

Jordan School District  
**MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
March 15, 2022

The Board of Education of Jordan School District met in study, closed, and special business sessions on Tuesday, March 15, 2022, beginning at 4:01 p.m. at JATC South (Board Conference Room), 12723 S. Park Avenue (2080 West), Riverton, Utah. The sessions were also provided electronically via YouTube.

**STUDY SESSION**

Those recognized or signed in as present:

Tracy J. Miller, Board President  
Bryce Dunford, Board First Vice President  
Marilyn Richards, Board Second Vice President  
Jen Atwood, Board Member  
Niki George, Board Member  
Darrell Robinson, Board Member  
Matt Young, Board Member  
Anthony A. Godfrey, Superintendent  
Michael Anderson, Associate Superintendent  
John Larsen, Business Administrator  
Paul Van Komen, BVKTS Law  
Cody Curtis, Administrator of Schools  
Lisa Robinson, Administrator of Schools  
Brad Sorensen, Administrator of Schools  
Scott Thomas, Administrator of Auxiliary Services  
Scott Festin, Consultant, Planning & Enrollment  
Travis Hamblin, Director, Student Services  
Caleb Olsen, Consultant, Planning & Enrollment  
Kim Lloyd, Director, Special Education  
Amanda Bollinger, Staff Assistant, Special Education  
Sandy Riesgraf, Director, Communications  
Lisa LeStarge, Administrative Assistant  
Robert Conder, AV Department  
Elma Scheid, President, Jordan Education School Professionals Association

President Miller presided and conducted. The Board of Education met in a study session to discuss the following:

**A. Calendar Committee Recommendations for 2023-24**

Caleb Olson, Consultant in Planning and Enrollment, brought two calendar recommendations for the 2023-24 school year to the Board for consideration. He noted, after initial approval by the Board, they will be sent in a community survey that will end March 27, 2022. Survey results will then be brought to the March 29 Board meeting for a final vote of approval on the preferred option.

Mr. Olson reviewed important changes and considerations for the 2023-24 calendar, namely: the conversion of three instructional days to professional days, the addition of a Health & Wellness Day, and the alignment of secondary and elementary parent conferences.

The Board thanked committee members for their hard work and agreed to moving forward with the public survey for the two calendar options.

**B. Continued Discussion on Fee Schedule for 2022-23**

Brad Sorensen, Administrator of Schools, briefly reviewed the fee schedule presentation from the last Board meeting, highlighting the approval process, forms, and notification required for all school fee

assessments. He explained the aggregate fee that the Board sets and gave a reminder of the deadline for fee schedule approval.

Cody Curtis, Administrator of Schools, noted all proposed fee schedules have been posted at [proposedfees.jordandistrict.org](http://proposedfees.jordandistrict.org) and Mr. Sorenson added that “spend plans” are kept at each school which parents can view if they have questions.

Darrell Robinson asked why parents are charged to watch their students compete and Mr. Sorenson agreed to take this question to the Region 3 Board of Managers.

Board members asked about transportation costs included in program fees and for more clarification to be included on the fees website regarding proposed increases. The Board agreed to consider lowering the general registration fee, and to further investigation of transportation costs relating to fees with the possibility of supplementing those costs this year.

**C. Discussion on Proposed Graduation Plans for the Class of 2022**

Due to time constraints, President Miller suggested discussing this item after the Public Comment session and Board members agreed to this agenda change.

**D. Procedural Safeguards and Organization of Special Education**

Superintendent Godfrey introduced the Special Education topics for discussion: understanding key principles, implementation procedures, and the culture of support of IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act). He invited Kim Lloyd, Director of Special Education, to address these topics.

Ms. Lloyd presented information about IDEA and how it relates to special education. She explained key ideas of services provided by special education, including Child Find and eligibility assessments, affirming the District is required to seek out children with disabilities and offer services.

Due to limited time, the Board opted to continue this special education discussion in the Board study session on March 29, 2022.

At 5:32 p.m., the meeting adjourned. The Board convened in a special Board meeting beginning at 6:38 p.m.

**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

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Robert Conder, AV Department

Jennifer Casady  
Clarissa Crisp  
Jacki Brunson  
Kevin Allred

President Miller presided and conducted.

