

**February 15, 2022 - Wasatch County School District Board of Education Meeting (Tuesday, February 15, 2022)**

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**Study Session - 5:00pm****Roll Call - Members Present**

Board President, Tom Hansen, Vice President Tyler Bluth

Board Members, Cory Holmes, Kimberly Dickerson

Virtual Attendance, Board Member Marianne B. Allen

Superintendent Paul Sweat

Business Administrator, Keith Johansen

**A. Boys Volleyball**

Superintendent Paul Sweat introduces Duke Mossman and the boys volleyball team members, staff and parents. We are so proud of the success you have had this year and we are grateful you came tonight to celebrate your success and to talk with us. You have not only been an example for our school and community but for the state of Utah on what boys volleyball should and could look like at every high school. We really appreciate the Administration at the high school for treating this team as if it were a sanctioned team. They were able to do the traditional fire truck ride and we are grateful for the support the high school has shown these boys. I have been trying as a UHSAA Board to help get this to pass as a sanctioned sport. I think this vote is heading in the right direction and our group represented the sport well. Congratulations on your state championship.

Duke Mossman- The Boys Volleyball team is so grateful for this administration and this school board for all the support we have received since day one. Last week we held out tryouts and we had 55 boys there. We are excited to see where we are headed and we think it's in the right direction. Since 2014 we have grown from 1 to 4 teams. This is the first time we have had home games in the nest. It was so exciting to see these boys play at their home campus. It makes a huge difference. This sport is expanding at a rapid pace. The criteria for sanctioning a high school sport is 30%, we are pushing 50%. In the 5 and 6A schools we don't have the support like we wish we did. We understand staffing, gym space availability, custodian help and admin supervision is the major reason why we don't have much support but we believe these things can be worked out. We are asking for the boards support and to write and email in support of this sport being sanctioned by the UHSAA. The second thing we would like to ask is that you support the resolution we have written up that lays out the argument for sanctioning boys volleyball.

Parent support and testimonials shared in support of Boys Volleyball.

President Hansen- What is the time frame for the vote to take place? Please give us a couple of weeks to talk with the board and send a letter with the approval of this resolution to the Board Rep of 5 and 6A schools. We want to make sure we do our part and show our complete support for the work Mr. Mossman has done.

Duke Mossman- The vote will take place March 24, 2022.

**B. School Data Review-Teaching and Learning**

Wasatch SD has received state scores, as compared to other districts. We are right up in the top 10 in the state. We have dropped a little in science but we will be teaching the new standards and objectives and we will gain that back pretty quickly. This is a good starting point to start making goals and such.

Director Dr. Garrick Peterson and Assessment Director Brett Zabel present the data.

Twenty schools in the state most like our schools comparison. WCSO studies the schools most like us to find what they are doing successfully and how we can learn from their practices.

Old Mill Statewide is scoring very well in ELA, 2<sup>nd</sup> to Sunrise School. Math OME is scoring 79.2%. We have seen OME data rise in the last few years. In Science, they are doing well, they are a Model PLC School. Old Mill had a large increase in Math last year.

Midway and Old Mill compare closely. In Math, Midway has a real strength. In Science they are top 5, we expect them to get to number one. They are also a model PLC school. Up until last year Midway was top of the charts in everything.

JRS is very competitive in ELA for like schools, they are a Title I school. In Math Park City is above us (McPolin School) we may be able to learn from them. JR is in the middle of the pack in Science.

Most schools in DCE's like schools are outperforming this school. They are near the bottom 3 in language arts. In Science and Math they are at the bottom. DCE is not demographically in the same group as OME or MES. DCE is no longer a Title I school.

Heber Valleys' greatest concern is Math, they are at the bottom of their classification. We are working with the school to match rigor and practices.

Wasatch Middle schools are both in the middle of all areas – ELA, MA, and SCI. Their demographics are similar. In Science, we need to make a shift in the rigor and curriculum to catch up. Recently the Teaching and Learning team and the two middle school principals visited Butler Middle School, they are very data-driven. They are very goal-oriented. The PLC focus is working extremely well. Expanding the learning community is what we call it.

