



PROVO MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

Council-School Board Joint Meeting Minutes

12:00 PM, Thursday, August 10, 2017
Room 310, City Conference Room
351 West Center Street, Provo, UT 84601

Roll Call (0:00:00)

The following elected officials and members of the Provo Board of Education were present:

Council Vice-Chair David Knecht, conducting	McKay Jensen, School Board President
Council member Gary Winterton	Jim Pettersson, School Board Vice President
Council member Kim Santiago	Taz Murray, School Board member
Council member David Harding	Rebecca Nielsen, School Board member
Council member George Stewart	Superintendent Keith Rittel
Mayor John Curtis, arrived 1:05 PM	Julie Rash, School Board member
Wayne Parker, CAO	Michelle Kaufusi, School Board member
Cliff Strachan, Council Executive Director	Stefanie Bryant, Business Administrator

The prayer was given by Carson Shorts of Boy Scout Troop #186.

Agenda

1. A discussion on outdated or out-of-place signage by recently rebuilt schools. (0:02:04)

McKay Jensen, School Board President, noted that this discussion was partially addressed in earlier meetings. For several recently rebuilt or relocated schools, there are several areas with outdated traffic and crossing signage, such as on Timpview Drive and near Edgemont Elementary. The School Board wanted to discuss with the City on whether there would be any adjustments to signage to accommodate new schools. Wayne Parker, CAO, indicated that there are State and UDOT statutes which regulate school crossings. City staff will begin traffic and pedestrian counts after school starts, as several school routing plans have been adjusted by the schools' community councils and updated pedestrian studies have been requested for several of the affected schools. Mr. Parker indicated that once this data is in hand, the City can work with the School District on any needed adjustments to signage and sign placement.

2. A discussion on business and economic development in Provo. (0:04:42)

Dixon Holmes, Economic Development, presented. Mr. Holmes explained factors influencing economic development in Provo and other areas, including incentives (such as sales tax increments) and answered questions from School Board members about specific retailers. Provo has been prudent in decisions regarding incentives, but there is an inherent cost in either policy direction. Mr. Holmes provided updates on areas such as the mall redevelopment and Mountain Vista Business Park and invited Board members to the Council's retail summit the following week, which would delve further into these issues.

3. An update on Duncan Aviation. (0:25:20)

David Walter, Redevelopment Agency Director, shared an update on Duncan Aviation. Duncan has begun construction had a contractor under contract to build a ramp at the facility. The Redevelopment

Agency is working with the Department of Housing & Urban Development to address section 108 housing and infrastructure needs. Superintendent Keith Rittel noted that Provo High School is starting an aviation class this fall, with UVU as a third party involved in making that a reality.

4. An update on the progress of Provo High School construction. ([0:28:48](#))

McKay Jensen, School Board President, shared an update on the construction of Provo High School, which is scheduled to open next year. He expressed the approval of the School Board with the results and the collaboration with FFKR Architects. Mr. Jensen also gave updates on Edgemont Elementary. Mr. Jensen and Mr. Rittel also said the Board has been making efforts to address pay discrepancies for teachers employed in Provo schools and to more closely match competing, neighboring districts. Mr. Rittel shared a book titled “Courage and Resilience Amid Challenges,” which shared stories from children in the Provo School District. This year the school board has set a theme called “The Kids We Have,” acknowledging that each student comes with unique challenges and that by improving their education, they can help students get on an upward trajectory.

5. An update on the retention pond construction adjacent to Wasatch Elementary School. ([0:43:59](#))

Rob Hunter, Public Services Engineer, provided an update on construction of the retention pond next to Wasatch Elementary. Sod has been laid and a heavy watering schedule would help it to establish deep roots. The City is committed to having the parking area cleared for parent and student access by the beginning of the school year. Over the following week or so, the contractors intended to pave the driveway into 900 East and then install concrete for the sidewalk and curb. Mr. Hunter explained the design of the basin and stormwater system; the pipes in the system can hold much of the system’s water capacity. Once water releases into the retention pond, it would reach a maximum height of 3 feet and begin draining immediately after the storm passes. The City’s stormwater systems are designed to handle 25-year storms. Public Works anticipates that the fields will be open for recreation use for the majority of the time. Child-safe grates will be installed prior to the beginning of the school year.

6. A discussion of a formalized process to share development and planning information. ([0:52:29](#))

McKay Jensen, School Board President, introduced the discussion. Members of the School Board were interested in learning about development which had implications for the School District. Wayne Parker, CAO, and Council members shared insight on City processes and means of staying informed about development. Mr. Parker noted that School Board members or School Board staff were welcome to attend Coordinators Review Committee (CRC), a weekly meeting of interdepartmental staff with in-depth information about current development. Provo 360 will also allow better access and information for citizens and School Board members alike. School Board members can also be involved with giving feedback on neighborhood plans and other committee work, or simply coordinating through staff to stay more informed. School Board members shared the kinds of demographic data they track, and they hoped to collaborate with City officials to help better serve the needs of taxpayers. Superintendent Rittel shared their challenges with construction inflation and other school-related needs and how they hope to navigate these while providing great value to taxpayers. The School Board intends to complete the Truth in Taxation hearing process during even-numbered years in order to stay on track with rising inflation and other factors which may result in needed tax increases.

7. A discussion of opportunities to collaborate on forecast information and research. ([0:52:29](#))
This item was sufficiently covered during the discussion of item 6.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent.