

Jordan School District
MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
October 17, 2023

The Board of Education of Jordan School District met in study, general, and closed sessions on Tuesday, October 17, 2023, beginning at 4:03 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
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, arrived at 4:55 p.m.
Marilyn Richards, Board Member
Anthony A. Godfrey, Superintendent
John Larsen, Business Administrator
Michael Anderson, Associate Superintendent, excused
Paul Van Komen, BVKTS Law
Carolyn Gough, Administrator of Teaching & Learning
Sandy Riesgraf, Director, Communications, arrived at 4:17 p.m.
Michelle Lovell, Consultant, Elementary Language Arts
Mandy Thurman, Consultant, Elementary Language Arts
Lisa LeStarge, Administrative Assistant
Robert Conder, AV Department
Janet Sanders, President, Jordan Education Association
Sam Gibbs, Director, Salt Lake Academy
Tim Dawson, Principal, Salt Lake Academy
Becky Hogan, Principal, Salt Lake Academy
Nicholas Bartlett, Athletic Director, Salt Lake Academy

Mr. Gibbs said enrollment increased from 376 last year to 414 this year and he is grateful for the Academy's administrators which he said were a "powerhouse team."

Ms. Hogan said they are recruiting more female students by featuring female athlete speakers, increasing female sports options, and promoting the return of the female professional soccer team, the Utah Royals. Mr. Gibbs discussed the flexibility of the class schedule which allows for students to participate in sporting events without sacrificing schoolwork and he said the school is working on providing additional academic opportunities for students.

B. Early Intervention Reading Software Program for Grades K-3

Carolyn Gough, Administrator of Teaching and Learning, explained that the USBE has been working on the need for early literacy software for kindergarten through third grade to be used for intervention and extension. The legislature recently moved funds from the state to local educational agencies, thus leaving the program decision to the District.

Ms. Gough said the Literacy Committee recommends four software programs which were ranked by criteria and cost. She explained that each school can choose one program to use and can pay an extra cost if they want to expand the program to upper grades.

It was decided that administration will share a link regarding software program options with Board members and via email to all kindergarten through third grade parents. Public comment will be taken at the November 14, 2023 and November 28, 2023 Board meetings, with a subsequent vote on November 28 during the business meeting.

C. Review of Administrative Policy DP380 *Maternity/Parent Leave*

Dr. Godfrey shared a draft of Policy DP380 noting the most recent change prohibits resigning employees for the current year from being eligible for maternity/parent leave. He said the policy has been very helpful to employees and President Miller said Jordan was the first district in the State to have a maternity leave policy.

President Miller said the revised policy will be brought back for a vote on November 28, 2023.

D. Discussion of Administrative Policy AA440 *Library Media Selection and Review*

Darrell Robinson said the ad hoc committee, consisting of Lisa Dean, Niki George, Dr. Anderson, Carolyn Gough, and himself, reviewed the policy and they requested

Superintendent's Recognitions

Dr. Godfrey recognized Jordan s Nutrition Service workers who provide nutritious meals to students and staff in District schools every day. He thanked them for their tireless efforts during the Covid pandemic and the lasting impact they make.

I. Public Comments

A. Comments by Elected Officials

Mayor Dirk Burton of West Jordan City said Copper Hills High School did a great job celebrating their school in the Board meeting and he is grateful they are part of the West Jordan community. He is grateful to work with Board members and thanked them for their donation of property to West Jordan City.

B. Patron Comments Regarding Non-Agenda Items

Wyatt Frampton, Vet Tech teacher at JATC North, expressed frustration over having his dog Riley banned from his classroom. He said she has served as a teaching tool, calming presence, and occasionally a therapy animal.

Belinda Gambrino, a librarian at Hidden Valley Middle School, spoke in support of school libraries. She takes her role as a librarian very seriously and is careful in her book selection process.

Paula Butterfield, a librarian at Oquirrh Hills Middle School, said she works hard to provide great activities in the library. She said each library serves a different demographic and feels librarians !

Lisa Dean said that although the minutes from the September 26, 2023 Board meeting accurately reflected what was said, she mis-spoke in that meeting about the date of the employee open house hosted by the Jordan Ethnic Advisory Committee. She clarified that this event will be held Wednesday, November 15, 2023.

<u>Bidders</u>	<u>Amount of Bid</u>
Creative Signs	\$171,213.00
Daktronics	

Purpose: To provide a stadium video board for Bingham High School.

Budget: Senior Class Gifts and In Lieu of Funds

Public Comment

Samantha Clements, a patron and former teacher, spoke earlier in the meeting in support of adding a DLI program to Aspen Elementary School.

Board members expressed concern about the DLI process and adding this program to a school in a high-growth area.

SUBSTITUTE

MOTION: It was moved by Darrell Robinson and seconded by Bryce Dunford to table Special Business item A regarding a survey about a possible Dual Language Immersion (DLI) Program at Aspen Elementary School. The motion succeeded with a four to three vote as follows:

Bryce Dunford	Yes
Lisa Dean	No
Marilyn Richards	No
Niki George	Yes

FOLLOW-UP
MOTION:

Marilyn Richards, Board Member
Anthony A. Godfrey, Superintendent
John Larsen, Business Administrator
Michael Anderson, Associate Superintendent, excused
Paul Van Komen, BVKTS Law
Scott Thomas, Administrator of Auxiliary Services
Lisa LeStarge, Administrative Assistant
Robert Conder, AV Department

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

D. Discussion of Administrative Policy AA440 *Library Media Selection and Review*

President Miller opened a discussion on whether or not to have a preliminary screening before a book goes to a review committee if the challenge is based on items listed in House Bill 374. The ad hoc committee will consider Board member feedback and ideas as they continue the discussion regarding Policy AA440.

MOTION: At 8:59 p.m., it was moved by Lisa Dean and seconded by Brian Barnett to go into closed session. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

CLOSED SESSION

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Lisa Dean, Board Member
Bryce Dunford, Board Member
Marilyn Richards, Board Member
Anthony A. Godfrey, Superintendent
John Larsen, Business Administrator
Michael Anderson, Associate Superintendent, excused
Paul Van Komen, BVKTS Law
Scott Thomas, Administrator of Auxiliary Services

President Miller presided and conducted. The Board of Education met in a closed session to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual; property, potential litigation, negotiations, and security measures. The closed session discussion wSfci1i1SocOO iibSdcibSS cOOS ci1SscibSecibSdcib