

Minutes of Study and Regular Session

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

A Study and Regular Session of the Board of Education of Ogden City School District was held Thursday, February 21, 2019 beginning at 5:30 PM in Room 200. 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
Jessica Bennington, Human Resource Director
Ken Crawford, Support Services Director

1. Study Session, Room 200

Time: 5:30 PM

a. Review of Board Meeting Agenda

Agenda was reviewed and changes discussed. Student celebrations will be first on the agenda.

Celebrating Student Achievement

- Items #2 and #3 will be switched. Mr. Bates will run a slide show of the art pieces selected for the Utah All State Art Show during the meeting.
- Folks will be excused following celebrations.

Consent Calendar

- Robert's Rules will be followed more formally in board meeting and the board may have more training on parliamentary procedure in the future. Discussion on items should take place after the motion and second, not before.
- Cell phones should be put away during meetings if possible.
- Discussion ensued regarding school calendar proposals. UEA will no longer be holding professional development in October so that may change our Fall Break in the future.
- Substitute Teacher Vendor Approval: a new vendor has been selected through the RFP process.

Board member Jennifer Zundel joined the meeting at 5:37 p.m. Two new items have been added to the agenda this month: Superintendent's Report and Business Administrator's Report. Dr. Nye shared a brief summary of his report.

Increasing Student Achievement

- Item i.1. Joint Resolution: Ben Nadolski from Ogden City Council will be here to present.
- Item i.2. Continental Community Reinvestment Project Area Interlocal Agreement will be removed from agenda. This was approved in December's board meeting.
- Item i.3. The board agreed School Calendar items can be moved to Consent Calendar.
- Item i.4. BLHS Heath and PE Facilities: A summary of FFE costs will be available if there are questions. Discussion ensued regarding the solar panels and parking lot lighting.
- Item i.7. Capital Facilities Planning will include discussion on school closing.

President Belnap called for a brief recess at 5:56 p.m. to reconvene in regular session.

2. Regular Session, Board Room

President Belnap called the meeting to order at 6:04 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
Zane K. Woolstenhulme, Business Administrator
Paula Bosgieter, Executive Assistant
Ken Crawford, Support Services Director
Vincent Ardizzone, STEM Administrator

a. **Welcome and Acknowledgement of Visitors**

President Belnap announced a change in the agenda. Item #i.1. Anti-Bullying Joint Resolution will be moved on the agenda to follow the Pledge of Allegiance.

b. **Reverence**

Presenter: Tim Peters, Executive Director

c. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Presenter: Sondra Jolovich-Motes, Executive Director

i.1. *Action Item:* Anti-Bullying Joint Resolution

Presenter: Ben Nadolski, Ogden City Council Chair

Mr. Nadolski gave a presentation to the board regarding the Anti-Bullying Joint Resolution 2019-1 in collaboration with Ogden City Council and Junior Junior League of Ogden to challenge youth to take a stand against bullying. Members of the Junior Junior League also gave a brief presentation to the board regarding their organization and their interest in mental illness and anti-bullying. Mr. Nadolski proceeded to read the resolution for the board and public in attendance.

MOTION: Board member Joyce Wilson moved to approve the Anti-Bullying Joint Resolution 2019-1 with Ogden City and Junior Junior League of Ogden, seconded by Nancy Blair. The motion carried unanimously.

d. **Celebrating Student Achievement**

1. Students of the Month

Five outstanding high school students were recognized as students of the month from their respective schools. They were each given framed certificates of achievement and were congratulated individually by board members.

2. "Great Things Happening Report"

a. UHSAA Academic All-State Teams - Winter Sports

Five high school students were recognized for their achievement in being named to the 2018-19 Winter Academic All-State Teams.

b. 47th Annual Utah All-State High School Art Show

Seven high school students were recognized for their achievement for accepted entries to the Utah All-State Art Show.

c. Regions Skills USA Winners

Five Ogden High School students were recognized for their achievement in placing first in the Region Skills USA competition.

d. UASSP 2019 Utah Secondary Principal of the Year Award - Luke Rasmussen, Ogden High Principal

Principal Rasmussen was recognized for his achievement in being named the Utah Association for Secondary School Principals 2019 Utah Secondary Principal of the Year.

