



MINUTES
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Washington County School District
121 West Tabernacle, St. George, Utah
November 15, 2021
5:15 p.m.

Present: Board Vice President Becky Dunn, Board Member David Stirland, Board Member Craig Seegmiller, Board Member LaRene Cox, Board Member Laura Hesson, Board Member Terry Hutchinson, Superintendent Larry Bergeson, Business Administrator Brent Bills, Assistant Superintendent Richard Holmes, Assistant Superintendent Nate Esplin, Human Resources Executive Director Lyle Cox, Executive Director Steve Gregoire, Executive Director Amy Mitchell, Executive Director Craig Hammer, Executive Director Cheri Stevenson, Communications Director Steven Dunham, and Technology Director Jeremy Cox.

Excused: Board President Kelly Blake

Minutes: Executive Secretary Kajsia Boyer

Reverence offered - Member Seegmiller
Welcome – Vice President Becky Dunn
Pledge of Allegiance - Member Cox

WORK SESSION

Policy 3635 Student Overnight Activities – Lyle Cox
Policy 7020 In-State Field and Activity Trips - Lyle Cox

Lyle Cox said the policies have been out for discussion and he has received a lot of discussion. Most of the changes were for clarification purposes. Under 7020, it focused on supervision and who is responsible. It includes everything but to and from school. It includes the responsibility of advisor and students. It states that students who misbehave are subject to the discipline policy. One proposed option, Option B, includes two chaperones on a bus. Option A allows one supervisor when traveling in District before 6:00 p.m. on the bus. The recommendation would be to remove the timeframe as few students ride home on the bus after local activities. Superintendent Larry Bergeson said most of the policy is the same and addresses more of the extracurricular activities. When the games are local, many of the students ride home with parents. Outside of the District, more students ride and would require two supervisors to be on the bus. In District would just need one supervisor. Most of the policy does not change. One supervisor is required when students are transported in a District SUV. Bus drivers are not to be supervising. David Stirland said placement of the supervisor on the bus is critical. Superintendent Larry Bergeson said they would need to be placed at various spots of the bus and not both in front. Becky Dunn likes the option of having two at all times. It protects the students and the adults. Lyle Cox said it was felt that the exception could be in District during the day. David Stirland said the coach would make the call for after the game in District. Lyle Cox said there are three cameras on the bus monitoring what is going on. There would still be one supervisor on the bus. The proposal is to remove the time on Option A. David Stirland said most of the incidents happen on longer trips. Lyle Cox said there is more supervision having one supervisor on the bus than when students are traveling to and from school. The cameras are infrared and can pick up everything at night. Terry Hutchinson said principals can use their best judgement if they have a large group of students riding the bus following an activity in the evening. Action on the policies

will be taken at the December meeting. Superintendent Larry Bergeson said the biggest concern is having supervision two deep on long trips.

COVID Update – Superintendent Larry Bergeson

Superintendent Larry Bergeson reported on the continues precautions with COVID. Our numbers have been a fraction of a percent. We have been able to stay in school and have kept numbers down but have had cases. We have had some concern with parents and staff. He meets regularly with Dr. Blodgett and leaders throughout the county and feels very good with where we are. None of the mandates are pressing us. The goal is to continue to keep kids in school. We have to close the gap. We are prepared to teach virtually if needed and will continue to monitor students and plan to keep student in school and staff working.

Board Member Stirland presented a motion to go into a closed session at 5:44 p.m. Board Member Cox seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

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CLOSED SESSION

Personnel and Property Items

Personnel

Legal

Board Member Hesson presented a motion to go out of closed session at 8:09 p.m. Board Member Hutchinson seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Board Vice President Becky Dunn adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m. as there was no further business to discuss.

ADJOURNMENT