

# Minutes of Study and Regular Session

## Board of Education Ogden City School District

Thursday, August 17, 2017 · 5:00 PM · 1950 Monroe Boulevard, Ogden Utah

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### Members Present:

Jennifer Zundel, Vice President  
Douglas B. Barker  
Don E. Belnap  
Nancy Blair  
Susan Richards  
Joyce Wilson

### Members Absent:

Jeff N. Heiner, President

### Staff Present:

Dr. Rich K. Nye, Superintendent  
Zane K. Woolstenhulme, Business Administrator  
Paula Bosgieter, Executive Assistant

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at [www.ogdensd.org](http://www.ogdensd.org)

### 1. Study Session, Room 200

Vice President Jennifer Zundel called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

#### a. Review of Board Meeting Agenda

##### Consent Calendar:

- Spectrum Contract is seven-year contract, students are now in college and we are following them. We have a site coordinator at WSU. Grant closes September 2018.
- Student Travel: Joyce Wilson asked for clarification on chaperones.
- Board Meeting Schedule: no questions regarding changes.
- Discussion regarding remaining teacher openings.

##### Superintendent's Celebration:

Dr. Nye will cover our graduation rates; he projects we'll be close to 74%. He will also mention congratulations from USBE that we met our uniform growth goal for literacy and are well above the state goal; also our summer programs were well attended. Don Belnap requested a discussion in the near future on reducing class sizes in grades K-3. Dr. Nye stated our staffing ratios are 1:26 in the lower grades and 1:30 in upper grades. Discussion followed.

##### Public Participation:

It was noted that Amy Knowlton of Youth Futures has requested to address the Board of Education regarding the Safe Place Program.

##### Increasing Student Achievement:

Bond Election Resolution: Mr. Blake Wade, Bond Council, will be here to address the board. In order to hold bond election in November, we must adopt a resolution.

Bond Initiative Update: Skyler Pyle, Communications Specialist, will speak to board regarding the bond initiative. Jer Bates, Public Information Officer, has been excused from the meeting.

Vice President Zundel adjourned the meeting at 5:33 p.m. in preparation for attendance at the board meeting at 6:00 p.m.

### 2. Regular Meeting, Board Room

Vice President Jennifer Zundel called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

**Members Present:**

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Paula Bosgieter, Executive Assistant  
Skyler Pyle, Communications Assistant

**a. Welcome and Acknowledgement of Visitors**

Presenter: Vice President Jennifer Zundel

**b. Reverence**

Presenter: Sondra Jolovich-Motes, Executive Director

**c. Pledge of Allegiance**

Presenter: Karen Harrop, Special Education Director

**d. Consent Calendar**

Presenter: Board Vice President Jennifer Zundel

1. Recommended Personnel Actions recommended by the superintendent were approved.
2. Financial Reports for July 2017 were provided by the business administrator and approved.
3. Minutes for the board meetings held June 15, July 5, July 19, and August 3, 2017, were approved as written.
4. Contract Approval - WSU College of Education for GearUp Soars. The board approved the contract to partner with WSU, following students from the graduation class of 2017 through their first year of college.
5. Contract Approval - Spectrum RED/Deep Well Data Services for GearUp Soars. The board approved the contract with SpectrumRed and Deep Well Data Services for the seventh and final year of the GearUp grant.
6. RFP Approval for Medicaid: The board approved to continue participation in the School-Based Skills Development Program (Medicaid) and authorized payment of the state match and administrative fees as required.
7. 2017-2018 Board of Education Meeting Schedule: The board approved the addition of a Special Session on November 21, 2017 to canvass election results and cancel a Work Session scheduled on April 5, 2018 due to Spring Recess.
8. 2017-18 Adult Lunch Prices and Second Student Meals: The board approved an increase in the charge for adult meals. Effective 8/21/2017, the Adult lunch price will increase to \$3.75 and the Adult breakfast price will increase to \$2.25. These price increases will be in effect for the 2017-18 school year.
9. Student Extracurricular Overnight or Extended Travel Request: The board approved extended travel for Ogden High School's Cross Country Team to participate in the Bob Firman Invitational Cross Country Meet in Boise, Idaho on September 22-23, 2017.
10. Administrative Appointment: The board has appointed Tracy Vandeventer as principal at Wasatch Elementary School. Ms. Vandeventer was greeting parents at Back To School Night and will be recognized by the board upon arrival.

**MOTION:** Joyce Wilson moved to approve the items on the consent calendar. Seconded by Don E. Belnap. The motion carried unanimously.

