

WEBER SCHOOL DISTRICT

5320 Adams Avenue Parkway

Ogden, Utah

Study Session

February 6, 2019

The Board of Education of Weber School District held a Study Session in the Superintendent's Office at 5320 Adams Avenue Parkway, Washington Terrace, Utah. The meeting convened at 5:00 p.m. The following Board Members and Superintendency were present:

Jon Ritchie	Board President
Dean Oborn	Board Vice President
Jan Burrell	Board Member
Janis Christensen	Board Member
Douglas Hurst	Board Member
Bruce Jardine	Board Member
Paul Widdison	Board Member
Jeff Stephens	Superintendent
Kevin Sederholm	Assistant Superintendent
Lori Rasmussen	Assistant Superintendent
Robert Petersen	Business Administrator

Superintendent Stephens reported he was contacted by a group that works out of the Board of Regents College Advisory Board. For the last few years they have provided a college access advisor to some schools in Salt Lake City. The advisor is hired and trained by the Board of Regents and focuses on helping kids with college applications, scholarships, recruitment and helping first generation college kids. It has been very successful. The Board of Regents had asked for some ongoing money and they will now be able to have advisors at all four of our traditional high schools. There is no expense to us. The advisor will work out of the counseling office at the school. The arrangement will free up our counselors to focus on emotional, mental health and other school counseling services. This is a great resource for our high schools. Gina Butters will be our point of contact.

Dr. Stephens reviewed bills being considered by the legislature.

HB 118 allows a school district or charter school to use a student's score on certain assessments to demonstrate competency. It is a good piece of legislation.

HB 164 requires every local board and city council to have a certain number of its membership be at-large positions (not representing a specific precinct or district). The primary concern is around local control. We feel it should be decided at the local level. We are opposed to this bill.

HB 168 involves school bus safety. We are in support of the bill and it looks like it will pass.

Superintendent Stephens shared a statement from UDOT regarding the IFA easement. IFA has tried to have the plat amended. UDOT has denied their request and said the easement remains. Later this month there is a meeting of the Planning Commission of Marriott-Slaterville. We will have representatives there. We will continue to move forward for the safety of kids. Dr. Stephens noted the principal and assistant principal of Two Rivers have been standing outside trying to direct traffic. It is a dangerous situation.

After determining no further business need be conducted, President Ritchie adjourned the meeting at 5:52 p.m.