Wasatch High School's UA Plus(9th and 10th) scores show that LA has some room to grow. Math practices a few years ago were a whirlwind to increase rigor, and that was the right move for us to move the needle. Science needs some improvement shifting over to the new curriculum. It was painful when the decision was made to increase the rigor of math. It was a difficult process to go through. As an institution, there was a 1.6 jump in our Math ACT scores. We are now performing with other schools and scoring in the top third.

The better we get in these core areas the more opportunities our students are going to have. We will adjust the rigor level to allow opportunities for kids at Wasatch. In Language arts we look for how much writing we are doing, it is a skill that will benefit students greatly.

Board President Hansen asks, "What are we doing to bridge the gap?"

Dr. Peterson- With math, there are so many varying levels. In High School they break apart, so struggling students that are missing the prerequisites students really struggle.

Superintendent Sweat- We are working with a state school board member to offer classes to help bridge the gap. We need some flexibility and different paths to help get those kids there. We are going to see some positive movement in our Math achievement with the rise in rigor and our PLC work.

Compared to the state, our goal is to get to number one, currently, we are 3<sup>rd</sup> at 20.8. Wasatch is very heavily focused on ACT. The ACT score is the most important for students, as they carry it with them for acceptance into colleges, universities, and scholarships. During the pandemic, I saw the board make some tough decisions. It paid off to keep our students in school and we see that students increased or maintain achievement. Our Teachers worked so hard to help keep our students on level – we did very well during the pandemic.

### **C. Discussion, Information: 3. Website Showcase - Public Relations**

Move to Board Meeting Agenda

### **A. Board of Education Meeting - 6:30 pm**

#### **Roll Call - Members Present**

Board President, Tom Hansen, Vice President Tyler Bluth

Board Members, Cory Holmes, Kimberly Dickerson

Virtual Attendance, Board Member Marianne B. Allen

Superintendent Paul Sweat

Business Administrator, Keith Johansen

#### **C. Community Comment**

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/WCSDBoEFeb152022>

Rachel Gull, Heber, UT - Students at OME and TMS

There are many positives for having a camera at schools that I didn't hear mentioned at the December board meeting so I wanted to mention a few. Cameras at Schools are a good option for transparency at a parent level. This would allow parents to see what curriculum is being used in their kid's classrooms and allow parents' voices to be heard. The greatest advantage to me is on-demand, high def video of actual in-class learning taking place, and being able to review class assignments if our students need a gentle reminder. We have amazing teachers and some may feel a little invasion of privacy with the cameras in the classrooms. Parents want to partner with teachers so I am proposing that the teachers send links to parents so we can have open communication district-wide.

No other public comments.

#### **D. Celebrations/Information**

Wasatch High School Assistant Principal Lana Wright and Teacher Kim Foy would like to celebrate the Martin Luther King Youth Leadership Award given to Judith Ruiz

We have so many awesome activities that happen at the high school and we want to have all students connected to something at our school. I met Judith when she was 9. She was in my 4th-grade class. I see her as exceptional and such a sweet girl. She was bullied and yet she chose to reach her goals and keep moving on with her desire with helping kids new to the school and helping these students with their bilingual skills. Judith is a senior and the president of the UNO club at Wasatch High School. Students are encouraged to come to play a game at the high school if they are feeling left out and in need of a friend. This club has no barriers. She is such a welcoming young lady. She has learned Japanese and she has goals to get her trilingual award in Spanish, English, and Japanese.

Judith- I want to thank everyone for the opportunity that I have had to help others. Helping others has helped me to be a better person and I would like to go after my dreams and pursue my desire to help others feel safe and included in the social setting at school. I want kids to feel

loved and not feel alone. I want them to feel included and have friends and be happy.

**Information: 1. Wasatch High School 2022-23 School Fees Revision: Public Comment**

Tod Johnson-School Fees and Revision schedule. This has to be out for review for the next two meetings. Come back for approval for the April meeting.

