

Minutes of Special Session

Board of Education Ogden City School District

Thursday, July 19, 2018 · 5:00 PM · 1950 Monroe Boulevard, Ogden Utah

President Heiner called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. The following were present when the meeting convened:

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

None

Staff Present:

Dr. Rich K. Nye, Superintendent
Zane K. Woolstenhulme, Business Administrator

1. Welcome and Acknowledgement of Visitors
Presenter: President Jeff Heiner
2. Bond Referendum Presentation and Discussion
Presenter: Bond Facilitator Zac Williams

Mr. Williams addressed the board and shared results from the first phase of the bond referendum. He outlined the steps in the listening phase to identify the most urgent needs and share personal values. Two key questions were asked in the online survey: what are the most urgent needs for school buildings in Ogden essential for student success, and what do you value most about school buildings in Ogden. Over 325 comments were submitted during the survey process.

Dominant theories on urgent needs for school buildings:

- Safety, protection from earthquakes, fire, and physical safety
- Security from intruder prevention and human threats
- Thermal comfort and ventilation; heating and cooling
- Environment for learning; educational design features
- Technology such as computers, tablets, and supporting infrastructure; prepared for the future
- Outdoor spaces, playgrounds, green space and pathways
- Windows and natural light
- Sufficient space to accommodate students without portable classrooms
- Common areas and flexible space
- Need for accessibility; accessible for all abilities

Dominant theories on what is valued most about school buildings:

- Walkable distance to schools
- Smaller school size
- Planning for students during construction
- Value for funds expended; appropriate cost for reasonable needs
- Enhancing enrichment, education, and recreation opportunities
- Listening to input from a diverse community such as senior citizens, Spanish-speaking, those without children in school, etc.
- Lowest tax impact
- Historic preservation

Top rankings identified for urgent needs were intruder security, earthquake safety, and learning environment. Top rankings identified for value were walkable distance to school, smaller school size, minimizing disruption to students, and best value in using funds.

Following Mr. Williams’ presentation, board members asked questions and Mr. Williams responded. He advised the board to consider the information gathered in creating a bond

proposal that will appeal to the majority of our community.

Next steps:

- Develop a clear bond proposal plan to meet the most critical needs while aligning with shared values
- Develop three bond scenarios for consideration
- Get input from professionals in architectural and educational design
- Take proposals to public through open house and request input; proposed date August 7
- Continue with additional engagement sessions and make available on bond website
- Bring information back to the board at regular meeting on August 16

Superintendent Nye explained that ballot language is generally four to five paragraphs where most of the language is dictated by statute. Ballot language is due on August 23 and the voter information pamphlet will go out in September.

President Heiner asked about the communication path from August 17 to until voters receive ballots in October and Mr. Williams responded the focus will be on building support for the scenario selected. Good, consistent communication is critical through media, voter information pamphlets, and all the channels we are currently using.

Mr. Williams indicated the survey is still open and we are actively seeking additional input, specifically from the Spanish-speaking community. President Heiner recommended that each school community share information on the survey and encourage wider participation. He also suggested using additional methods to reach voters who do not have students in our schools such as newspaper advertising and direct mail. Survey results can be found at the www.ogdenbond18.org.

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.ogdensd.org

President Heiner adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

President

Business Administrator