

Minutes of Work Session

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

A Work Session of the Board of Education of Ogden City School District was held Thursday, June 3, 2021 beginning at 5:00 PM in the Henry Barker Board Room. The following were present when the meeting convened:

Members:

Jennifer Zundel, President
Joyce Wilson, Vice President ~ *virtual*
Amber Allred
Arlene Anderson
Douglas B. Barker ~ *absent*
Nancy Blair
Susan Richards

Staff:

Dr. Rich K. Nye, Superintendent
Zane K. Woolstenhulme, Business Administrator
Paula Bosgieter, Executive Assistant ~ *virtual*
Ken Crawford, Support Services ~ *virtual*
Chad Carpenter, Assistant Superintendent
Luke Rasmussen, Director of Secondary Education

Others present: Chris Kartchner, BDK (*virtual*); Joel Wright, Kirton McConkie law firm; Rod Andreason, Kirton McConkie (*virtual*); and William Shinoff, Frantz Law Group (*virtual*).

Work Session

1. Report: Construction and BDK Project Management
Ken Crawford, Support Services, gave a report to the board regarding the Ben Lomond Health and PE facility construction project. Substantial completion date is projected for 7/9/2021. The new restrooms and concessions on the northwest side of the property will be a nice addition. Chris Kartchner from BDK gave a report to the board regarding the bond projects. East Ridge is nearing completion and teacher items have been removed from Horace Mann. Demolition will begin on the Horace Mann building once asbestos abatement is complete. Polk Elementary is ongoing with remodel in the old portion as well as new construction. T.O. Smith project is ahead of schedule and moving quickly. Mr. Kartchner also gave an update regarding the Ogden-Weber Technical College facility under consideration for lease by Ogden School District. Mr. Kartchner and Mr. Woolstenhulme responded to questions from board members.
2. Discussion: Vaping Class Action Lawsuit
Zane Woolstenhulme, Business Administrator, gave a report to the board on a class action lawsuit regarding vaping. Attorney Joel Wright with the law firm of Kirton McConkie informed the board of the details of vaping and the opportunity for the district to join the class action lawsuit. He spoke to the harmful effects of nicotine and vaping among young teens and school-age children and shared data regarding usage in Weber-Morgan counties as compared to the state of Utah. A lawsuit has been brought and over 300 school districts have joined nationwide. Rod Andreason, Kirton McConkie, addressed the board regarding the class action lawsuit and how the money, if awarded, may be used for detection, prevention, support, and education regarding vaping. William Shinoff, Franz Law Group, reported to the board regarding the class action lawsuit. There is no financial harm to the district to be involved in this case. Assistant Superintendent Chad Carpenter shared data with the board from the most recent SHARP survey, which shows data on usage of cigarettes, vaping, and other drugs. Usage in Ogden School District is well above state averages in all categories and vaping usage is steadily increasing. Luke Rasmussen, Director of Secondary Education, provided information to the board regarding vaping usage in our secondary schools. Mr. Shinoff responded to questions from board members. Dr. Nye referenced Board Policy 9.414 that allows for immediate confiscation of vaping devices and appropriate consequences to follow. Mr. Rasmussen responding to questions regarding legal action when students are found with devices. The board agreed to take action regarding this issue at the June 17 board meeting.
3. Discussion: Junction City Updates
Superintendent Nye gave a presentation to the board regarding our partnership with the Ogden-Weber Tech College and Junction City High proposal. The projected timeline for completion of this project is fall of 2023 with a ribbon-cutting event. Dr. Nye responded to questions from

board members regarding similar programs, lease of the facility, opportunities for extended day and extended year learning, internships and externships with industry partners. Mr. Woolstenhulme responded to questions regarding funding this project through lease revenue bonds. Administration will continue to gather information and develop a proposal for board review and approval at a future meeting.

4. Discussion: Budget Preview

Zane K. Woolstenhulme, Business Administrator, gave a report to the board regarding the final legal budget for 2020-21 and proposed budget for 2021-22. There are no plans for Truth in Taxation for 2021-22. Two proposals were presented to the board for consideration: to discontinue charges for curricular related fees at a cost of \$450,000, and to implement a pilot pre-school program at East Ridge and New Bridge elementary schools. using ESSER funding and/or reducing the Capital Projects Levy and increasing the Board Local Levy. Budget Hearings will be held on June 17, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

President Zundel called for a break at 7:20 p.m. to reconvene in the Work Session.

Following the break, discussion continued regarding the budget preview. Mr. Woolstenhulme shared information regarding the proposed tax rates and certified tax rates, and the process to create the annual proposed budget. Dr. Nye and Mr. Woolstenhulme responded to questions from board members. Board members were in support of proposals for consideration for discontinuing charges for curricular-related fees and a pre-school pilot program at East Ridge and New Bridge.

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

President Zundel adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

President

Business Administrator