

Minutes of Closed Session, Study Session and Regular Meeting

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

A Closed Session, Study Session and Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Ogden City School District was held Thursday, December 10, 2020 beginning at 5:00 PM in the Henry Barker 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 ~ absent
Jeremy Shinoda (*virtually*)
Jennifer Zundel

Staff:

Dr. Rich K. Nye, Superintendent
Zane K. Woolstenhulme, Business Administrator
Paula Bosgieter, Executive Assistant

MOTION: Motion was made by Board member Douglas B. Barker to adjourn to a recommended closed session for the discussion of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual and as a strategy session to discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property. Seconded by Jennifer Zundel and carried on the following individual vote: Don E. Belnap, aye; Joyce Wilson, aye; Douglas B. Barker, aye; Nancy Blair, aye; Jeremy Shinoda, aye; and Jennifer Zundel, aye. Susan Richards, absent.
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Closed Session

President Belnap called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m. for the discussion of the character, professional competence or physical or mental health of an individual and as a strategy session to discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property; pursuant to one or more of the provisions of Section 52-4-205(1) of the Open and Public Meetings Law.

MOTION: Motion to adjourn closed session at 5:56 p.m. This motion, made by Joyce Wilson and seconded by Nancy Blair, Passed on the following individual vote: Susan Richards: Absent, Douglas B. Barker: Yea, Don E. Belnap: Yea, Nancy Blair: Yea, Jeremy Shinoda: Yea, Joyce Wilson: Yea, Jennifer Zundel: Yea.
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Study Session

There was no study session due to the length of closed session.

Regular Meeting

President Belnap called the meeting to order at 6:05 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 ~ absent
Jeremy Shinoda (*virtually*)
Jennifer Zundel

Staff:

Dr. Rich K. Nye, Superintendent
Zane K. Woolstenhulme, Business Administrator
Paula Bosgieter, Executive Assistant
Jer Bates, Public Information Officer
Carrie Maxson, Grants/Arts
Chad Carpenter, Assistant Superintendent
Noelle Brenkman, Human Resources

1. Welcome and Acknowledgement of Visitors

2. Reverence

Presenter: Chad Carpenter, Assistant Superintendent

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Presenter: Carrie Maxson, Equity & Access

4. Celebrating Student Achievement

a. Students of the Month

Four outstanding high school students were recognized as students of the month from their respective high schools. They each received a framed certificate of achievement and Ogden School District pin.

b. Great Things Happening

i. Title I Exemplary and Schools of Excellence Recognition

Superintendent Nye recognized three schools in the Ogden School District: Odyssey, James Madison, and T.O. Smith elementary schools, for recognition as Title I exemplary schools and schools of excellence by the Utah State Board of Education. This is a wonderful affirmation as to the hard work taking place in these schools. Each school will receive a framed certificate to display in their schools.

ii. District Holiday Card Art Contest Winners

Carrie Maxson introduced four student winners of our holiday card art contest. Original artwork submitted by Jordan Edwards, Lincoln Elementary; Ambar Avril, James Madison; Denae Gallegos, Mount Ogden Jr. High; and Bailey Trejo, Ben Lomond High School, were selected. Cards are mailed across the country to colleagues and to every employee in the district.

Susan Richards joined the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

c. Superintendent's Celebration

Dr. Nye shared the following celebrations with the board:

- Art in the board room: Carrie Maxson explained the artwork is from Mount Ogden teacher Tana Park's Foundations II art class and James Madison Elementary Beverley Taylor Sorenson art teacher Rebecca Ory-Hernandez's 6th grade art class.
- Stephanie Balmer challenged her EL students to respond to the prompt "I am thankful for..." and created a book of their responses. He shared a writing from one of the students.

- d. Recognition of Outgoing School Board Members: Don E. Belnap and Jeremy Shinoda Board Vice President Joyce Wilson reported all board members, Superintendent Nye, and Business Administrator Woolstenhulme have completed all requirements for the Utah School Boards Association Master Board Award for 2020. On behalf of the Board of Education, she thanked Jeremy Shinoda for his service on the board. Mr. Shinoda expressed his thanks for the opportunity to serve on the school board. Dr. Nye presented Board President Belnap with a plaque recognizing his sixteen years of service on the board of education. President Belnap gave remarks regarding his experience on the board. Vice President Wilson also gave remarks thanking President Belnap for his service.

5. Consent Calendar

Board members have reviewed board materials, including items listed on the Consent Calendar.

MOTION: Motion to approve the Consent Calendar. This motion, made by Jennifer Zundel and seconded by Susan Richards, Passed.

Douglas B. Barker: Yea, Don E. Belnap: Yea, Nancy Blair: Yea, Susan Richards: Yea, Jeremy Shinoda: Yea, Joyce Wilson: Yea, Jennifer Zundel: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

- Recommended Personnel Actions provided by the human resource director and recommended by the superintendent were approved.
- Board Financial Reports for November 2020 were provided by the business administrator and were approved.
- Minutes for the board meeting held November 19, 2020, were approved as written.
- Approval: FY21 Superintendent Contract Amendment was approved.
- Approval: Board Policy Revisions [2nd Reading] were approved.
- Approval: LEA Specific License Approvals were approved.
- Approval: Interest-Based Bargaining Members were approved.
- Information Item: 2020-21 School Calendar Revision was approved.

6. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Nye gave a report to the board regarding the following:

- Utah High School Activities Association realignment for 2021-2023; proposed that Ben Lomond and Ogden High move to 3A, Region 13 for all sports. For football, they will be in 3A North Region. Final determinations will be made on December 17, 2020.
- Graduation rate for 2019-2020 for Ogden School District is 82% with BLHS 91%, GWHS 33%, and OHS 96%. Ogden High School has the highest graduation rate in Weber County. Our focus on graduation has made a difference and we are closing the gaps between student groups. Our students are graduating prepared for post secondary pursuits as well, by raising the standard of what it means to be a graduate.

7. **Business Administrator's Report**

Mr. Woolstenhulme will defer his report to the Audit Report.

8. **Board Committee Reports**

a. Policy and Law Committee

Chair Wilson reported the committee met and noted the committee reviewed every policy they set out to review this year. Policy was discussed regarding controversial issues, specifically regarding politics. The state is explicit on what can and cannot be taught regarding controversial issues, and the consequence when teachers do not follow policy. A new policy regarding leave and use of district resources for employees involved in employee associations has been drafted for first reading. The student field trip and activity travel policy was reviewed with no recommended changes. The committee also discussed employee wellness and will form a small task group to work on this moving forward. Board members asked questions and Dr. Nye responded.

b. Student Achievement Committee

Chair Zundel reported her committee will meet in January.

c. Budget, Finance and Facilities Committee

Audit committee met in lieu of the Budget, Finance and Facilities committee.

9. **Increasing Student Achievement**

a. Action Item: Audit Report, 2019-2020

Mr. Woolstenhulme introduced Paul Skeen from Eide Bailly to give the audit report. A clean audit opinion was issued, as well as no reported deficiencies on internal controls. State of Utah legal compliance report showed a repeat finding related to budgeting for the capital projects fund. The audit report contains an overview of highlights that have occurred in the district under the heading "Management Discussion and Analysis".

MOTION: Motion to approve the audit report as presented. This motion, made by Nancy Blair and seconded by Douglas B. Barker, Passed.

Douglas B. Barker: Yea, Don E. Belnap: Yea, Nancy Blair: Yea, Susan Richards: Yea, Jeremy Shinoda: Yea, Joyce Wilson: Yea, Jennifer Zundel: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

b. Action Item: Ogden City - Airport CRA Local Agreement

Mr. Woolstenhulme introduced Mark Johnson, CAO, Brandon Cooper, Deputy Director of Development, and Tom Christopulos, Community Development Director, from Ogden City to give a report to the board regarding a proposed Community Reinvestment Project Area. Mr. Cooper addressed the board and shared a presentation on the Airport CRA. The master plan looks at long term, mid term, and short term growth. Mr. Christopulos noted the state has contributed \$6M to seed this development project. There will also be a significant FAA investment in this project, as well as funds from the private sector. Board members asked questions and Mr. Cooper responded.

MOTION: Motion to approve the Ogden City interlocal agreement for the Airport CRA project. This motion, made by Joyce Wilson and seconded by Jennifer Zundel, Passed.

Douglas B. Barker: Yea, Don E. Belnap: Yea, Nancy Blair: Yea, Susan Richards: Yea, Jeremy Shinoda: Yea, Joyce Wilson: Yea, Jennifer Zundel: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

Mark Johnson thanked President Belnap and Jeremy Shinoda for their service on the board on behalf of the Mayor's office and Ogden City.

c. Action Item: Approval of Definition for Enhancement for At-Risk Students (EARS)

Mr. Carpenter gave a presentation to the board regarding Enhancement for At Risk Students funding and identifying an LEA definition for Enhancement for At-Risk Students (EARS).

EARS funds are used in our district for multiple purposes to support at-risk students. Board members asked questions and Mr. Carpenter responded.

MOTION: Motion to approve the Ogden School District definition of at-risk students as part of the EARS application. This motion, made by Nancy Blair and seconded by Joyce Wilson, Passed.

Douglas B. Barker: Yea, Don E. Belnap: Yea, Nancy Blair: Yea, Susan Richards: Yea, Jeremy Shinoda: Yea, Joyce Wilson: Yea, Jennifer Zundel: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

d. Action Item: Board Policy Revisions [1st Reading]

Noelle Brenkman, Human Resource assistant director, gave a report to the board regarding policy revisions for first reading. Policy 7.801 (new) regarding Association Leave and Resources has been drafted to define when leave and resources may be used and the procedures associated with the policy. Policy 9.2.202 Student Field Trip and Activity Travel was reviewed and no revisions were recommended.

MOTION: Motion to approve board policy revisions for first reading. This motion, made by Douglas B. Barker and seconded by Jennifer Zundel, Passed.

Douglas B. Barker: Yea, Don E. Belnap: Yea, Nancy Blair: Yea, Susan Richards: Yea, Jeremy Shinoda: Yea, Joyce Wilson: Yea, Jennifer Zundel: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

e. Action Item: 2021-2022 School Calendar Proposal

Ms. Brenkman gave a report to the board regarding proposals for the 2021-2022 school calendar. The committee recommends Option 2 with a two-week winter break and one week spring break, beginning August 20, 2021. Stakeholder survey was conducted in 2019. Board members asked questions and Ms Brenkman responded.

MOTION: Motion to approve option 2 of the 2021-2022 school calendar. This motion, made by Jennifer Zundel and seconded by Susan Richards, Passed.

Douglas B. Barker: Yea, Don E. Belnap: Yea, Nancy Blair: Yea, Susan Richards: Yea, Jeremy Shinoda: Yea, Joyce Wilson: Yea, Jennifer Zundel: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

Adjourn

President Belnap adjourned the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

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

President

Business Administrator