President, Jordan Education Association  
Bruce Williams, Zions Public Finance  
Johnathan Ward, Zions Public Finance  
Ryan Bjerke, Chapman & Cutler  
Bill Applegarth, Mayor, Riverton City  
Randy Sant, Consultant, Riverton City  
Melissa Brown  
Debbie Brown  
Darrell Robinson  
Chip Dawson

President Pulsipher presided and conducted. She welcomed those present.

I. **Special Business**

A. **Consideration of a Resolution Calling for a Local Special Bond Election on November 8, 2016 Regarding the Issuance of Up to \$245,000,000 of the Board's General Obligation Bonds and Providing for Related Matters**

Mr. Larsen, business administrator, stated that since the last Board discussion the average assessed valuation for a primary residence in Jordan District increased to \$299,800 and Utah Code requires that this figure be rounded up to \$300,000, which is reflected in the Resolution. Mr. Larsen introduced Ryan Bjerke, bond counsel with Chapman & Cutler.

Mr. Bjerke stated that the Board is required to adopt a Resolution calling for a special bond election and to adopt ballot proposition language. He said following adoption, the ballot language will be filed with Salt Lake County Elections Division on the Board's behalf. He also reviewed the required future public hearings and meetings related to the bond election. Mr. Bjerke invited questions from Board members.

Board members discussed the Resolution and requested a language change to the second "Whereas" sentence to note that there are "insufficient" funds rather than "no" funds. This language change will be reflected in the motion to approve the Resolution.

Public Comment

Vicki Olsen, president of JEA, said teachers are the first to see the need for additional schools and they have noticed a change of attitude with the current Board in their willingness to listen and take action on concerns. She thanked the Board for funding steps and lanes for 2016-17 and noted that teachers are still concerned about salaries and they hope the Board will continue to fund future increases to the salary schedule. Ms. Olsen said JEA endorses the bond election and hopes that patrons will also see the need and vote in favor of the bond.

Board Comments

Mr. Crane said the process the Board has used for this bond election has been a pleasurable experience. He recognized the efforts of all who have worked to establish a bond amount that is correct and needed. He said hopefully the public will recognize the efforts the Board and administration have made to be candid, forthright, and honest in identifying the amount of money that is required to meet the needs of the students. He added that it has been a thoughtful and united process between the Board and District administration and the effort made in presenting the bond information has been a positive experience. Mr. Crane expressed that he is happy to say he supports the bond and does not think it in any way merits the level of distrust that existed in the communities and with employees during the prior bond election.

Mr. Young said he wanted to echo Mr. Crane's remarks and added that when the Board began this process there were seven very different points of view with regard to the bond and he expressed appreciation to Board members for the collaborative nature of the process to this point. He said it has been a great experience to see it come together to a point where he believes everyone feels good about the process. He expressed appreciation for the support of the communities, city leaders, and the help that Zions Bank has provided. He said it has been a great experience and he can't think of six other people he would rather be yoked with at this point for the long haul ahead of the Board in this process and for the work that has been done to date and for what will be done in the future.

Mrs. Pulsipher said it has been a long journey over the past six years to get to this point and she expressed appreciation to staff and community members who have provided feedback and input to help the Board develop a bond plan that will provide for the needs of the students and that is right for the community. She expressed appreciation for all of the hard work of the various committees and for the input of the students, staff, and community members. Mrs. Pulsipher said she is hesitant to ask the public for money; however, she feels good about this bond and stated that the impact to taxpayers is minimal and the Board will be able to accomplish what is needed for the students.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Richard S. Osborn and seconded by Janice L. Voorhies to approve the Resolution Calling for a Local Special Bond Election on November 8, 2016 Regarding the Issuance of Up to \$245,000,000 of the Board's General Obligation Bonds and Providing for Related Matters, and to approve the Resolution with a language change in the second Whereas paragraph on the first page, as requested by the Board. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

**B. Consideration to Approve an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Between Jordan School District and the Riverton City Redevelopment Agency Regarding the Western Commercial Community Development Project Area and to Authorize by Resolution the Execution and Delivery of the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement**

President Pulsipher invited Mr. Larsen to comment on the Interlocal Agreement which is being presented for Board approval.