WHS Class Fee Changes 2022-2023

Prep ACT/AP Test fee \$25

AP Studio Art, Drawing, Jewelry, and Sculpture had an increase of \$10 to make those classes \$65 for the year.

**Information: 2. Middle School Fees Revision 2022-2023: Public Comment**

Middle School 2022-2023

added stage crew fee \$10

Graphic design fee \$10

Director Tod Johnson-Our classes can be waived if you qualify for the fee waiver that can be received from the building Principal.

Superintendent Sweat- Even if you don't qualify for the fee waiver please still talk to your Principal. The culture of our District is we would like ANY student with the desire to participate, to be able to do that. We never want to turn a student away for the inability to pay. These classes are what connects students to school and one of our district goals is to have every student connected to something whether it be a sport or a fun class they are in.

**E. Consent Items**

Action (Consent): 1. Consideration of Consent Items

Resolution: Consideration and Approval of Consent Items E 2. - E8.

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Action (Consent): 3. Employee Separations

Consideration and Approval of Consent Items E 2. - E8.

Action (Consent): 4. Employee New Hires

Consideration and Approval of Consent Items E 2. - E8.

Action (Consent): 5. Employee Status Changes

Consideration and Approval of Consent Items E 2. - E8

Action (Consent): 6. Financials

Consideration and Approval of Consent Items E 2. - E8.

Action (Consent): 7. Home School Affidavits

Consideration and Approval of Consent Items E 2. - E8.

Action (Consent): 8. Staff or Student Travel

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

Consideration and Approval of Consent Items E 2. - E8.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**F. Action Items**

**Action: 1. Capital Projects FY23 - Francis Harrison**

This is an action item to approve the capital projects list for FY23.

The budget proposal for FY 2023 is typical of what we spend every year.

Carpet coverings we try and replace at 20 yrs.

Minor repairs to concrete at all the schools.

Slurry seal at TMS and DCE. 5 year rotation.

Custodial equipment is a big one this year. With the labor shortage, we are having these days it's best to invest in equipment that makes things quicker and more efficient.

Lighting and vehicles are also listed

Fire Panel upgrade to name a few items on the list.

The proposed budget we are asking for is 1,263,500.00

Business Administrator Keith Johansen-Each item will be bid out for the best possible price. This is a proposal, not the final price. This stuff needs to get done this summer before the kids are back in the building. Francis is great with the upkeep so we don't have huge repairs in the end.

Board Member Corey Holmes-What about West campus? I don't see repairs listed for that building.

Francis Harrison- This is time for this building to be looked at in other ways as far as building structure. We will look at the report from the facilities project and then decide if we need to put this building on our list to do more significant changes.

Superintendent Sweat- GSBS is studying these older buildings to see what they propose for these buildings. GSBS has a focus on several of the older buildings and we will make plans for those schools at a later time. The schools we are building these days will last lifetimes. They are very well structured with little to no wasted space.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**Action: 2. JR Smith Carpet Replacement - Francis Harrison**

This is an action item to approve carpet replacement at JR Smith Elementary. This item has been approved as a capital project expense. JRS Carpet Replacement with Certified Sales- \$79,856.63

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**Action: 3. Heber Valley Elementary School - Fire Panel Upgrade - Francis Harrison**

This is an action item to approve a Fire Panel Upgrade at Heber Valley Elementary. This item has been approved as a capital project expense.

Fire panel upgrade-Professional Systems Technology \$45,702.54

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

Motion Carries

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

**Action: 4. Rocky Mountain Middle School - Carpet/Tile Replacement - Francis Harrison**

This is an action item to approve carpet/tile replacement at Rocky Mountain Middle School. This item has been approved as a capital project expense.

Carpet and tile replacement- Certified Sales \$163,676.55

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**Action: 5. Wasatch Education Center - Carpet Replacement - Francis Harrison**

This is an action item to approve the carpet replacement at Wasatch Education Center. This item has been approved as a capital project expense.

