

# Minutes of Work Session

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

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A Work Session of the Board of Education of Ogden City School District was held Thursday, September 5, 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  
Ken Crawford, Support Services

### 1. Work Session, Board Room

- a. BDK Project Management Report  
Presenter: Ken Crawford, Support Services

Mr. Crawford gave an update on the Mound Fort Innovation Center. There are still some punch list items we are working on and some issues with the furniture; one of the STEM tables is damaged and some of the magnets on the chairs are not staying fastened. Students are excited to use the new facility. The Ben Lomond Health and PE Facility is coming along nicely. Wall panels are up and masonry is ongoing. Three small walls are a different color than the rest of the building; the manufacturer is working on a solution. They are currently working on the baseball field.

Chris Kartchner, BDK, gave a report to the board regarding bond projects. Wasatch bid was approved to R&O Construction and work is proceeding rapidly. Horace Mann Elementary design is progressing and they are currently doing a design review and updating the cost estimates. Construction documents are planned for mid-November, bids in mid-December, and come to the board for approval in January. Polk Elementary is at the beginning of the design process and progressing fairly quickly, despite challenges to make the most effective use of the existing facility. Design review will take place mid-November, construction documents are planned for completion in February, with construction beginning in May when school is out next summer. T.O. Smith has not begun; however, construction is slated to begin next summer.

Board members asked questions regarding the timelines and bidding process and Mr. Kartchner responded.

- b. Ogden Weber Tech College Partnership  
Presenter: Superintendent Rich K. Nye, PhD

Dr. Nye gave a report to the board regarding a partnership with the Ogden Weber Tech College to discuss the now-vacant Observation and Assessment juvenile justice building on their campus and how we might be able to use that space. We've received blueprints for the building and they are being reviewed for remodeling estimates. This space could provide personalized learning for students to receive core education and also access the Tech College courses in order to attain industry credentials. A work group has been organized to develop a proposal to present to the board. Long-term possibilities may include partnering with Weber State to be able to offer a diploma, an industry credential and an associate degree in that space. The learning could take place year-round, where learning becomes the constant and time becomes the variation.

Board Vice President Wilson spoke to the benefits of attending the Tech College and receiving industry credentials. There are opportunities for students to earn good wages upon completion. We have a solid foundation and partnership with the Tech College;

we even have students attending a “zero” hour class that begins at 6:30 a.m. It’s important to have clear communication with parents and students regarding opportunities in Career and Technical Education.

c. School Board Evaluation Report

Presenter: Richard Stowell, Utah School Boards Association

Mr. Stowell gave a report to the board regarding the evaluation process and the evaluation instrument. He shared a summary of the results and recommended the pressing issues submitted on the evaluation would be good topics for a work session or board retreat:

- Better communication with the stakeholders
- Graduation and community involvement
- Graduation rates
- Early interventions to address the critical needs of youngest students
- Behavior as a barrier to learning
- Communication

He suggested inviting all district staff and building principals to participate in the next board evaluation. Questions could be customized to the school district. President Belnap assigned each board member to review five questions and give suggestions for customizing questions, due next Tuesday, September 10. Superintendent will send an email to let staff know the survey will be coming and could send a link to the survey.

Motion was made by Jennifer Zundel to adjourn to a recommended closed session for the discussion of the character, professional competence or physical or mental health of an individual, strategy session to discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property; and strategy session to discuss the sale of real property. Seconded by Susan Richards and carried on the following individual vote: Don E. Belnap, aye; Joyce Wilson, aye; Douglas B. Barker, aye; Nancy Blair, aye; Susan Richards, aye; Sunni Wilkinson, aye; and Jennifer Zundel, aye.

Meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m. for the aforementioned purpose.

**2. Closed Session, Room 200**

Closed Session of the Board of Education of Ogden City School District was held Thursday, September 5, 2019, beginning at 6:20 PM in the Board Room. The following were present when the meeting convened:

**Members:**

Don E. Belnap, President  
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Closed Session pursuant to the following provisions of Section 52-4-205(1) of the Open and Public Meetings Law:

- Discussion of the character, professional competence or physical or mental health of an individual;
- Strategy session to discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property;
- Strategy session to discuss the sale of real property.

Discussion ensued regarding property proposals and individual performance of board members as it related to the board evaluation. Board survey will be sent to all principals and Cabinet-level administrators for feedback.

**MOTION:** Joyce Wilson moved to adjourn the closed session. Seconded by Nancy Blair. The motion carried unanimously.

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at [www.ogdensd.org](http://www.ogdensd.org)

President Belnap adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

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President

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Business Administrator