

## **April 15, 2021 - Wasatch County School District Board of Education Meeting (Thursday, April 15, 2021)**

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### **A. Study Session - 5:00pm**

#### **Board Members Present**

Cory Holmes, Tom Hansen, Tyler Bluth, Kimberly Dickerson  
Superintendent Paul Sweat

Excuse Board Member Marianne B. Allen and Business Administrator Keith Johansen

Welcome by President Hansen

Superintendent Sweat, Welcome to Randall Probst, with Wasatch Health Department who is retiring this summer. Jonelle Fitzgerald will be replacing Randall. The district is looking forward to working with Jonelle.  
My gratitude to Randall. We are so grateful for his wisdom and dedication to the community. The school district owes you a debt of gratitude. Welcome Jonelle, we think that you are the right choice in the appointment. We know that you will support and help us, as we will you.

#### ***Discussion, Information: 1. School-Based Tele-health Clinics, Aubreigh Parks***

Guests to present:

Si Hutt - Heber Valley Intermountain Health Administrator  
Kerry Palakanis, Executive Director of Connect Cares  
Amy Tuddenham, Marketing and Communications Directors

Aubreigh Parks - School-Based Tele-health Clinic, which was discuss a bit at the school board retreat. This is not a requirement for students - it is opt-in waiver participation.

The clinic would decrease student absence rates, provide equity of access to medical care for all students, increase student wellness, decrease demand and spending on unnecessary insta-care and ER visits for families.

Waiver to be signed at registration. A predetermined list of visit-eligible complaints from ConnectCare & Health Services that students could be seen for in the schools. Approved medications and equipment will be housed at schools Nurses will be assigned to school locations.

A child would come to the office with a complaint, a call would be made to a parent who we would ask if they would like to authorize and initiate a ConnectCare or Tele-Health visit. Parents are given the option to participate. Provider would help guide the nurse with the complaint, treatment if necessary. Some reasons kids might come to the office; Headache, Sore Throat, Ear Pain (etc). These kids generally go home rather than being treated. With the opt-program, students could stay in school once the tele-health visit was completed, with parent consent, and the provider walked the student, nurse and family through the prescriptive service or treatment.

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Kerry Palikanis - Connect Care is considered a virtual urgent care center. Nearly all insurance in this area is covered. We are able to use funds that could be shared to support schools and communities. This is not intended to be an Intermountain Health program only, we will partner with other local providers. There will be support from myself and other virtual nurses, as needed. The ideal is that the student doesn't have to leave the school unless it is determined that it is the best thing for the student. Ideal future state is that we would work with specialists who would help chronically sick students who would need that support. It is eligible for both staff and students in WCSD.

Connect Care offers an infrastructure and medical network. Non-intermountain providers were supportive and excited about the program.

Si Hutt - Tele visits were implemented during COVID, this would be no different, for a student to access their provider.

Superintendent Sweat - We have taken some time with this. We have done a lot of vetting before bringing a program like this to the school board. This is still an exploratory program. We have met a few times to vet the program. Our attorney has reviewed the procurement process for approval. Randall Probst has sat in of meetings as well.

Randall Probst - This is a great step to facilitate opportunities for families that they haven't had. Because of COVID we have some resources and have seen other ways of helping our community.

Superintendent Sweat - State procurement laws have been reviewed as we have discussed this program. There is no legal ramifications in joining in this partnership. There is no exchange of money. Our local providers and IHC will partner together with

the school district to appropriately support our students.

Aubreigh Parks - Other states provide students with a health-based site in schools. My goal for the district is 100% attendance and keeping kids healthy and in school - which will help them be more successful. Carrie has been really helpful in working through the logistics and details. The clia waiver allows us to do the point of contact testing.

Kerry Palinkanis- I started a Tele-Health in Maryland. We have learned a lot from other school-based programs. Devices are very expensive to implement the program, we will be able to support the district with the devices. The main advantage is that we will have school nurses in the schools every day, supporting students. Davis County and Provo have also committed to this program. The schools get to determine how the program will run. Aubreigh has created a revolutionary model, compared to other programs that I am aware of. The more we can do onsite the easier it is to include access to care. This is not typical for a community.

