

Wasatch County School District Board of Education Meeting (Thursday, August 19, 2021)

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A. Study Session - 4:00 P.M.

Welcome by President Tom Hansen.

Study Session Roll Call:

Tom Hansen, President

Tyler Bluth, Vice President

Kimberly Dickerson, Member

Marianne B. Allen, Member

Cory Holmes, Member

Keith Johansen, Business Administrator

Paul Sweat, Superintendent

Discussion, Information: 1. 2022-2023 School Calendar

2022 - 2023 School Calendar - Kirsta Albert

After putting the 2022-2023 calendar out for review we overwhelmingly received comments around the early Spring break. A few years ago the start date was moved to line up with terms or quarters to fall on natural breaks. There has recently been a trend for districts starting earlier in the state.

Other comments:

Later Start Date

Fall Break to Long

Spring break the first week in April rather than in March. Longer Christmas Break is liked by families

Discussion around Spring break and academics.

Superintendent Sweat- Aligning the calendar with natural breaks was very intentional for our students and academics.

Dr. Springer, our school Psychologist shared that as it relates to behavior, students need structure. School routine provides a healthy routine for families.

Tod Johnson, former principal at Wasatch High School - From an academic standpoint it makes a lot of sense to have the breaks fall at term and semester. Particularly for end-of-year testing.

This calendar makes testing take place ahead of the breaks. Gives us an additional 4-5 instructional days before testing takes place. This is an academic decision.

Board President Hansen - Recommending moving Spring Break back. One week shift from quarter one to quarter three. Its hard to schedule around sports. It doesn't work. As educators, we would rather have the spring break in 3rd term than try and move it.

Director comments -

Claire Mair- End the semester at a break, academically that makes the most sense.

Tod Johnson- some schools try to line up spring break with Easter and its really hard to pick back up again after that because the end of year is so close and a lot of the time Easter falls late in April.

Eric Campbell- testing starts the end of April so we need that week to get the kids ready again for the testing mode. Providing more teaching time.

Garrick Peterson -the more time you have to come back builds continuity before testing. Keep PD day at end of the quarter.

Most kids take the ACT at end of February to the beginning of March usually.

The further you move Spring Break in to the 4th quarter the more you interrupt testing.

Jason Watt- I think you need a few solid weeks in that 4th quarter before testing begins.

Discussion around the start date of school.

Board Member Marianne B. Allen - Is there any wiggle room in the calendar to move the start date?

Are there several drafts parents could choose from? Maybe that would be an option?

Superintendent Sweat- We are always going to have as many negative opinions as positive on whatever calendar is chosen. If the board wants to issue a survey that is an option. A lot of families are happy with the calendar but just choose not to comment.

Board President Hansen - My suggestion is that we draw up another calendar that moves the Spring Break to the first week of April, consider moving the start date. Two days PD in March. We will Table the Action item for more discussion in the next Study Session.

Discussion, Information: 2. GSBS Master Plan Process

After the bond fail, we listened to all points of view. Through the process of listening, we were asked about the Master Plan for the school district. We didn't have one. We are in a climate that will require us to continue to build schools. This Board has set out on a mission to create a Master Plan.

Through the RFP process, we interviewed two finalists, from that process the board narrowed it down to a GSBS - authorizing the district to work with them to get to a deliberate and thorough process to have outside help and resource to help us develop a Master Plan. We will be proposing tonight to enter into a contract for a master facilities plan.

We also feel like we need to engage the community, for opportunities to come to the table and communicate throughout the process, in making sure the public knows to participate in the community engagement. Wilkerson-Ferrari will assist with the Community Engagement process.

We will continue to work with Davis Demographics for development data.

Board Member Tyler Bluth- There is time on our side this time around. We are getting info out to the public and we will be able to have their input on the bond discussions.

Board Member Allen and Dickerson are both impressed with GSBS. "The community has asked for a plan, and we feel confident with them."

Discussion, Information: 3. Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Funding

Academic Director Garrick Peterson- One of the requirements of the ESSER money is after the board members review the plan a committee will be put together. Their feedback will be taken then brought back to the school board for approval.

The money that will be coming in this year will have a different emphasis than last year. It will still be used for masks, nurses and mitigation efforts. Additional a needs assessment will be completed on student achievement during COVID and where the gaps are. Our plan is to build out teachers' knowledge of grade level curriculum and strategies. Giving kids extra time and support. One of the requirements is that 20% of funds go directly to the students affected by COVID. Other money will go towards Literacy training.