Wasatch Education Center carpet replacement- Certified Sales \$86,751.22

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

**Action: 6. Update Video Surveillance Policy - Shawn Kelly**

Update video surveillance policy to meet practice.

This policy will be out for public comment til the next board meeting in March. We are just updating the time frame we keep the videos from 14 to 30 days.

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

Motion Carries

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

**Action: 7. Update Commercial and Charitable/Non-Profit Building Rental Fee Schedule - Shawn Kelly**

Recommendation to approve changes as presented.

Update commercial and charitable non profit building rental fee schedule. We are finding our fields are way underpriced. We have a lot of out of state teams that come here for various tournaments and they want to rent our fields because this is a nice area and our prices are so much cheaper than other places. Our staff works hard to keep our fields looking amazing for our local teams and we want to keep it that way. We will still allow our WHS club teams to use the fields at no charge. They would however pay for hard costs such as custodians, toilet paper, etc. We want to have the control over the prices that we are charging for tournaments.

Recommendation to approve this tonight and Jason Watt will come back in March for an update if needed.

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

**Action: 8. Newline Interactive Display Panels - Brett Zabel**

Approve the purchase of Newline interactive panels from Pine Cove Consulting for \$38,199.87.

Right now we are using projectors and sometimes hard to see in classrooms.

What we would like to present is actually a wireless board that kids can use interactively. It has been piloted at DCE for the last few months and the teachers and students are really loving them.

Pine Cove Consulting for 11 boards-\$38,199.87

84" panels Interactive Display Panels

This would be replacing the projectors that we are using now. The cost would be close or a little below what we are spending now.

This purchase would be putting these panels in every school and would come from the Technology replacement budget.

Motion to approve 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. Lexia PowerUp Literacy Student Licenses & Software for Secondary Schools - Tod Johnson**

Approve Lexia PowerUp Literacy Student Licenses & Software for Secondary Schools for \$23,750.00

As we try to follow the PLC process on what we can do for below grade level readers. Our focus on T3 intervention is very important to this group of reading teachers. This software is designed to help our struggling readers, They explored 3 different softwares and determined that Lexia is the one they prefer.

The proposal tonight is for \$23,750.00 for a one year contract. Lexia is least expensive and very applicable.

We are using ESSER funds to pay for this and it will catch kids up to where they need to be.

Board Members-This is a great use of these funds and the board is very supportive of this action.

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

**G. Board Report**

Discussion, Information: 1. Information

President Tom Hansen makes the recommendation to pass the resolution in support for boys volleyball to become an official high school sport in Wasatch County School District.

Resolution Read -

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Wasatch County Board of Education fully supports the sanctioning of Boys Volleyball as an official high school sport in Utah by the Utah High School Activities Association (UHSAA); **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Wasatch County Board of Education strongly encourages the UHSAA Board of Trustees to do what's right for kids by voting in favor of sanctioning Boys Volleyball as an official high school sport in Utah to provide equal opportunities for both boys and girls to play volleyball and represent their high schools.

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

**H. Superintendent Report**

Kirsta Albert will show us all the work that has gone in to the website up until now. Last August we started the website and it got pushed to the side a little with the future schools project.

Our timeline is as follows-

Aug 2021- begin the process of designing the website

Sept/Oct-Future Schools Project Website development. District site buildout

Dec/Jan 2022-Transition from existing to new sites

Feb-status updates to WCSD to Board of Education

March- meet with each school to determine which content to remove and to keep and add. Training for the designated Website personal so they can quickly and efficiently update their web pages.

April- launch new sites in conjunction with new transit and food services. There is a new tool for our nutrition page for our website too.

August-all content housed by previous web host will no longer available

Our new website will be sleek, simple and very user friendly.

Board members so excited for this new website.

## **Discussion, Information: 1. Information**

### **I. Adjournment**

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

## **Action, Procedural: 1. Adjourn Meeting**

### **J. Executive Session**