Mr. Larsen said Riverton City officials, in partnership with the Redevelopment Agency, brought a proposal to the Board for an Interlocal Agreement regarding the creation of a community

development project (CDA) for the construction of a new commercial center in Riverton. He thanked Mayor Applegarth for his attendance at the meeting and invited Board questions and comments.

Mr. Young expressed appreciation to the Riverton City officials and District administrators for the countless hours of work that have gone into the preparation of the Interlocal Agreement and for the communication process that was established between the City and District. He said there are great things within this agreement.

Mrs. Whitelock said she wanted to echo Mr. Young's comments and added that the Board and City have been working on this agreement for quite some time. She thanked the Riverton City leaders for understanding that the District needs property for schools in the future and for making that need part of the Interlocal Agreement and working with the Board on this matter.

Mr. Crane stated that this commercial center in Riverton is a wonderful development for the region and he is happy to see this Agreement in place and to see future revenue for the District that will be generated by this commercial development.

Mr. Osborn expressed appreciation to Mayor Applegarth for Riverton City's openness and for coming to the District as friends. Mayor Applegarth responded that he has grandchildren attending District schools and believes this project will increase the tax base and provide needed revenue in the long-term for the District.

Public Comment

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

**MOTION:** It was moved by Matthew Young and seconded by Richard S. Osborn to approve the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Between Jordan School District and the Riverton City Redevelopment Agency Regarding the Western Commercial Community Development Project Area and to Authorize by Resolution the Execution and Delivery of the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

At 6:40 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

**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  
J. Lynn Crane, Board Member  
Richard S. Osborn, Board Member  
Matthew Young, Board Member  
John Larsen, Business Administrator  
Paul Van Komen, Burbidge & White  
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Vicki Olsen, President, Jordan Education Association  
Ryan Bjerke, Chapman & Cutler  
Melissa Brown  
Debbie Brown  
Darrell Robinson  
Chip Dawson

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

**A. Update on Bond Informational Material for Patrons**

Mrs. Janice Voorhies, Board vice president, said she is a member of the Bond Communications Committee and that Ms. Riesgraf, director of Communications, is ready to present to the Board samples of flyers and mailers related to the bond for the Board's review and approval.

Ms. Riesgraf reviewed newspaper ads that will appear in the City Journals of West Jordan, South Jordan, and the South Valley publication in August. She noted that the ads will reach 75,000 to 77,000 households at a cost of 2.3 cents each. She also provided mock-ups of direct mail advertisements and banners for the Board to review and provide input, noting that the designs are simple and straight-forward as requested by the participants at the focus group sessions.

Board members discussed City Journal ad sizes and mailer colors and provided recommendations for changes.

Ms. Riesgraf stated that she has been in contact with the Deseret News and Salt Lake Tribune editorial staffs and both groups expressed interest in meeting with one or more members of the Board sometime before Labor Day to prepare for the publication of an editorial about the District's bond election. She noted that she will be contacting the City Journals regarding an editorial as well.

Ms. Riesgraf informed Board members that changes will be made in the next few days to the script of the Bond presentation to incorporate changes that Mr. Larsen discussed regarding the increase in the assessed valuation and to provide current data about the increased number of residential developments within the District. She noted that a new PDF of the presentation will be sent to Board members.

At 7:00 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

**MOTION:** At 7:00 p.m., it was moved by J. Lynn Crane and seconded by Kayleen Whitelock to go into closed session. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Those recognized or signed-in as present:

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Janice L. Voorhies, Board Vice President  
Kayleen Whitelock, Board Secretary  
Jen Atwood, Board Member  
J. Lynn Crane, Board Member  
Richard S. Osborn, Board Member  
Matthew Young, Board Member  
John Larsen, Business Administrator  
Paul Van Komen, Burbidge & White  
Anthony A. Godfrey, Associate Superintendent

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

**MOTION:** At 7:25 p.m., it was moved by Jen Atwood and seconded by J. Lynn Crane to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.