ESSER III funds need to be spent by 2024, this is a 3yr plan. Final approval for the plan will be next month. The plan is due to the State by Sept 17th. There is an application that goes along with this budget, and we will get stakeholders input also. \$300,000 will be used for nurses. ESSER II money is paying for the nurses that are already on staff full time.

LETRS is a 2yr contract, we will have to revisit that part of the plan. 4-5 teacher trainings are included in these funds for the 1st year. We have to pay funds for the 2nd year of training. K-3 paid by state.

A. Board of Education Meeting - 6:30 P.M.**Meeting called to order at 6:32 PM****Members present**

Cory Holmes, Tom Hansen, Tyler Bluth, Marianne B Allen, Kimberly Dickerson

Superintendent Sweat

Business Administrator Keith Johansen

C. Community Comment -<https://bit.ly/WCSDAugBoardMtg>

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/WCSDAugBoardMtg>

No public comments.

D. Information Items

No Information Items

E. Consent Items

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

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

Action (Consent), Minutes: 2. Minutes -June 17, 2021 School Board Meeting

Action (Consent): 3. Separations

Action (Consent): 4. New Hires

Action (Consent): 5. Employee Status Changes

Action (Consent): 6. Administrative Contracts

Action (Consent): 7. Financials

Action (Consent): 8. School Choice

Action (Consent): 9. Home School Affidavits

Action (Consent): 10. Approval of Staff or Student Travel

Motion to approve consent items by Marianne B Allen, Tyler Bluth

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cory Holmes, Tom Hansen, Tyler Bluth, Marianne B Allen, Kimberly Dickerson

F. Action Items**Action: 1. Approval of Over the Counter and Emergency Medications - Aubreigh Parks**

I am here seeking approval for the new standing orders. I would like the boards support in preparation for the tele-health clinic that we are starting next month. This would provide a standing order to provide over the counter meds to the students without having to call a parent to come get a student then take the child home or bring them medicine.

Board Member Allen- How long did you say before the Tele-Health is up and running?

Nurse Parks - The first shipment of items to arrive within 2 weeks. Start with a pilot school at HVE, then title one schools and end with the rest. Hoping to get training and equipment in before starting at HVE close to Oct.

Board Member Dickerson- Just to be clear, this is for new standing orders? To administer over the counter meds?

Board Member Allen- What does POC mean?

Nurse Parks- POC. Point of Care testing. Including flu, strep tests, glucose, and urine dip tests.

Approval from the Board of Education to administer the presented over-the-counter and emergency medications and preform the directed point-of-care as needed.

Motion to approve by Kimberly Dickerson, second by Marianne B Allen.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cory Holmes, Tom Hansen, Tyler Bluth, Marianne B Allen, Kimberly Dickerson

Other Health Discussion -

Board Member Allen- I have received comments from concerned parents. Is the health dept doing contact tracing? Are nurses helping with the contact tracing from 0-1%. When does nurses get involved? at the 1%?

Nurse Parks- Yes they are responsible for contact tracing. We are helping them if the child is exposed at a school, not if any contacts outside of school. General email goes out if there is a possibility that your child was in contact with the positive case. No contact tracing. At the 1% or 15 in the schools that are less than 1500 then we have administration do contract tracing of the student with in school and extra-curricular activities.

Superintendent- Is that part of the legislation standards?

Nurse Parks- Those standards come with discussion between administration and the school board for contract tracing was for the district.

Board Member Allen- Solider Hollow has a contract with a contract tracer. Do we need to hire one so we don't get to the 1%? I want kids to stay in school.

Nurse Parks- It is a multifaceted problem, and certainly a demand on time to do all the contract tracing. It's hard on not just nursing staff but admin and all involved.

President Hansen- Based on your experience do you have any recommendation or suggestions for us as Board Members regarding contact tracing?

Nurse Parks- Not having masks or contract tracing makes things so difficult. I can have discussions with family members but get a lot of non-compliance, anger and frustration.

Board Member Allen- Maybe weekly update with board? What do things look like this week. I have received tons of phone calls from parents who are confused and not sure where to go for info. Confused with exposure guidelines and quarantine guidelines. One parent contact traced her own child and kept him home but we can't always do that. Do we need to hire a contract tracer so we can stay below the line or something we can talk about and use ESSER funds for? Also could share the price of hiring with the health dept.

Board Member Bluth- Are people asking for a contract tracer?

Nurse Parks-- I am spending 8 hrs a day doing contract tracing and I can't do my own job. I am concerned with the sustainability of where we are doing right now. Not sure on good answer for anything. A tracer would be helpful but won't solve everything, but would help alleviate my time.