Aubreigh Parks- Up to 60% decrease in absences due to illness in schools. A lot of students get sent home for reasons they don't need to be to go home. We will be able to assist primary care providers to gain access to their patients to provide care. Some students don't have any access to care. Three of our five schools are Title I, many of those students do not have access to care. This platform may be a good option for sports physicals and will be discussed more. As presented, there is no additional cost to the district, other than providing space. We have increased our nursing staff to help with COVID.

Shawn Kelly - We can also use COVID relief money to help with some initial costs.

Kerry Palinkanis- If they don't have insurance Connect Care will cover that, through a community benefit fund. Connect Care will take the responsibility of the billing with the provider, not the school district. No student will be turned away. Connect care does not charge if there is not care rendered. We can tailor the community program to serve the community. It is best for families to stay with their provider, this will just allow an additional option for families to access them.

Gerrick Peterson, Academic Director - On our framework, Health is one of the 6 factors that keep kids in school. From an academic standpoint, this program will help our students stay in the classroom. This is a big deal for attendance.

Aubreigh Parks - At this time we will not support athletic training. Standing orders can be supported without a tele-health call to a provider.

Amy Tuddenham - As a parent, there has been a huge issue of same-day access to families. If we focus on the partnership and increase access for healthcare to families. Usually, providers are 3-4 days out. A tele-health is access that will benefit the community and families. We could work with the district to do a comprehensive messaging campaign to share out this program for the community.

Superintendent Sweat - We would like to have Aubreigh come back to the board and report back on how the program is working.

Aubreigh Parks - The timeline is to begin a pilot program in summer school starting in June. August the program will start in the Title I school and WHS - Alternative school. In January 2022 we will have the program in all campus locations.

### ***Discussion, Information: 2. Round Table Discussion***

Jason Watt - We are starting Wasatch Home Building program at WHS. We are proposing that we purchase a lot, build a home then sell the home to a teacher. There is a lot at Hamlett Homes that will need board approval. We think this will provide an experience for our students and provide a home to a teacher. By next board meeting I intend to have an action item with additional details.

Kimberly Dickerson - This is an amazing program. I am so excited for the students and that it will be a teacher home.

Jason Watt - We will do this project every year through the CAPS program. Doug Kinsman will be the teacher who will support the build. It is going to be a strong program that will continue to grow.

### ***Discussion, Information: Vaccination Update***

Randall Probst - In order for 16-17 year olds they have to receive Phizer. We recently received word that next week, Salt Lake and Davis are going to split a Phizer tray and provide doses to Wasatch that are earmarked for 16-17 year olds. We believe that we can work together with WCSD to provide that option to families. The advantage to next week is that the second dose would be the week before graduation. We have access to 600 doses available next week. There are approx 1000, 16 and 17-year-olds. We hope to hit 50% vaccination with a consent form for students to get the vaccination. Approximately, 100 students have already had one dose. We need to notify students and parents as soon as tomorrow so that we can schedule by Wednesday.

Aubreigh Parks - We do send out notification for other vaccinations. This notification would include a consent form for families.

Amy Tuddenham - Tomorrow Intermountain Health is hosting a live session with physicians that can answer questions for parents about the vaccinations.

Randall Probst - We want to offer to Wasatch County families rather than open it up to others.

**B. Board of Education Meeting 6:30pm**

**C. Call To Order**

**Procedural: 1. Roll Call of Members**

Board Members Present

Cory Holmes, Tom Hansen, Tyler Bluth, Kimberly Dickerson  
Superintendent Paul Sweat

Excuse Board Member Marianne B. Allen and Business Administrator Keith Johansen

**Procedural: 2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**D. Community Comment - <https://bit.ly/3wAFquF>**

*Discussion, Information:* 1. Public comments will be accepted for approximately twenty (20) minutes. Each speaker will be allowed a maximum of two (2) minutes. LINK-<https://bit.ly/3wAFquF>  
No Comments

**E. Celebrations/Information**

*Information:* 1. Creating our Mental Wellness Events - Trudy Brereton, Wasatch Behavioral Health

Our real goal is to educate our community about mental health.