3. Superintendent's Celebration

Dr. Nye shared the following celebrations with the Board of Education:

- Recognized Principal Rasmussen and shared quotes from students and faculty at Ogden High School,
- Ogden High Cheer has represented our community and state well; they took the region and state 4A championship, travelled to Nationals and placed fifth in the nation,
- College Bound event at WSU; every 5th grade class in all elementary schools participated and attended this event on college campus,

- Ogden Weber Tech College held an O-Tech exploration for 9th grade students; we had almost 400 students participate in this event,
- Kindergarten classroom at Polk Elementary, seeing students working on a story problem and the excitement when a student discovered the answer,
- Bonnie Lassies advisor was recognized as Drill Team Coach of the Year

e. Consent Calendar

Board members have reviewed board materials, including items listed on the Consent Calendar. Program Management Consultants BDK introduces themselves and explained services they will provide to the district. Support Services Director Ken Crawford gave a report to the board regarding the process for selection.

President Belnap called for a motion to amend the agenda to remove item i.2. and move item i.3. School Calendar Option #1 to Consent Calendar. Motion made by Jennifer Zundel and seconded by Susan Richards. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Douglas B. Barker moved to approve the consent calendar as amended. Seconded by Susan Richards. The motion carried unanimously.

1. Recommended Personnel Actions provided by the human resource director and recommended by the superintendent were approved.
 2. Financial Reports for January 2019 were provided by the business administrator and approved.
 3. Minutes for the board meetings held January 17, 2019, and February 7, 2019, were approved as written.
 4. Approval: GEARUP Ogden WSU Contract was approved by the board.
 5. Approval: Board Meeting Schedule for 2019-2020 was approved by the board.
 6. Approval: Ticketing System Subscription Renewal was approved by the board.
 7. Approval: School Staff Computer Refresh was approved by the board.
 8. Approval: Awarding of RFP #9-009 Camera Upgrade and Replacement was approved by the board.
 9. Approval: Program Management Consultant Services for Construction was approved by the board.
 10. Approval: Substitute Teacher Vendor Approval was approved by the board.
- i.3. *Action Item:* School Calendar, proposed 2019-2020 and 2020-2023 Option #1 calendars were approved by the board.

f. Superintendent's Report

Presenter: Superintendent Rich K. Nye, PhD

Dr. Nye gave a report to the board regarding the Portrait of a Graduate project. We want to increase the number of students who have access to and participate in advanced coursework, and we want to market Ogden School District better and do a better job of telling our own story and changing the narrative. He reported New Bridge is the only platinum STEM school north of Davis County and we have many unique programs in several of our schools.

He referenced Legislative session bill tracking and referred to a college access advising program running in the Salt Lake valley for the past ten years; this project is being expanded and we will see this program in our high schools in the fall. Other bills being tracked: HB 118-to award credit to students who demonstrate proficiency on statewide assessments; HB 120-for local education agencies to support physical facility safety with ongoing allocation; HB 250-school fee revisions; HB 260-access promise student scholarship program provides funds for students who might not otherwise go to college; SB 91-acceptance of competency based credit for higher education; and SB 115-high-need school amendments provides additional full-time teachers for schools determined high need.

g. Business Administrator's Report

Presenter: Business Administrator Zane K. Woolstenhulme

Mr. Woolstenhulme gave a report to the board regarding internal controls in place in the district to minimize the risk of fraud. He is working on a hotline policy where patrons and employees can anonymously report concerns; this policy draft will come

to the board for approval next month. We are working with a local firm who does an internal audit. This will be an important piece of our risk mitigation efforts and put us at low risk of fraud in the district.

h. **Public Participation**

The following individuals addressed the board during Public Participation:

- Matthew Richey, 950 Taylor Avenue, Ogden UT 84404, representing Ben Lomond student body regarding letters on the mountain that haven't been touched for a while. He asked the board to reconsider board policy to bring back the "BL" on the mountain.

i. **Increasing Student Achievement**

1. *Action Item:* Anti-Bullying Joint Resolution. This item was moved to the beginning of the agenda.
2. *Action Item:* Continental Community Reinvestment Project Area Interlocal Agreement. The board agreed to remove this item from the agenda.
3. *Action Item:* School Calendar, proposed 2019-2020 and 2020-2023 calendars. The board agreed to move this item to the Consent Calendar.
4. *Action Item:* Ben Lomond Health and PE Facilities Construction Bid Approval
Presenter: Ken Crawford, Support Services
Mr. Crawford gave a presentation to the board regarding the construction bid approval process for the Ben Lomond Health and PE Facilities project. He reviewed the cost estimates for the project and was pleased to announce the costs are lower than anticipated. Recommendation to accept the base bid and alternates from Hughes General Contractors so they can begin construction immediately.

