

Minutes of Study and Regular Session and Public Hearing

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

A Study and Regular Session and Public Hearing of the Board of Education of Ogden City School District was held Thursday, June 18, 2020 beginning at 5:30 PM in the Henry Barker Board Room. The following were present when the meeting convened:

Members present:

Don E. Belnap, President
Joyce Wilson, Vice President
Nancy Blair
Susan Richards

Members attending virtually:

Jeremy Shinoda
Jennifer Zundel

Members absent:

Douglas B. Barker

Staff present:

Dr. Rich K. Nye, Superintendent
Zane K. Woolstenhulme, Business Administrator
Paula Bosgieter, Executive Assistant
Casey Bowden, Chief Technical Officer

Staff attending virtually:

Tim Peters, Career and Technical Education
Carrie Maxson, Grants
Jessica Bennington, Human Resources

Study Session, 5:30 p.m., Room 200

1. Review of Board Meeting Agenda

Consent Calendar:

5.d.: Temporary Waiver of purchasing procedure related to COVID-19 expenditures: Dr. Nye reported to the board regarding current thresholds for purchasing without board approval at \$30,000. A monthly report will be provided to the board and the board will be notified before purchases are made. Board members asked questions and Dr. Nye responded.

Committee Reports:

Board member Jeremy Shinoda will report on Budget, Finance, and Facilities Committee.

Increasing Student Achievement:

10.a. Augmented Reality/Virtual Reality Course at Mound Fort Junior High School: Mr. Peters gave a report to the board regarding the Augmented Reality/Virtual Reality Course. Board members asked questions and Mr. Peters responded. The board agreed to move this item to the Consent Calendar.

10.b. Community Schools K-1 Chromebook Tablets: Ms. Maxson gave a report to the board that United Way is willing to purchase if devices are available and funding is available. Casey Bowden responded to questions regarding the prior board approval for Chromebooks. The board agree to move this item to the Consent Calendar.

10.c. Board Policy Revisions: Ms. Bennington gave a report to the board regarding policy revisions, minor changes and wordsmithing. Board member Shinoda has made some comments and recommendations to all policy revisions for a 2nd reading in August. Board Policy 7.1.104 Substitute Teaching did not have any comments and could be approved on first reading to be deleted. The board agreed to move this item to the Consent Calendar.

Public Hearing for Budgets:

Mr. Woolstenhulme reported to the board that documents are available to board members and he will present regarding the final legal budget for FY20 and proposed budget for FY21. A motion will be needed following public comment for each hearing and to set the tentative tax rate.

Board member Douglas B. Barker joined the meeting by telephone at 5:54 p.m. President Belnap called for a brief recess at 5:56 p.m. to reconvene in the regular meeting.

Regular Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Board Room

President Belnap called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. The following were present when the meeting convened:

Members present:

Don E. Belnap, President
Joyce Wilson, Vice President
Nancy Blair
Susan Richards

Members attending virtually:

Douglas B. Barker
Jeremy Shinoda
Jennifer Zundel

Staff present:

Dr. Rich K. Nye, Superintendent
Zane K. Woolstenhulme, Business Administrator
Paula Bosgieter, Executive Assistant
Casey Bowden, Chief Technical Officer

Staff attending virtually:

Chad A. Carpenter, Assistant Superintendent
Carrie Maxson, Grants
LaJean Elder, Ogden High Administrative Intern
Jessica Bennington, Human Resources

1. Welcome and Acknowledgement of Visitors

President Belnap announced that items 10.a., 10.b., and 10.c. under Increasing Student Achievement will be moved to the Consent Calendar.

2. Reverence

Presenter: Chad A. Carpenter, Assistant Superintendent

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Presenter: Carrie Maxson, Grants

4. Celebrating Student Achievement

a. Superintendent's Celebration

Dr. Nye shared the following celebrations with the board:

- Meals continue to be offered to the community throughout the summer;
- Tremendous participation in our summer bridge program with nearly 6,000 students participating and approximately 4,000 participating in some form of on-site learning experience; we are proud of the summer learning effort and grateful to administration, teachers, and staff for making that happen; we are the poster child for summer learning and being recognized for our efforts;
- Ogden School District has seen an increase in its ACT results of over a point on the composite score, and Ogden High School has increased 2 points on the English subsection;
- We are seeing increases in our graduation rates as well.

5. Consent Calendar

Board members have reviewed board materials, including items listed on the Consent Calendar. The board agreed to move Increasing Student Achievement action items 10.a., 10.b., and 10.c. to the Consent Calendar.

MOTION: Susan Richards moved to approve the consent calendar as amended. Seconded by Jeremy Shinoda. The motion carried unanimously.

- a. Recommended Personnel Actions provided by the human resource director and recommended by the Superintendent were approved.
- b. Financial Reports for May 2020 were approved.
- c. Minutes for the board meetings held May 14, 2020 and June 4, 2020 were approved as written.
- d. Approval: Temporary Waiver to Purchasing Procedure for Expenditures Related to COVID-19 for FY21 was approved.
- e. Administrative Appointment: Dr. Nye introduced LaJean Elder as the new assistant principal at Ogden High School. She has most recently served at Ogden High as an administrative intern and been with the Ogden School District for eight years. She thanked the board for this opportunity and is grateful for those who have supported and mentored her.

6. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Nye gave a presentation to the board regarding the Keeping Ogden Healthy initiative for reopening schools in the fall related to COVID-19. We anticipate opening schools this fall; however, there will be risks and challenges to do so. Social distancing protocols will look different at each school, based on the physical structure of each building. Utah High School

Activities Association (UHSAA) has released guidelines regarding athletics and activities and limiting the number of people in the stands; teams are currently able to practice and hold summer camps. We will be working closely with the health department regarding any school or classroom closures related to COVID-19. Board members asked questions and Dr. Nye responded. Dr. Nye shared strategies for communicating our plans to the public through short videos on the district and school websites and social media platforms. Survey results will be shared with the board within the next week or two. The State Board of Education is considering making decisions for fall 2020 by August 1.

7. Business Administrator's Report

Mr. Woolstenhulme deferred his report to the budget hearings.

8. Board Committee Reports

a. Policy and Law Committee

Joyce Wilson reported the committee met last week and discussed thirteen policies, including recommendations for 1st Reading for the following:

- 9.4.406 Communicable Diseases regarding returning to school in the fall
- 7.1.104 Substitute Teachers - recommendation to remove policy
- 7.3.300 Legal Services - wordsmithing regarding district attorney and employees contacting directly
- 8.5.501 Freedom of Expression and Assembly - reviewed with no recommended changes
- 8.503 Controversial Issues - minor wordsmithing to align with USBE policy
- 9.200 Student Fees - to align with state policy
- 9.3.309 Electronic Devices - changes in procedure, no changes in policy

Jessica Bennington reported policies were reviewed regarding racism and communicable diseases as related to current events.

b. Student Achievement Committee

Jennifer Zundel reported the committee met and discussed the Dual Language Immersion program at TO Smith and Bonneville. The committee needs to gather additional information regarding this topic before making a recommendation to the board. 50% of students beginning in first grade stay with the program. There is concern with the number of participants that will move with T.O. Smith to the former Gramercy location.

c. Budget, Finance and Facilities Committee

Jeremy Shinoda reported the committee met and discussed the items that will be presented in the public hearing regarding the budgets.

9. Public Participation

There was no public participation for this meeting.

10. Increasing Student Achievement

a. Action Item: Augmented Reality/Virtual Reality Course at Mound Fort Junior High School

The board agreed to move this item to the Consent Calendar and was approved.

b. Action Item: Community Schools K-1 Chromebook Tablets. The board agreed to move this item to the Consent Calendar and was approved.

c. Action Item: Board Policy Revisions [1st Reading]. The board agreed to move this item to the Consent Calendar and was recommended for second reading following board input.

It was agreed to remove Board Policy 7.1.104 regarding Substitute Teachers.

11. Public Hearing: Final Legal Budget, 2019-2020

Mr. Woolstenhulme gave a report to the board regarding the Final Legal Budget for 2019-2020. New this year is Fund 61 Internal Service Fund to keep track of our self-insurance program.

There are tax levies associated with each fund. Fund 26 accounts for changes regarding Charter School revenue; these are pass-thru funds that we must show as if we received and spent them.

The summary shows the original approved budget and approved changes, as well as prior year budgets and projected new year budget for each fund. There was no public comment regarding the final legal budget for 2019-2020.

a. Action Item: Adoption - Final Legal Budget for 2019-2020

MOTION: Board member Susan Richards moved to adopt the final legal budget for 2019-2020; seconded by Nancy Blair. The motion carried unanimously.

12. Public Hearing: Proposed Budget, 2020-2021

Dr. Nye and Mr. Woolstenhulme gave a report to the board regarding the proposed budget for 2020-2021. Dr. Nye explained the proposed budget cuts of 2%, 5% and 10% from the State Board of Education. The legislature is meeting in special session to determine education funding; considerations for a 1.8% increase on the WPU. Board members may meet with Dr. Nye or Mr.

Woolstenhulme if they would like further clarification. HB 5003 1st Substitute passed to allow districts to use their capital levy for maintenance and operation expenses for the next two fiscal years. 2020 market value average is \$250k. Changes in debt service levy and ability to pay off debt sooner was discussed. Salary negotiations for 2019-2020 were finalized taking increased revenue from Business Depot Ogden (BDO) into consideration; this was a calculated risk to keep our teachers and remain competitive. There was no public comment regarding the proposed budget for 2020-2021.

a. Action Item: Adoption - Proposed Budget for 2020-2021

MOTION: Board member Nancy Blair moved to approve the original FY21 including the certified tax rate; seconded by Susan Richards. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Woolstenhulme presented additional information to the board regarding issuing \$30M in bonds in October. Voters authorized \$87M and we've issued \$30M last fall. We received \$3M in bond premium. Consideration to issue 15-year bonds instead of 20-year bonds to save money on interest and pay off the debt sooner and recommendation to consider 15-year window moving forward. In August, we'll be passing bond resolutions to issue bonds and make decisions regarding 15-year and 20-year bonds and the amount to issue. Discussion ensued regarding pros and cons for 15-year and 20-year bonds.

There may be a special board session in July. Discussion ensued regarding an executive order from Governor Herbert and school opening in the fall. Three issues under consideration for opening schools: COVID-19 and keeping students and staff safe, budget considerations, and unrest in the community due to racism. Board members were advised to stay abreast of legislative decisions regarding education. Dr. Nye announced the Juneteenth holiday on June 19 and noted that he has prepared a statement with educational leaders in Northern Utah that we strongly condemn all acts of racism and any form of discrimination while supporting peaceful protest.

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 7:54 p.m.

President

Business Administrator