The state legislature allocated some funds for a local campaign called Live On. WHS, TMS and RMMS have partnered with the health department to support the Live On campaign. Students were asked to participate in a press conference, they did a great job! The messaging is specific to reaching out to students in secondary schools on suicide prevention.

The Caring Coalition Committee is supporting a Mental Wellness virtual event including guests speaking to mental health and behavior.

Jennifer Roskelly, WHS Counselor - We have seen a rise of mental health concerns, specifically around the pandemic. We are partnering with this campaign and some specific programs locally addressing mental health. Way finder program teaching students to have tools for emotional resilience. Mental Health first-aide classes for teachers, 30 educators total have been enrolled.

**Information: 3. SURGE Symposium Recognition (District Nurses) - Shawn Kelly**

Our nurses have done a phenomenal job this year, tonight they are being recognized for another celebration.

Today we started COVID testing for the Jr. Prom. The nurses are doing a fantastic job! They have a positive and supportive attitude. The nurses go above and beyond and they are doing the best that they can.

Board President Hansen - They are the type of individuals that will go above and beyond. We couldn't have done this without your support.

Kimberly Dickerson - I would like to thank you to the nurses as well. They are doing a great job and we appreciate them.

Tonight we are being recognized for our testing services. With athletes, families and students we were leading the state on how we have managed the process. The work that the nurses and health department have accomplished are second to none.

Aubreigh Parks - The nurses staff is a phenomenal team. We were invited to apply by a professor at the University of Utah, we wrote an article being reviewed to be published about Opening Schools during the Pandemic, so that schools could follow our model to open. We were presenters, the only group of nurses. There were doctors, PHD's and other medical professionals. We were recognized as cutting edge and recognized. We found that 15% of cases were asymptomatic, we contributed to the data in the world. We have done a good job of maintaining the top of our licenses. The symposium was a great recognition to our nurses but also for Wasatch County School District.

Megan Grovena, Christen Pitts, Elizabeth Charles are recognized additionally.

Board President Hansen - This district has been able to provide in district education all year long. Many school districts in the nation were not able to do that. In Wasatch County, we had a few quarantines, but came back and continued to educate students in schools. The nursing staff has been leading the charge. We recognize your work.

**Information: 4. Wasatch Parents Network - Angie Neuberger**

Tonight we will recognize the Emergence Art through the Wasatch Parent Network.

Showcase 7 students:

1-5

Rainbow Ice - MacKenzie Howard

Coming Home - Millie Taylor

6 - 8

It's a Good Life - Cicily Larsen

Natural Beauty - Naomi Hansen

9-12

Spring by the Stream - Hannah Berrett

Simple Elegance - Katie Henderson

The Kids at the Park - Lily Child

The art pieces will be framed and displayed in the school board chambers.

Board President Hansen - You all earned this award and we encourage you to continue to share your talents. We are proud of you.

#### **F. Consent Items**

Action (Consent): 1. Consideration and Approval of Consent Items

Resolution: Consideration and Approval of Consent Items E 2. - E11.

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Action (Consent), Minutes: 2. Minutes -3.25.20 Board Meeting

Consideration and Approval of Consent Items E 2. - E11.

Action (Consent): 3. Separations

Consideration and Approval of Consent Items E 2. - E11.

Action (Consent): 4. New Hires

Consideration and Approval of Consent Items E 2. - E11.

Action (Consent): 5. Employee Status Changes

Consideration and Approval of Consent Items E 2. - E11.

Action (Consent): 6. Financials

Consideration and Approval of Consent Items E 2. - E11.

Action (Consent): 7. Home School

Consideration and Approval of Consent Items E 2. - E11.

Action (Consent): 8. Approval of Staff or Student Travel

Resolution: Recommendation to approve the travel requests in consent items.

Consideration and Approval of Consent Items E 2. - E11.

