

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, September 19, 2019 beginning at 5:30 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
Carrie Maxson, Grants Supervisor
Ken Crawford, Support Services Director
Tim Peters, Executive Director

1. Study Session, Room 200

a. Review of Board Meeting Agenda

Celebrating Student Achievement

- Ogden High Health Science Pathways award winner

Consent Calendar

- GearUp Grant: Carrie Maxson reported how this grant is benefitting students and increasing graduation rates. This grant is integrated with NEXUS Elevated goals and, while targeted to 8th grade students, will benefit the entire school.

Board Committee Reports

- Vice President Wilson will report on Policy and Law Committee. Nothing to report from Student Achievement and Budget, Facilities, and Finance Committees.

Public Participation

- Mr. Val Weathers has registered to address the Board regarding the Grandview property.

Increasing Student Achievement

- Bond Resolution: Dale Okerlund and Aaron Wade from bond counsel will explain the process and need to approve notice to issue bonds. This is the first issue of \$87,000,000 bond to fund construction projects. Issuance of not to exceed \$33,000,000 with anticipated interest rate approximately 2%
- Mount Ogden Kitchen remodel: Mr. Crawford reported there is an underground oil storage tank that will need to be removed; work on the walk-in cooler and freezer will begin during the school year and the remainder of the work will be done next summer. The board agreed to move this item to the Consent Calendar.
- Ogden Weber Tech College (OWTC) Partnership: Mr. Peters' presentation will focus on college and career readiness, personalized pathways, and opportunity to use Observation & Assessment (O&A) facility at OWTC.

President Belnap called for a brief recess at 6:00 p.m. to reconvene in the regular meeting.

2. Regular Meeting, Board Room

President Belnap called the meeting to order at 6:06 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

Staff:

Dr. Rich K. Nye, Superintendent
Zane K. Woolstenhulme, Business Administrator
Paula Bosgieter, Executive Assistant
Tim Peters, Executive Director
Sondra Jolovich-Motes, Executive Director

a. **Welcome and Acknowledgement of Visitors**

President Belnap announced that the board has agreed to move Item j.2. under Increasing Student Achievement to the Consent Calendar.

b. **Reverence**

Presenter: Zane Woolstenhulme, Business Administrator

c. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Presenter: Carrie Maxson, Grants Supervisor

d. **Celebrating Student Achievement**

1. Great Things Happening Report

a. CTE Pathways Award

Executive Director Tim Peters, Career & Technical Education, presented the Ogden High School Health Science Pathways team for recognition as the Career and Technical Education Utah Excellence in Action 2019 Award Winner. Teachers Natalie Day and Kristie Williamson addressed the board and explained their programs. Two Ogden High students shared their experiences in the Health Science Pathways programs.

2. Superintendent's Celebration

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

- All Ability Playground ribbon cutting ceremony held on the district campus; this is great for the community and made possible through many donors; playground can be used by our district preschool as well;
- Dr. Nye was recognized by the OWTC and inducted as the Fall 2019 honorary member of their National Technical Honor Society chapter; we are looking forward to continue our partnership with them;
- Board member Sunni Wilkinson launched her book of poetry this week and she shared a selection from her collection;
- We've had a great start to the school year and are grateful for dedicated employees of the school district.

e. **Consent Calendar**

Board members have reviewed board materials, including items listed on the Consent Calendar. The board agreed to move Item j.2. Mount Ogden Junior High School Kitchen and Cafeteria Remodel to the Consent Calendar.

MOTION: Joyce Wilson 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 August 2019 were provided by the business administrator and approved.
 3. Minutes for the board meetings held August 15, 2019, and September 5, 2019, were approved as written.
 4. Approval: WSU GEARUP MOU
Renewal of GEARUP MOU for the 7-year Grant cycle was approved.
 5. Approval: SpectrumRED Contract
GEARUP External Evaluator continuation of services for the 7-year grant was approved.
 6. Approval: Renewal for Afterschool Collective Team MOU
Final year for Intergenerational Poverty Grant for afterschool programs (Utah State Board of Education and Dept. of Workforce Services Grants) for Heritage, New Bridge, Mound Fort - YMCA & Boys and Girls Club was approved.
- j.2. Action Item: Mount Ogden Junior High School Kitchen and Cafeteria Remodel was approved.

f. **Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Nye gave a report to the board regarding Cabinet Site Visits being conducted by Cabinet this month. Cabinet is spending two hours at each school, meeting with the principal to identify components in their school plan and identifying resources they need from district leadership to support their goals. School leaders are provided a

synopsis regarding our visit with action steps for Cabinet. Cabinet will visit schools again in December and also in the spring. Board members were invited to attend and should coordinate with Board Leadership. Dr. Nye asked Mrs. Jolovich-Motes to share some of the action steps from the Cabinet Visit at Highland Junior High. We are identifying short-term and long-term issues to meet the needs of students.

We have launched a “Communication Elevated” effort to improve communication within the district. We’ve identified who needs to know, what they need to know, and when they need to know. We are purposefully creating a communication plan to inform our stakeholders.

Enrollments are overall above projections, which is great news as we begin our marketing efforts with Target River. We are adjusting staffing as necessary to make accommodations.

g. Business Administrator's Report

Mr. Woolstenhulme gave a report to the board regarding the diversity of his position and described multiple projects he is working on currently: working on year-end report and will be ready for a report to the board in November; Wasatch ground-breaking for new addition; and value-engineering session with BDK involving engineers from all trades looking over design drawings and brainstorming cost-saving measures. In the course of the day, they identified approximately \$3,000,000 in potential savings to the project.

He is looking at ways to do things more efficiently between Human Resources and Business Office with the help of Chief Technology Officer Casey Bowden and meeting with benefits consultant to look into on-site health clinics for our employees. He meets monthly with the Education Support Professionals (ESP) advisory council to discuss negotiation items and meets regularly with financial advisor/bond counsel.

Mr. Woolstenhulme has been selected to represent the Utah Association of School Business Officials on the Utah Retirement Systems membership council. He has started meeting with Utah Public Education Coalition regarding legislation for the upcoming year and met with the Ogden High Booster Club to help their operation move a little smoother.

h. Board Committee Reports

1. Policy & Law Committee

Presenter: Chair Joyce Wilson

Mrs. Wilson reported the committee met last week and discussed approximately twelve policies for review. Ogden Administrators Association requested they review the employee dress code policy. Parent involvement and student memorial policies were also discussed. Discussion ensued regarding the employee dress code policy as it relates to piercings and tattoos. This committee will be meeting monthly.

2. Student Achievement Committee

Presenter: Chair Jennifer Zundel

Mrs. Zundel reported the committee will be meeting next week and invited board members on the committee to attend.

3. Budget, Finance & Facilities Committee

Presenter: Chair Douglas B. Barker

Mr. Barker reported the Budget, Finance & Facilities Committee will be meeting in the next week or two.

Board member Nancy Blair left the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

i. Public Participation

The following individuals addressed the Board during public participation:

- Val Weathers, 2863 Carriage Lane, Ogden UT 84403 regarding property at 39th Street and Van Buren Avenue (Grandview property). He is requesting the board declare this property as surplus.

President Belnap called for a brief recess at 7:15 p.m. and reconvened at 7:23 p.m. Vice President Joyce Wilson shared a thank you card and framed quotes given to the board from the Ogden Preschool in support of the all-abilities playground.

j. Increasing Student Achievement

1. *Action Item:* Final Bond Delegating Resolution

Consideration for adoption of a resolution of the Board of Education (the "Board") of Ogden City School District, Utah (the "District") authorizing the issuance and sale by the Board of not more than \$33,000,000 aggregate principal amount of its General Obligation School Building Bonds; and related matters.

Mr. Woolstenhulme introduced Dale Okerlund and Aaron Wade to explain and discuss the first issuance of bonds. The resolution will authorize approximately \$30,000,000 in bonds at a very low interest rate. He explained there are three ways to sell bonds and discussed the process for each: direct purchase – when a single lender buys the entire bond issue, public offering through competitive sale and public offering through negotiated sale. It has been determined to use a public offering through competitive sale approach for this issuance of bonds and he explained the constraints of the issuance. This resolution also binds the board to levy the taxes to pay them and provides for all the legal matters required by the board.

Mr. Wade reported to the board regarding the parameters of the issuance and the documents and forms required in the process. Board members asked questions regarding interest rates and Mr. Okerlund responded. Discussion ensued regarding the timeline for issuing bonds for all the projects funded by the bond.

MOTION: Board member Douglas B. Barker moved to adopt the resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of not more than \$33,000,000 aggregate principal amount of its General Obligation School Building Bonds and related matters; seconded by Sunni Wilkinson. The motion carried unanimously.

3. *Discussion:* Ogden Weber Tech College Partnership - O&A Building Presentation

Mr. Peters gave a presentation to the board regarding the partnership with the Ogden Weber Tech College and college and career pathways. The school district has the opportunity to develop a personalized program for students at the O&A building on the tech college campus with a strong work-based component.

Public Information Officer Jer Bates responded to questions regarding marketing and communicating with our stakeholders about what programs we are offering in our district.

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

Motion to adjourn by Jennifer Zundel, seconded by Susan Richards and carried unanimously. President Belnap adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

President

Business Administrator