**e. Celebrating Student Achievement**

1. Superintendent's Celebration  
2016-17 Graduation Rates: Superintendent Nye stated we are projecting a nearly 74% graduation rate for 2016-17. We have also received a letter from

Utah School Board of Education informing us the outcome of our 2016-17 uniform growth goal. We achieved 70% based on our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade DIBELS data, which exceeds our growth goal and the state goal of 47%. We’ve also had a successful summer and wish to thank our community partners. Dr. Nye has been humbled and inspired by our dedicated staff and board.

**f. Public Participation**

Amy Knowlton, 5065 W 2150 N, addressed the board and introduced them to Youth Futures, a homeless shelter for youth ages 12 to 18. They provide necessary items and outreach services for youth. The shelter is involved with program called Safe Place; there are multiple Safe Place locations throughout town such as fire stations and libraries. Ms. Knowlton would like to designate school counseling offices as Safe Place sites. She spoke to the needs of our students and how youth can access services through Safe Places. She shared literature with the board regarding these programs.

**g. Increasing Student Achievement**

**1. Bond Election Resolution**

Business Administrator Zane K. Woolstenhulme introduced Mr. Blake Wade, our district bond council with the firm of Gilmore & Bell, P.C. Mr. Wade presented a resolution that formally calls the election, requires a public hearing on September 21, 2017, and instructs board to write a statement in favor of the bond election. He stated that anyone in the community can write a statement against the bond. Both sides write a response to statements. The board is required to hold an additional public hearing on October 26, 2017. A person who wishes to write statement against the bond must contact Mr. Woolstenhulme. Mr. Wade reviewed the entire resolution packet with the board. Mr. Dale Okerlund, Financial Advisor with the firm of Lewis Young Robertson & Burningham addressed the board to explain the cost of individual bond authorization and how the bonds will be paid off without an increase in taxes. The language in the document is required by the legislature and is very complex to the average taxpayer. A voter information pamphlet is required to be mailed out within 45 days of the election. The cost of the election will be approximately \$17,000 and that does not include the cost of creating and mailing the voter information packet.

**MOTION:** After due deliberation, the following Resolution was considered, duly discussed, and pursuant to motion made by Don E. Belnap and seconded by Susan Richards, was adopted by the following vote:

AYE:	Jennifer Zundel	Vice President
	Douglas Barker	Board Member
	Don E. Belnap	Board Member
	Nancy Blair	Board Member
	Susan Richards	Board Member
	Joyce Wilson	Board Member
NAY:	None	

The resolution was then signed by the President and recorded in the official records of the Board of Education of Ogden City School District, Utah. The resolution is as follows:

**RESOLUTION NO. 1718-01**

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL BOND ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 7, 2017, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE OGDEN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, UTAH (THE “DISTRICT”), A PROPOSITION REGARDING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$106,500,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO

FINANCE ALL OR A PORTION OF THE COSTS TO PURCHASE SCHOOL SITES, PURCHASE OR CONSTRUCT BUILDINGS, FURNISH SCHOOLS OR IMPROVE EXISTING SCHOOL PROPERTY; PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF A NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING; APPROVING THE FORM OF AND DIRECTING THE PUBLICATION OF A NOTICE OF ELECTION AND THE BALLOT PROPOSITIONS; AND RELATED MATTERS.

At this time, the board recognized Tracy Vandeventer, newly appointed principal at Wasatch Elementary School. Ms. Vandeventer stated she had been meeting families at Wasatch and it's a wonderful place; they have a lot of passion and she is honored to be there.

2. Discussion - Bond Initiative Update

Mr. Jer Bates, Public Information Officer was excused from the meeting and Skyler Pyle, Communications Assistant gave a brief update. The Bond Initiative Open House held on Monday, August 7, 2017, was well attended and overall, attendees felt the meeting was useful. Many attendees are in support of the bond and know that our schools are in need of repair.

Superintendent Nye shared information about school size; he's gathering empirical data and research through peer review journals. He recommended that the school board discuss this topic in a work session. Findings are inconclusive at the moment; it appears it is more important about what is occurring inside rather than size of school. Staff would like to present our research findings to the board for consideration.

Ms. Pyle stated the next open house is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, August 31, possibly Gramercy or TO Smith. Future meetings will be scheduled throughout the district and we plan to do more exit surveys on our own. We will plot out meetings and locations to be held between now and the election and submit the schedule to the board for approval. The open house meetings will be an opportunity for folks to meet our new superintendent as well.

Joyce Wilson requested that information contained on the cost of maintaining nine elementary schools be added to the bond website.

**MOTION:** Motion was made by Joyce Wilson adjourn the meeting, seconded by Susan Richards, and carried unanimously. Vice President Jennifer Zundel adjourned the meeting at 6:54 p.m.

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President

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Business Administrator