Board Member Allen- Parents are so confused with all the contact tracing guidelines, but thank you for all you do. You have possible exposures but no one is making them quarantine and they don't understand. It's my understanding that if we do contract trace then we can say it's a possible exposure but if we don't contact trace then we can't.

Nurse Parks- If a student tests positive then we try and contact trace back to the students class or team.

Superintendent - As I know it. Contact tracing isn't a resource problem in the district. The real question is if the board can stand behind a decision with contract tracing to go back to how we did it last year? Can kids stay home and wear masks in our district? You see what is going on around the state and that going to hard for the board to defend that in our community. What's the boards stand on that? We don't have lack of funds. Where do you stand philosophically as a board in moving in to this position this soon when other school districts aren't doing it?

Director Kelly- Parents do not want to quarantine kids. We are having an issue with parents and students being compliant.

Nurse Parks- 2 Types of Quarantine Exposures -

Home exposure-requires staying at home

Extracurricular exposure-does not require student to stay but to wear a mask and social distance while they are in the quarantine period.

Board Member Allen- The recommended options include staying in school with a mask, if it is a at school exposure.

Superintendent Sweat- Of the current 18 cases in the district, only one has been a school exposure.

Board Member Dickerson- I would like to request a weekly update of numbers of cases and what kind of exposure?

Director Kelly - If the board want an update every week we can do that. If the board wants us to send it to the public we can do that too. As of now we are not doing that. We have to continue to watch for updates and continue to adjust with every situation.

Superintendent Sweat- If a student is required to wear a mask is an option, does that go with what the legislation has passed? My job is to advise board the best I can. The first time that this school district this school year requires a student to wear a mask is going to be big news in this community. We have to be prepared to defend this decision to the community. Until we hit some of these thresholds that are part of the legislation its a pretty controversial topic. Aubriehg, your receiving pushback from these parents. They don't want to cooperate.

Board Member Hansen - There would be both sides presenting their cases. I'm trying to understand the current quarantine process? If everything was going to plan last year and as expected this year with parents being compliant, is contract tracing working? We are trying to do contract tracing in an environment that is hard to predict on who participates and who doesn't. Who is compliant and who isn't? Therefore its an ineffective process if we give you another head count to do all your duties, would you prioritize the duties and maybe not have them do contract tracing and do the other duties that were neglected? If you need 3 new nurses for contract tracing and that would that be the best use of time, then we would listen to you? Is contract tracing going to work with non-compliant parents and current environment we are in?

Nurse Parks- Contact tracing won't fix this problem. Contact tracing takes my whole day, just for household exposures. We need a different plan or more resources. My time in contact tracing is taking whole day all day and that just home exposures. The health dept can't do home exposures for many reasons.

50% of cases right now have come from home based tests and those types of things don't get reported. This all falls on me and I have not given my staff any of this work because they are already swamped.

Board Member Hansen - That explanation is helpful. We will continue this discussion.

Action: 2. Approval of District Early Learning Plan - Eric Campbell

To qualify for Early Learning funding of approximately \$93,000, we are required to review with the Board of Education, our goals as it relates to Literacy and Mathematics.

2021-22 is a baseline year for Math. We are using a new math assessment called Acadience, a K-3 screener.

Required to have two Grade Level Specific Goals:

1. By June 1, 2022 - WCSD will reduce the percentage of 3rd grade students scoring well-below on Acadience Reading Composite, from beginning-of-year to end-of-year by 37% by providing evidence based interventions such as the 95%, Benchmark or Wilson. Purpose is to target most needy students and provide intensive support to close the achievement gap.
2. Targets Kindergarten students, Growth Goal - By June 1, 2022 - WCSD will increase the percentage of growth making typical or better growth on Acadience Reading Pathways of Progress to 66% by providing intervention 95% Group , Benchmark advanced core instruction. The purpose of this goal is to focus on students interventions for student mastery.

Recommendation for approval of Early Learning Plan for School Year 2021-22 as presented.

Motion for approval by Tyler Bluth, second by Marianne B Allen.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cory Holmes, Tom Hansen, Tyler Bluth, Marianne B Allen, Kimberly Dickerson

Action: 3. Approval of 2022-2023 Calendar - Kirsta Albert

Tabling this action Item till further discussion.

Motion to table action item by Cory Holmes, second by Kimberly Dickerson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cory Holmes, Tom Hansen, Tyler Bluth, Marianne B Allen, Kimberly Dickerson

Action, Information: 4. Wasatch County School District Special Education Policies and Procedures Manual - Claire Mair

Over the years the state has made suggestions to LEA's for the Special Education Policies and Procedures Manual to follow the law. This year they have provided a copy of only the law, each LEA can use the template to add or reduce as needed to meet the law. The policies include how we support, find, test and help children as it relates to Special Education in our district.