**I. Opportunity for Public Comment on 2022-23 Fee Schedule**

Ms. Miller welcomed those present and stated that the purpose of the meeting is to take public comment on the student fee schedule proposed for the 2022-23 school year, preparatory to a vote by April 1 as required by State Rule R277-407-6(2)(b). She said there are many changes to the schedule this year and parents are invited to share comments tonight or at the March 29, 2022 Board meeting.

Jennifer Casady said she is concerned that there is no credit given for gate revenue to offset participation fees. She expressed frustration in the rise of fees and asked the Board to make public the individual participation fees (per program) for each school.

Clarissa Crisp, parent, said gate fees drive the cost up for students and she requested a breakdown of transportation costs for every high school and every activity. She said she will be contacting principals for this information.

Jacki Brunson, parent, expressed frustration at the percentage increase for individual sport fees. She feels revenue for each sport should be put back into that sport and she wants to see fee schedules stabilized in the future.

Kevin Allred, parent, said he would like to see better communication between schools and the community. He feels sports are important for students and fundraisers can be beneficial.

President Miller invited Mr. Larsen, business administrator, to read comments submitted to [boardcomments@jordandistrict.org](mailto:boardcomments@jordandistrict.org) from the following individuals:

Natalee Van Leeuwen  
Michelle Twilley  
Clarissa Crisp

Copies of the written comments are attached at the conclusion of these minutes (Attachment 1).

At 7:02 p.m., President Miller reported that no additional members of the public signed up to speak: therefore, the Public Comment session was concluded. She announced the Board had a general business item to approve and then would continue the study session.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**II. General Business – Consent Agenda**

**A. Motion to Approve Consent Agenda Items**

**1. Approval of 2020-21 LAND Trust Final Reports**

LAND Trust Final Reports for 2020-21 were presented to the Board of Education for approval.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Jen Atwood and seconded by Darrell Robinson to approve Consent Agenda item A1, as recommended. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

After a short break, the Board resumed the study session agenda.

**STUDY SESSION, Continued**

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President Miller presided and conducted. The Board of Education continued its study session to discuss the following:

**B. Continued Discussion on Fee Schedule for 2022-23**

The Board resumed their former discussion on the proposed fee schedule for 2022-23, expressing concern about varied participation fees for each sport.

The Board requested administration to provide them with detailed examples of participation fees from each high school for the following sports within one week: football, volleyball, and girls basketball. They will evaluate this information and discuss it further in the Board meeting on March 29, 2022.

Board member Darrell Robinson also requested further clarification about fundraising and what cannot be covered by fundraisers. Mr. Sorensen explained that according to District policy AA417, fundraisers cannot be used to pay people (salaries). However, once coaches have been paid for camps and clinics, excess funds from fundraisers can be invested in individual sports programs.

**C. Discussion on Proposed Graduation Plans for the Class of 2022**

Brad Sorensen, Administrator of Schools, brought a tentative schedule to the Board for high school graduations this year. Board members discussed which ceremonies they would be able to attend and which speaking assignments they would accept at various locations and a tentative schedule was set.

Board members asked about the decision to allow outdoor venues for graduation and expressed the need to have a good contingency plan in case of inclement weather. They agreed to discuss the possibilities for future outdoor ceremonies at a Board meeting later this summer.

**E. Report on Survey Results Regarding Naming New Elementary School in Herriman**

Darrell Robinson reported the survey to name the new elementary resulted in two top names: Sunset Peak and Silver Sky. Marilyn Richards researched the history of the property and discovered it was

formerly Oak Leaf Farm, so Oak Leaf was added as a viable choice. After a second survey, and consultation with Board members and the new school administration, it was proposed to name the new school Oak Leaf Elementary.

President Miller called for a motion to approve the recommended name for the new elementary school in Herriman.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Darrell Robinson and seconded by Bryce Dunford to approve the name of Oak Leaf Elementary for the new school in Herriman. The motion passed unanimously.

**F. Discussion on New Administrative Policy DP381 *Employee Code of Ethics***

Marilyn Richards, Finance Committee Chair, said recommended changes from the last Board meeting had been added to this policy and asked for Board input.

President Miller expressed concern about cash awards given to “Outstanding Educators” by the Jordan Education Foundation possibly conflicting with policy provisions. It was determined to change the wording of item II.3.a.(12) to clarify the award issue.

It was decided a revised policy will be brought to the next Board study session and added to the general session agenda for a vote of approval on March 29, 2022.