Motion to approve by Tyler Bluth, second by Kimberly Dickerson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cory Holmes, Tom Hansen, Tyler Bluth, Kimberly Dickerson

#### **G. Action Items**

##### ***Action: 1. Approval of Maintenance of Effort Policy, Federal government compliance requirement - Shawn Kelly***

We must maintain a Maintenance of Effort Policy for Title I compliance. Tonight we ask for approval from the board as possible. Approve policy as presented

Motion to approve by Cory Holmes, second by Tyler Bluth.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cory Holmes, Tom Hansen, Tyler Bluth, Kimberly Dickerson

##### ***Action: 2. Approval of the purchase of Kitchen Equipment for multiple school sites (Capital Projects) - Shawn Kelly***

This is an action item to approve the purchase of a new kitchen equipment for;

Dishwasher - Heber Valley Elementary School

Booster Heater - Heber Valley Elementary School

3 Stacks of Ovens - Heber Valley Elementary School (1), Wasatch High School (2)

Request to approve the bid to Restaurant and Store for \$45,975.00, \$2000 less than budgeted.

Motion to approve the bid to Restaurant and Store for \$45,975.00, for school kitchen appliances.

Motion by Tyler Bluth, second by Kimberly Dickerson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cory Holmes, Tom Hansen, Tyler Bluth, Kimberly Dickerson

**Action: 3. New Policy: Private School, Home School, and Bureau of Indian Education Student Participation in Public School Achievement Tests Policy - Brett Zabel**

Recommendation to approve in the next board meeting for public comment to allow private and homeschool population to participate, if they would like to.

Motion to approve as presented.

Motion by Tyler Bluth, second by Cory Holmes.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cory Holmes, Tom Hansen, Tyler Bluth, Kimberly Dickerson

**Action: 4. Approval of Benchmark Adelante 2 Purchase (Spanish Language Arts Curriculum) For All DLI Students - Eric Campbell**

The state chooses the curriculum for the dual immersion curriculum. They use the program Benchmark. Wasatch also uses Benchmark for English curriculum. We have an opportunity to marry the curriculum to better support our students for the target learning. We believe we will help our teachers if we can purchase the full program.

The state approached us because our teachers reached out to the state because they did not have access to all of the curriculum and the scope and sequence for both Spanish and English-speaking students. Nearly half of our students are enrolled in Dual Immersion. Having the full program will provide the students with the best resources for this curriculum and support.

This would be a one time cost of \$72,200 from Benchmark, we do not have a funding source.

Approve Benchmark Adelante 2 Purchase (Spanish Language Arts Curriculum) for All DLI Students for the price of \$72,200.00.

Motion by Tyler Bluth, second by Cory Holmes.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cory Holmes, Tom Hansen, Tyler Bluth, Kimberly Dickerson

**Action: 5. Approve Request for Proposal for Wasatch Learning Academy Curriculum - Eric Campbell**

RFP to find a provider for our students within and out of our district. We have approximately 2200 student, 1800 of our WLA students are not in WCSD boundaries. Because of the large enrollment change, we went through the RFP process again for a provider. We had three committees as we went through the selection process.

We are recommending the Harmony Education Services, who received a 9 out of 10, in the overall score of the 4 providers reviewed.

We are asking tonight that you approve for WLA Harmony Education Services for the cost of \$2500 per students.

Move to approve Harmoney Education for \$2500 per student.

For the record, this is a large contract for the district, our Wasatch Learning Academy generates income to help support the curriculum costs.

Harmony Eduaciton was used this year, they offer more products and more choices for families. It is also aligned to the Utah core. The support for students is built in the infrastructure of Harmony.

Motion by Kimberly Dickerson, second by Tyler Bluth.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cory Holmes, Tom Hansen, Tyler Bluth, Kimberly Dickerson

**H. Board Report**

**Discussion, Information: 1. Information/Updates**

Discussion on a date for the budget study session, potentially next week.

Recognize the students post supporting high school admin from the WHS student government.

Board and Superintendent will continue the listening tour, next week is Heber City and Midway Town Council.

**I. Superintendent Report**

**Discussion, Information: 1. Information/Updates**

Dates of WHS end of year events will be sent to the school board to attend.

The board should discuss to consider a representative for MTECH.

**J. Adjournment**

Action, Procedural: 1. Adjourn Meeting

Motion by Tyler Bluth, second by Kimberly Dickerson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cory Holmes, Tom Hansen, Tyler Bluth, Kimberly Dickerson

**K. Executive Session**