Manual was provided to the School Board for review in the Board Packet.

Recommendation to approve the manual as presented.

Motion to approve by Marianne B Allen, second by Tyler Bluth.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cory Holmes, Tom Hansen, Tyler Bluth, Marianne B Allen, Kimberly Dickerson

Additional Comments:

Board Member Allen- Really appreciate Claire and all she does.

Superintendent Sweat- We love Claire and she is doing such a great job for Wasatch in her new position.

Action: 5. Retire Policy 447 - Resolution Authorizing 4th Term K-12 Grading Policy for a No Harm Approach During the Covid-19 Pandemic - Tod Johnson

The resolution was created for the pandemic. The policy held students harmless.

The policy is no longer needed students will continue to be graded based on standard practices.

Recommendation to retire policy 447.

Motion by Kimberly Dickerson, second by Tyler Bluth.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cory Holmes, Tom Hansen, Tyler Bluth, Marianne B Allen, Kimberly Dickerson

Action: 6. Approval of Secondary Health I & II Curriculum - Tod Johnson

This item is to recommend a new Secondary Health Curriculum. The textbook is endorsed by the state of Utah and meets the health standards and objectives. 7th and 9th grade teacher preferred textbook. Will come with a 6yr contract for \$49,976.74
Good Heart Wilcox textbook.

Recommendation to approve the contract to Good Heart Wilcox in the amount of \$49,976.74 for a 6-year Digital Health Curriculum

Motion to approve by Marianne B Allen, second by Tyler Bluth.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cory Holmes, Tom Hansen, Tyler Bluth, Marianne B Allen, Kimberly Dickerson

Additional Comments:

Board Member Allen- This curriculum gone through multiple committees of teacher selection.

Director Johnson - The curriculum is state approved and strongly preferred by our teachers.

Board Member Holmes - Why is the curriculum bid more expensive?

Director Johnson - The curriculum was selected as it was strongly preferred by our teachers and is a state approved curriculum.

Action: 7. Approve Renewal of OTUS Contract (Learning Management System) - Tod Johnson

OTUS is LMS that is preferred by the Elementary schools, not all of WCSD elementary schools are using the system. The system tracks standards and objectives for the students and improves learning at an individual level. OTUS and CANVAS are being used across the district.

Recommendation to approve the renewal of OTUS Learning Management System for \$28,776.00.

Motion to approve by Cory Holmes, second by Kimberly Dickerson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cory Holmes, Tom Hansen, Tyler Bluth, Marianne B Allen, Kimberly Dickerson

Additional Comments:

Has been piloted at Old Mill Elementary

Similar LMS system as Canvas for elementary students.

Action: 8. Approval of SAVVAS Renewal for Digital Curriculum: Biology, Gov't, Anatomy, MyMathLab and myPerspectives - Tod Johnson

The item is to recommend renewal for SAVVAS digital curriculum providing curriculum for high school advanced placement, concurrent enrollment, CTE courses, Biology 1060 and 1010, AP US Government.

Recommendation to approve the SAVVAS Contract Renewal for Digital Curriculum: Biology, Gov't, Anatomy, MyMathLab and myPerspectives for \$80,651.66

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cory Holmes, Tom Hansen, Tyler Bluth, Marianne B Allen, Kimberly Dickerson

Action: 9. Approve RFP Vendor for Remote Special Education Services - Tod Johnson

Recommendation to approve a SpEd remote curriculum for online students.

eLuma is a resource for our high school speech therapist working with students remotely. There is now need for services to be expanded to WLA 1300+ students to have access to a therapists. Student enrollment fluctuates so much that its hard to tell what the cost will be.

2018-19 total cost \$184,591 with eLuma

2019-20 total cost \$168,712

2020-21 total cost \$420,228

We anticipate that the cost will increase as enrollment increases.

Recommendation to approve eLuma for a Remote Special Educations Services as presented.

Motion by Tyler Bluth, second by Kimberly Dickerson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cory Holmes, Tom Hansen, Tyler Bluth, Marianne B Allen, Kimberly Dickerson

Additional Comments:

Superintednent Sweat - This is on ongoing service, there is not a fixed price because of enrollment. We are within the legal boundaries to approve this item to best support remote Special Education Services.

Action: 10. Approve RFP Vendor for World Language Spanish Digital Curriculum - Tod Johnson

Recommendation of the RFP Committe is to approve VISTA for Spanish I & II.

Wasatch High students currently VISTA using for concurrent enrollment classes.

DLI students utilize the curriculum, DLI4 and DLI Honors classes. Students also use the curriculum to prepare for the AP Spanish test and the AAPPL test. .