**G. Discussion of Schools with Growing Enrollment**

Bryce Dunford, Facilities Committee chair, thanked Travis Hamblin and Scott Festin for their work and noted they had previously presented a list to the Board of ten “schools to watch”. The committee determined to focus on the highest priority school: Ridge View Elementary.

Matt Young presented information showing the projected enrollment for this school and growth concerns for the area. They suggested utilizing a portion of the existing middle school site adjacent to Mountain Ridge High to build a flexible overflow building which could house upper grades from Ridge View Elementary.

Mr. Young specified the school would not be built until 2024 and proposed further discussion on items such as short-term boundary options, design, funding, and a timeline. He explained the next steps to move forward with this plan and asked Dr. Godfrey to comment.

Superintendent Godfrey said he was enthusiastic about trying this option and felt it was an “elegant” solution for the growth problem in this area.

President Miller called for a motion to approve the recommendation from the facilities group to help resolve growth issues at Ridge View Elementary.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Marilyn Richards and seconded by Niki George to approve the recommendation from the Board Facilities Committee and to move forward immediately with the next steps in planning for the flexible overflow building in the Herriman area.

Mr. Dunford clarified that a dissenting vote does not imply dissatisfaction with the proposal, only hesitancy in moving forward immediately. The motion failed with a four to three vote as follows:

Darrell Robinson	No
Niki George	Yes
Jen Atwood	No
Marilyn Richards	Yes
Tracy Miller	No

Bryce Dunford	Yes
Matt Young	No

Mr. Young thanked the Planning and Enrollment team for their hard work and the Board agreed to further discussion in the study session on March 29, 2022.

**H. Update from School Closure Policy Committee**

President Miller explained a draft of the new School Closure Policy was included on BoardDocs and asked Board members for feedback. She pointed out the committee had given the information to Cabinet members and they were comfortable with trigger point numbers.

Board members and the Board attorney requested minor wording changes and asked that this information be given to JEAC and LEAC members as well as regional PTA members.

It was decided a revised draft will be brought to the March 29, 2022 Board study session for further review, then it will be sent to JEAC, LEAC, and regional PTA members for feedback.

**I. Review of Board Priorities on Challenges Board Members Would Like to Solve**

Bryce Dunford reminded the Board and public of the top issues the Board is working on solving:

- 1) What can we “take off the plate?”
- 2) How do we solve staff shortages?
- 3) What resources are needed to be the District we aspire to be?

Board members and Superintendent Godfrey acknowledged behavioral issues are a concern across the District and need to be addressed. They agreed to further discussion of these top priorities at the March 29, 2022 Board meeting.

**J. Board and Superintendent Reports and Comments**

Marilyn Richards, Finance Committee chair, reported ongoing discussions regarding Truth in Taxation. She said the District Communications department is working on a video with funding information and district comparisons and hopes to have this ready to preview at the next Board meeting. They discussed ways of sharing this information with the public and will bring a recommendation to the Board soon.

Bryce Dunford, Facilities Committee chair, reported that construction of Oak Leaf Elementary is progressing and the school is on schedule to open this fall. He reminded the Board that the Western Springs busing shuttle had been approved for one year, but due to slow progress, one more year of busing may be needed. This will be proposed at the March 29, 2022 Board meeting.

Tracy Miller, Government Relations committee chair, mentioned the recent legislative session has ended and announced a 6% increase to the WPU was approved as well as other increases to educational funding.

Jen Atwood said she is receiving emails about parades and asked Board members if they would like to participate this year. It was suggested that the dates be given to the Board and this item be placed on the next Board meeting agenda for further discussion.

Superintendent Godfrey indicated teachers need more professional time and training and asked the Board to change the “flexible Friday” scheduled for April 29, 2022 to a professional day. The Board agreed to this recommendation.

Dr. Godfrey said he enjoyed visiting schools to present the Jordan Education Foundation Outstanding Educator awards and would report on this at the next Board meeting. He also announced that Bryan Veazie, Principal of Copper Hills High, is Jordan District's Principal of the Year.

**MOTION:** At 10:18 p.m., it was moved by Jen Atwood and seconded by Marilyn Richards to go into closed session. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

**CLOSED SESSION**

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President Miller presided and conducted. The Board of Education met in a closed session to discuss personnel, potential litigation, and negotiations. The closed session discussion was recorded and archived.

**MOTION:** At 11:27 p.m., it was moved by Bryce Dunford and seconded by Matt Young to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

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