Mr. Crawford explained the PV array (solar panels) portion of the bid and the timeline for payback. Incentives for solar panels are ending soon so it is advantageous to the district to include them now. Payoff is approximately twenty years but may be shorter due to increasing power costs and will provide a cost savings to the district in the future. We will also work with utility companies to apply for rebates.

MOTION: Board member Jennifer Zundel moved to accept the base bid and alternates from Hughes General Contractors for the Ben Lomond Health and PE Facilities, seconded by Douglas B. Barker. The motion carried unanimously.

5. *Information Item:* Project NEXUS
Presenter: Superintendent Rich K. Nye, PhD
Dr. Nye gave a report to the board regarding Project NEXUS. He explained that Project NEXUS was rolled out as a strategic plan in the Ogden School District with our graduation goal of 88% and literacy goal of 50% students proficient by 2022. As we move into next year, we are taking Project NEXUS to another level and it will be called NEXUS Elevated. Our goals will be the same: graduation and literacy; additionally, we have identified anchors, priorities, objectives, and strategies to further refine what we will do to help us to reach these goals.

Four anchors are Academic Achievement, Social Emotional Learning, Talent Development and Resource Alignment. Academic Anchor will focus on goals for student proficiency in literacy as measured by RISE, Acadience, and ACT; personalized learning pathways and development of board policy for standards based grading. By 2022, we look to have eight of our schools employing a 1:1 framework; students will have access to a device they can take home. Attendance and student sense of belonging are included in Social Emotional Learning. Talent Development will focus on decreasing teacher turnover from 17% to 14% and increasing the number of teachers of color. Resource Alignment will ensure we are maximizing use of our dollars.

School Progress Reports with statistically significant goals will measure the progress we need to reach our goals by 2022. NEXUS Elevated will provide a lens through which we'll look and strategies to meet the goals; aligning resources to match. Central office leadership will be working directly with school administrators and faculty to determine needs at each building as we

focus on leadership, service and accountability.

Board members asked questions regarding the 1:1 initiative and being able to take devices home. Dr. Nye responded how this can extend learning beyond the school day.

6. *Information Item: Math Curriculum Adoption*

Presenter: Vincent Ardizzone, STEM Administrator

Mr. Ardizzone gave a report to the board regarding the math curriculum adoption process. He explained that teachers are currently piloting materials in their classrooms and providing feedback. Board approval for the math curriculum adoption will be on the agenda on March 21.

7. *Action Item: Capital Facilities Planning*

President Belnap introduced the discussion regarding capital facilities. Dr. Nye gave a presentation to the board regarding facility considerations and school closures. He explained the timeline for projects related to the recent bond election.

Bonneville, Gramercy, Hillcrest, and James Madison are the remaining schools not addressed with the bond. Given the condition of buildings and declining enrollments, Dr. Nye shared his proposed resolution to address these concerns and fill our newer buildings to capacity. He proposed that Wasatch close for next year, Taylor Canyon close indefinitely when Polk is completed, and at least one other school be closed indefinitely. All current employees will remain gainfully employed should we consider a school consolidation. Dr. Nye has met with administrators, faculties, and parents at these four schools.

President Belnap asked for feedback from board members and stated the board is not inclined to close more than one additional school. Discussion ensued regarding school consolidation and where students will go. The board agreed to close Gramercy Elementary at the end of the current school year.

Amendment to motion by Board Member Sunni Wilkinson to keep the Gramercy property for future use, seconded by Susan Richards. This motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Board member Joyce Wilson moved to close Gramercy Elementary at the end of the 2018-19 academic year, seconded by Douglas B. Barker. This 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 8:32 p.m.

President

Business Administrator