

Minutes of Work Session

Board of Education Ogden City School District 1950 Monroe Boulevard, Ogden Utah

A Work Session of the Board of Education of Ogden City School District was held Thursday, February 7, 2019 beginning at 5:00 PM in the Board Room. The following were present when the meeting convened:

Members:

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

Staff:

Dr. Rich K. Nye, Superintendent
Zane K. Woolstenhulme, Business Administrator
Paula Bosgieter, Executive Assistant
Jer Bates, Public Information Officer
Chad A. Carpenter, Assistant Superintendent
Sarah Roberts, Executive Director

1. Work Session, Board Room

a. Land Trust Training

Presenter: Natalie Gordon, Utah State Board of Education

Board Vice President Joyce Wilson introduced Natalie Gordon, who provided training for board members, community council presidents, and building administrators regarding the School Land Trust Program. She explained the requirements for community councils and board members related to Land Trust funding. There is a requirement to offer training to all students and parents on digital citizenship; there are resources and training available on the School Land Trust website at schoolandtrust.org.

Board member Jennifer Zundel joined the meeting at 5:12 p.m.

Schools may not carryover more than 10% of funding each year according to state rule, and expenditures must be approved in the Land Trust plan. Community Councils are required to have access to school-wide assessment data and discretionary funding available to the school. Best practice includes reviewing the final reports. Plans for the upcoming year must be approved by the board before May 15; typically, this happens at the April board meeting.

Behavioral goals can be included as part of the academic plan as long as they are measurable. Signature pages must be submitted with the plan for the coming year to ensure parents and educators are included in the process.

b. School Consolidation Considerations

Presenter: Superintendent Rich K. Nye, PhD

Dr. Nye gave a presentation to the board regarding school consolidation. Construction will begin this fall at Horace Mann, Wasatch, and Ben Lomond. Open Houses are scheduled in these communities to begin the design process. Students from Wasatch will attend Polk for the 2019-20 school year. Polk Elementary will operate as a single school and the learning community will be inclusive to provide social-emotional needs for our students. Parents may choose to apply for open enrollment for their students.

Bonneville, Gramercy, Hillcrest, and James Madison enrollments are down and we have over 1400 empty seats in our elementary schools. Dr. Nye proposed a draft resolution related to school consolidation and asked for consideration of the board by their February 21 board meeting. Board members asked questions regarding the decision making process and the communication plan and Dr. Nye responded. PIO Jer Bates addressed the board and shared information relating to the communication plan for any schools affected by school consolidation. He explained the need for ongoing efforts to reach our Spanish-speaking parents and students. It was noted the important role that parents play in the transition process and the need to create some positive talking points

for parents. Communication to the faculty regarding appropriate communication with students should also be part of our communication plan.

c. 5x5 Block Schedule

Presenter: Luke Rasmussen, Ogden High Principal

Principal Rasmussen gave a presentation to the board regarding the 5x5 block schedule. It was noted they have seen good results in math classes, reducing class sizes in critical areas, increased flexibility for honor students, and fewer F's this year. They have learned where they can make adjustments to meet the needs of all students such as double-blocking Math Secondary III courses. Labs have been popular and eliminated the need for Saturday study sessions for AP tests. Communication with students and with feeder schools has been identified as a critical need area.

Principal Steve Poll spoke to the board regarding Ben Lomond's transition to the 5x5 block schedule. He noted they are seeing results similar to Ogden High; however, some students who would have benefitted from double-blocking were missed. Elective course enrollment increased with large class sizes. Teachers have still not bought into the 5x5 schedule, except for math and English teachers.

Principal Bryan Becherini presented to board regarding Mound Fort's transition to the 5x5 block schedule and noted they are seeing improvement in student achievement. They have added multiple AVID classes. He would like two additional FTE to be able to offer math and ELA every day for all students. He explained the struggles for his 7th and 8th grade students to access elective classes.

Principal Cynthia Smith presented to the board regarding Mount Ogden's transition to the 5x5 block schedule. They have similar issues with offering additional electives for 7th and 8th grade students. It was stated they use Title I and Land Trust funds to provide an additional ELA teacher. All Mount Ogden 7th graders take coding and they have an exemplary music program where many students are enrolled. This helps distribute students throughout elective courses.

Principal Terry Humphreys addressed the board and shared difficulties encountered at Highland. They are experiencing several of the same problems and see a need for double dosing all students in math and ELA. They've had some success with additional electives but struggle with their music program and too many PE courses.

Assistant Superintendent Chad Carpenter explained next steps in credit discussions, staffing, and lessons learned. Executive Director Sarah Roberts shared highlights from each school with the board. She noted needs identified as we move forward. Graduation credit requirements will require further consideration and 9th grade needs to be consistent across the district. Board members asked questions and Mrs. Roberts responded.

d. UDOT Heritage Easement

Future Grant of Easement for the purpose of allowing ingress and egress to properties at 325 Wall Avenue and property to the north from State Route 0204.

Presenter: Business Administrator Zane K. Woolstenhulme

Mr. Woolstenhulme gave a presentation to the board regarding a request from UDOT for the future grant of easement to allow ingress and egress to properties north of the Heritage property on Wall Avenue.

MOTION: Board member Jennifer Zundel moved to approve the UDOT future grant of easement for the Heritage property, seconded by Douglas B. Barker. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Motion was made by Board member Joyce Wilson to adjourn to a recommended closed session for the discussion of the sale of real property. Seconded by Jennifer Zundel and carried on the following individual vote: Douglas B. Barker, aye; Don E. Belnap, aye; Nancy Blair, aye; Susan Richards, aye; Sunni Wilkinson, aye; Joyce Wilson, aye; and Jennifer Zundel, aye.

President Belnap adjourned the meeting for the foregoing purpose at 6:54 p.m.

2. **Closed Session, Room 200**

President Belnap called the closed session to order at 7:16 p.m. The following were present when the meeting convened:

Members:

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

Staff:

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

- a. Closed Session as a strategy session to discuss the sale of real property.
Presenter: Business Administrator Zane K. Woolstenhulme

Discussion ensued regarding the benefits and drawbacks of selling property held by the school district.

Dr. Nye joined the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Discussion continued regarding the sale of real property.

MOTION: Douglas B. Barker moved to adjourn the closed session. Seconded by Jennifer Zundel. The motion carried unanimously.

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

President Belnap adjourned the meeting at 8:26 p.m.

President

Business Administrator