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Jordan School District

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Associate Superintendent Dr. Michael Anderson gave a brief history and recapped previous Board discussion about the need for potential boundary changes to address pocket busing issues. He invited Travis Hamblin and Scott Festin from Student Services to give a recommendation for potential boundary changes.

Mr. Festin said the areas examined included West Hills Middle School, West Jordan Middle School, Joel P. Jensen Middle School, and Elk Ridge Middle School. The department recommended moving pocket busing areas to Sunset Ridge Middle School and Copper Hills High School beginning in 2024-25. He reported there were only five middle school students in this area and three high school students. Principals of those pocket-bused students have contacted them and the majority expressed desire to attend the recommended schools. After discussion, the Board members asked staff to proceed with the boundary change process as recommended.

As boundaries are affected, Dr. Anderson explained the legal requirement to notify patrons in the affected areas. It was decided that notification will go out to households within the areas of the following schools: Sunset Ridge Middle School, Joel P. Jensen Middle School, West Jordan High School, and Copper Hills High School as well as to municipalities. Dr. Anderson said he will inform Board members when notification is sent and share the link to the District website with boundary information.

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Dr. Godfrey mentioned that reserving graduation venues has been difficult. He proposed adding another graduation day to the District calendar, May 29, 2024 in addition to May 30, 2024, for graduation ceremonies to help alleviate this issue. Dr. Godfrey reassured Board members that the change would not affect graduation requirements or the District budget.

Board members agreed with adding another graduation date for 2023-24 and the superintendent said he will get the information out quickly and work with venues to get the best prices.

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Darrell Robinson invited Scott Thomas, administrator of Auxiliary Services, to report on busing issues in the Herriman area.

<u>Bidders</u>	<u>Amount of Bid</u>
Amplify Education (CKLA K-5 & Amplify ELA Grade 6)	Total amount of recommended expenditure: \$5,695,451.02
Great Minds PBC (Wit & Wisdom with Geodes Grades K-6)	
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing (HMH Into Reading with Amira Grades K-6)	
Imagine Learning (EL Education Grades K-6)	
McGraw Hill (Wonders Grades K-5 and my Perspectives Grade 6)	
Savvas Learning Company (myView Literacy Grades K-5 and myPerspectives Grade 6)	

Purpose: To provide English Language Arts curriculum for grades K - 6

Budget: ESSER Funds and FY24 Budget Request

Recommendation: It was recommended awarding the bid to Great Minds PBC. The RFP evaluation committee made the recommendation based on the results of an extensive evaluation process and final ratings of the proposals. This is a five (5) year contract.

Heather Hardle said she feels like the Board placates the public. She expressed concern about the Wit and Wisdom program and said it is affiliated with critical race theory (CRT). She is worried about the content of the program.

Ann Lobos, a teacher and parent, attended an open house for the curriculum and said she was impressed that: 1) the books are more in depth than current language arts books, 2) the books contain diversity, and 3) the curriculum includes social studies topics. She likes the Walk-to-Read program and thinks this will be a good addition.

Corrie Chase wants to inspire kids with a love of reading. Her child has dyslexia and she said the science of reading has helped this child. She said teachers shouldn't teach "what", but "how" to think.

Christy Olsen, an AP history teacher, said she feels books in this program are "spinning" historical events. She feels history should be honest and tell both sides of the story.

Shawn Mathis was concerned that the majority of people who came to the curriculum open houses were teachers, not parents. He opposes the Wit and Wisdom program and said there is no such thing as the "science" of reading.

Megan Francis said Wit and Wisdom was produced in Washington during the pandemic and has not been

Mr. Barnett asked for more clarity on the process as well as the product in the bid. Mr. Dunford amended the substitute motion as follows:

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Those recognized or signed in as present:

Tracy J. Miller, Board President
Niki George, Board First Vice President
Darrell Robinson, Board Second Vice President
Brian W. Barnett, Board Member
Lisa Dean, Board Member
Bryce Dunford, Board Member
Marilyn Richards, Board Member
Anthony A. Godfrey, Superintendent
John Larsen, Business Administrator, excused
Michael Anderson, Associate Superintendent

alternates. She said Sandy Riesgraf, Jordan Communications Director, and Dr. Godfrey will be presenting at the event.

Ms. Miller announced that the Bluffdale parade will be held Saturday, August 12 and she asked if Board members wanted to participate. They agreed to walk the parade and Dr. Godfrey said he would take care of treats to be handed out.

Superintendent Godfrey stated that a