

**WEBER SCHOOL DISTRICT
5320 Adams Avenue Parkway
Ogden, Utah**

**General Board Meeting
April 10, 2019**

The Board of Education of Weber School District held a Board Meeting in the Board Room at 5320 Adams Avenue Parkway, Washington Terrace, Utah. The meeting convened at 6:00 p.m.

The following Board Members and Superintendency were present:

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

Board Member Bruce Jardine was excused.

Vocal Solo: Autumn Talbert, Student at Roy High School

Pledge of Allegiance: Autumn Talbert, Student at Roy High School

Board President Jon Ritchie welcomed all present and noted agendas are posted at the front of the room and on either side.

1. Consent Calendar
 - A. Minutes
 - B. Warrant Register
 - C. Budget Update
 - D. New Hires
 - E. Bid/Purchase Approvals
 - F. Leave of Absence Requests
 - G. Approval of School LAND Trust Plans
 - H. Approval of Student Travel 2019-2020
2. Presentation – Bentley the Curriculum Canine and *Utah English Quest*
3. Discussion/Action Items
 - A. Appointment of Independent Auditor
 - B. Selection of Construction Manager General Contractor for the Weber Innovation High School Addition
 - C. Administrative Appointments 2019-2020
4. Information Item
Student Fees for 2019-2020

5. Closed Session
Closed meeting according to provisions of Utah Code 52-4-204,205
(This meeting is a strategy session to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation.)

AGENDUM ITEM #1 – Consent Calendar

A. Minutes

That the minutes for the Study Session and General Board Meeting dated March 6, 2019 be approved.

B. Warrant Register

That check numbers 00007996 through 00008527; and 00500124 through 00501362, totaling 9,351,690.64 dated March 25, 2019 be approved.

C. Budget Update

That the budget update dated March 25, 2019 be approved.

D. New Hires

That the list of personnel changes and additions dated February 28, 2019 through March 27, 2019 be approved.

E. Bid/Purchase Approvals

That the purchase of replacement equipment for IVC labs at Weber, Fremont and Roy High schools at a total cost of \$69,240.46 be approved.

That the purchase of upgrades for VEX Robotics equipment at a cost of roughly \$95,000.00 be approved.

F. Leave of Absence Requests

There were no leave of absence requests to approve at this time.

G. Approval of School LAND Trust Plans

That the School LAND Trust Plans for all schools within Weber School District be approved.

H. Approval of Student Travel 2019-2020

That the schedule of student travel for the 2019-2020 school year be approved.

Board President Jon Ritchie called for a motion to approve the Consent Calendar.

Motion: Douglas Hurst Seconded: Paul Widdison

That the above Consent Calendar be approved. Voting was unanimous in support of this motion.

AGENDUM ITEM #2 – Presentation – Bentley the Curriculum Canine and *Utah English Quest*

Sheri Heiter, Curriculum Director, introduced Kim Irvine, a Secondary Language Arts Teacher Leader, who shared information about the positive impact Bentley the Curriculum Canine is having on students. Paul Woodin, library/media teacher at South Ogden Jr. High School, brought Bentley into the room. Bentley was recently on KSL news. Mr. Woodin’s granddaughter walked Bentley over to meet Board Members as Ms. Irvine shared information. Data shows when Bentley is involved scores go up, anxiety goes down and kids get excited about school. Kids read to Bentley out loud – he doesn’t judge; he listens. Bentley first started visiting English classes. After seeing the successes there, they moved him to Math. Data was gathered based on math tests taken by 9th graders with and without Bentley. Without Bentley, classes scored an average of 75%. With Bentley, classes scored an average of 81%. They call it “the Bentley magic factor.” Students have made positive comments about having Bentley in the classroom, indicating he has a calming influence and helps them feel less nervous. Bentley has expanded his activities and now reads with elementary students involved in Latinos in Action. Bentley is sponsored by Weber School Foundation. Ms. Irvine concluded, “We’re changing the world one paw at a time.”

Ms. Irvine moved on to share information about *Utah English Quest*, the only junior high and high school English competition in the state. It has been in existence for 15 years and is held at Weber State University. The event is sponsored by Utah Council of Teachers of English (UCTE) and Weber School District. Competitions include reading, writing, filmmaking, testing, performance and visual art based on selected books. Five books are chosen. The book list must include a classic, something non-fiction, a local author and an award winner. This year’s competition involved 15 schools (Brigham City to Payson), 312 students, 32 competitions and 36 judges. Maria Inglefield, a teacher at Snowcrest Junior High School, was introduced. Each year she has 30-40 students involved in the competition. Ms. Inglefield brought two students with her to the meeting: Brielle Huggard and Monica Davis. Brielle described the story she wrote about domestic abuse through the perspective of an 11-year-old boy. She won 2nd place in the state for her story. Maria recited two Williams Wordsworth poems about nature.