Teachers loved the PD, teachers want to teach from this product.

Recommendation to approve Vista curriculum for the amount of \$49,539.35

Motion to approve by Kimberly Dickerson, second by Cory Holmes.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cory Holmes, Tom Hansen, Tyler Bluth, Marianne B Allen, Kimberly Dickerson

Action: 11. Approve renewal of Temas 6-year licenses through VISTA Higher Learning - Tod Johnson

Our teachers are already using this product in DLC classes and for AP exam.

Recommendation to approve the renewal of Temas 6-year licenses through VISTA Higher Learning for \$69,216.

Motion by Marianne B Allen, second by Tyler Bluth.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cory Holmes, Tom Hansen, Tyler Bluth, Marianne B Allen, Kimberly Dickerson

Additional Comments:

Superintendent Sweat - We appreciate having Mr. Johnson at the District Office. He is doing a great job.

Action: 12. Approval of GSBS Master Plan Process - Superintendent Sweat

In 2019 WCSD bonded unsuccessfully. We are now attempting to better communicate to the public and work through our due diligence. Feedback received through communicating with the community is that we didn't have a long term master plan last time. Our school board is now preparing to publish a master facilities plan for WCSD. A 3rd party expert has been secured through an RFP process. As a company was selected, the committee has been very thorough, thoughtful, and deliberate. Many hours have been spent on these decisions. From the RFP, two finalists were selected by the committee. The finalists then presented to the committee. A final company was then selected and then the board went line by line through the proposal and decided they were comfortable with a 10yr master plan.

Motion by Marianne B. Allen - I make a motion that we approve Wasatch County School District's Master Facilities Plan with GBSB for the amount of \$225,363.00.

Motion by Marianne B Allen, second by Kimberly Dickerson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cory Holmes, Tom Hansen, Tyler Bluth, Marianne B Allen, Kimberly Dickerson

Additional Comments:

Board Member Dickerson - I am 100% confidant in this plan. I think GSBS will help us move forward with a good plan.

Board Member Allen- This is a lot of money, but this is a long plan. We are evaluating everything for our district, for a long plan, this bid is \$25,000 per year for 10 years. This is going to help us plan for a growing county. We needed a 3rd party to tell us what we have and what we could have and that what we need.

Board President Hansen - I agree. It's ranging from internal/external communication, suitability, technical assessments and project management. GBSB has been well vetted and much needed plan. Thanks for all the effort in this.

Action: 13 Approval of Daniel's Land Exchange - Superintendent Sweat

As we will recall, the district recently bought 63 acres for future schools site. North of Midway lane as you leave Heber area toward Midway. We purchased property from six different landowners to pull this site together. Mr. Bob Probst would like to retain 4.7 acres of his property. He would like to propose a trade of property that the board has in Daniels. We have kept land for this purpose. A lot of consideration and thought went in to this future 4.7 acres in Heber city. We feel like this a great trade for the district. New appraisals on both properties. Close in price, a little more in favor of school district. (125,000 to School district)

Board President Hansen -Engineer report made the difference, report came back and showed the pros of adding this to our future sight. Benefits students and teachers and our community. We weren't going to do it but after seeing report it was clear.

Motion by Tyler Bluth, second by Kimberly Dickerson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cory Holmes, Tom Hansen, Tyler Bluth, Marianne B Allen, Kimberly Dickerson

7. Board Report -

Discussion, Information: 1 Board Member Assignment Reports

Board President Hansen- getting close to cowboy poetry school district allows access to our schools for this event, a lot of work goes in to this event and please support and participate in it.

Board Member Dickerson- N/A

Board Member Holmes- N/A

Board Member Bluth- CAPS is up and going and so excited for these kids. Love seeing their projects. Great community effort and its a unique program.

Board Member Allen- meetings all summer with USBA. Legislative priority is SPED funding, it is a priority. Leadership academy coming up. Licensing in SPED is a huge priority too.

8. Superintendent Report

Discussion, Information: 1 Back to School Report

Paul- So glad to be back to school. Hosted Wasatch Back conference which was kind of an institute like PLC conference. Impressive PLC at Work right here at WHS. Close to 1000 attendees and that is fabulous. Garrick called in a few favors and got us some great speakers and we are so appreciative.

Opening day of school has been awesome satisfaction and joy to have kids back in class.

Excited for leaders in new positions. Brings life into the district. Cars to teachers with the year lease is so fun and its alot work and man hours.

Buses, custodians, top notch schools district and mostly cause of the people here. Couldn't be more pleased with the school district.

9. Adjournment