AGENDUM ITEM #3 – Discussion/Action Items

A. Appointment of Independent Auditor

Dr. Robert Petersen, Business Administrator, noted Board policy requires a review of independent auditor services every four years and a formal Request for Proposal (RFP) at least every eight years. Auditors are tasked with examining our financials and membership, which drives most of our funding. In reviewing services of Squire & Company PC, we are recommending they be approved for another four years.

Motion: Janis Christensen Seconded: Douglas Hurst

That Squire & Company be appointed as Independent Auditor for another four-year term. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

B. Selection of Construction Manager General Contractor for the Weber Innovation High School Addition.

Scott Zellmer, Director of Facilities & Operations, recounted in March an RFP was issued for CMGC (Construction Manager General Contractor) for the addition to Weber Innovation High School. This is the final project of the current bond with a completion date of August 2020. Bids and services were discussed, and the Capital Improvement Committee unanimously voted in favor of the lowest bid which was submitted by Hogan & Associates Construction. It is recommended the Board approve Hogan & Associates Construction for the project.

Motion: Paul Widdison Seconded: Jan Burrell

That Hogan & Associates Construction be approved as Construction Manager General Contractor for the Weber Innovation High School Addition. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

B. Administrative Appointments 2019-2020

Superintendent Stephens commented we have a number of moves we're recommending to the Board. Many of the moves are initiated due to retirements at the district and school level which have created a domino effect. Dr. Stephens then read through the recommended advancements.

Elementary Principal

Lindsay Baird
Kari Breeding
Heather Hales
Kristi Hancock
Shane Rasmussen
Stacy Rountree

High School Assistant Principal

Tyler King
Quincey Pearce
Nick Reyes
Nichole Warren-Doman
Andrea Woodring

Junior High Principal

Rich Murray
Sherry Patton

Elementary Intern

Jared Abney
Brandon Lott
Spencer Okey

Junior High Assistant Principal

Jake Shulz

Secondary Intern

Brenda Hart

High School Principal

Matt Williams

It is recommended the Board approve the proposed advancements.

Motion: Jan Burrell Seconded: Dean Oborn

That the recommended advancements effective July 1, 2019 be approved. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Dr. Stephens shared the following changes and assignments.

Elementary Assignments

Kristi Hancock – Principal at West Haven Elementary
Stacy Rountree – Principal at Midland Elementary
Shane Rasmussen – Principal at Pioneer Elementary

Joanne Hobbs – Principal at West Weber Elementary
Kari Breeding – Principal at Hooper Elementary
Melissa Copeland – Principal at Majestic Elementary
Heather Hales – Principal at Country View Elementary
Lindsay Baird – Principal at Riverdale Elementary
Dave Wallace – Principal at Uintah Elementary
Kirt Swalberg – Principal at Farr West Elementary

Secondary Assignments

Matt Williams – Principal at Roy High
Rich Murray – Principal at Roy Junior High
Sherry Patton – Principal at Sand Ridge Junior High
Nichole Warren-Doman – Assistant Principal at Bonneville High
Nick Reyes – Assistant Principal at Bonneville High
Alicia Mitchell – Assistant Principal at Fremont High
Tyler King – Assistant Principal at Roy High
Quincey Pearce – Assistant Principal at Weber High
Andrea Woodring – Assistant Principal at Two Rivers/Weber Innovation
Jake Shulz – Assistant Principal at Sand Ridge Junior High
Quinn Talbot – Assistant Principal at T. H. Bell Junior High
Ben Prall – Assistant Principal at South Ogden Junior High

New Elementary Interns

Spencer Okey
Brandon Lott
Jared Abney

New Secondary Intern

Brenda Hart

Superintendent Stephens expressed thanks to Kirt Swalberg who is currently the principal at Roy High School but has been asked to move to Farr West as a result of our need to hire seven new elementary principals. Mr. Swalberg is a former elementary school teacher.

Dr. Stephens provided a synopsis of the educational background and work experience of each new appointee. Each new appointee was given opportunity to address the Board and introduce family and friends in the audience.

AGENDUM ITEM #4 – Information Item

Student Fees for 2019-2020. There are no fee increases for the 2019-2020 school year.

AGENDUM ITEM #5 – Closed Session

Closed meeting according to provisions of Utah Code 52-4-204,205. (This meeting is a strategy session to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation).

After determining no further business need be conducted, President Ritchie asked Dr. Robert Petersen, Business Administrator, to conduct a roll call vote to move into a Closed Session. Results of the vote were:

Board Member Jan Burrell	aye
Board Member Paul Widdison	aye
Board Member Janis Christensen	aye
Board Member Douglas Hurst	aye
Board Vice President Dean Oborn	aye
Board President Jon Ritchie	aye

Board adjourned the general session of Board Meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Board reconvened in general session at 8:21 p.m.

After determining no further business need be conducted, President Ritchie called for a motion to adjourn the general session of Board Meeting.

Motion: Douglas Hurst Seconded: Paul Widdison

That the general session of Board Meeting be adjourned. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.