



**MINUTES  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Washington County School District  
121 W Tabernacle Street, St. George, Utah 84770  
May 12, 2020  
4:30 P.M.**

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Reverence offered by Member Dunn .

*Present at District Office: Board President David Stirland, Board Member Craig Seegmiller, Board Member Terry Hutchinson, Board Member Laura Hesson, Board Member Becky Dunn, Board Vice President Kelly Blake, Board Member LaRene Cox, Superintendent Larry Bergeson, Business Administrator Brent Bills, Assistant Superintendent Richard Holmes, and Cody Plumhof.*

*Participating Remotely: Executive Director Nate Esplin, Executive Director Craig Hammer, Executive Director Amy Mitchell, Executive Human Resource Director Lyle Cox, Communications Director Steven Dunham, Executive Director Cheri Stevenson, and Assistant Superintendent Rex Wilkey.*

*Minutes: Executive Secretary Kajsia Boyer*

**Board Member Cox presented a motion to go into a closed session at 2:09 p.m. Board Member Dunn seconded the motion that passed unanimously.**

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*Participating Remotely: Executive Director Nate Esplin, Executive Director Craig Hammer, Executive Director Amy Mitchell, Executive Human Resource Director Lyle Cox, Communications Director Steven Dunham, and Executive Director Cheri Stevenson. Assistant Superintendent Rex Wilkey attended the second half of the closed session.*

## **CLOSED SESSION**

### **Property and Personnel Items**

**Board Member Hesson presented a motion to go out of the closed session at 3:13 p.m. Board Member Hutchinson seconded the motion that passed unanimously.**

## **WORK SESSION**

### **School Closure Update – Larry Bergeson**

Superintendent Larry Bergeson shared an update on school closures. He said that the UHSAA continued the moratorium until Memorial Day. He said following the moratorium it is hoped that we can open the

schools for groups to rent and use. The District will be mindful of restrictions in the color level. David Stirland mentioned that emails have been sent about summer camps. Superintendent said some coaches are communicating in case they are able to hold the camps. There is no guarantee, but they are planning for it. Kelly Blake said there is a push for sports. Superintendent Larry Bergeson said that the county will not be moving to a yellow level yet as there was an uptick in cases. We are just following what we are being directed to do. He does talk with Dr. Blodgett of the Southwest Public Health Department weekly. Summer camps are currently not approved. Brent Bills said we have to be under a yellow level to allow sports, practices, camps, etc. Superintendent mentioned that if things open but still require social distancing, the university has offered the use of their stadium. He is concerned about the pressure that will come by allowing some sports, but not others. Terry Hutchinson feels that we should allow those who can to participate in their sport. Board members mentioned that coaches are not saying "if" camps are allowed on the emails. It should be included in the email message. The public Health Department is the authority on what we can do. Board members feel that if they are just giving recommendations, the District should just take them under consideration. Superintendent Larry Bergeson said in discussions with other superintendents, they don't want to start sports until other counties can participate. They have all agreed to be on the same page and not leave some feeling it is unequal or unfair. He reported on listening to a national WebEx meeting with the National Association of Superintendents. They are all dealing with the same thing we are. There is so much uncertainty. He said the schools would most likely start the year with blended learning and need to be prepared whatever level we are. Kelly Blake said there will not be a vaccine by then and indications are we will have another outbreak in the fall. Superintendent Larry Bergeson shared his COVID-19 update. Remote teaching has gone well and the LMS has been good, but not without some hiccups. The school lunches have been a good thing. Lunch workers and bus drivers have helped with the lunch service. Districtwide we have served almost 300,000 lunches. We hope to continue a similar program through the summer. The lunches are paid from state and federal funds. Superintendent Larry Bergeson said the District has been able to keep employees working. Graduation has been a real highlight locally and throughout the state. Terry Hutchinson said some parents have said they prefer this video graduation over a traditional graduation. Superintendent Larry Bergeson recognized those who have helped including Richard Holmes, Steven Dunham, Cody Plumbhof, Rob Schmidt, the principal and staff of the schools, Dixie State University and CECTV, Dixie Power, Bell Photography, and many others. We have been able to use local people to help put the videos together. Superintendent Larry Bergeson said schools have started with closure activities. Summer trainings and professional development are being evaluated based on times and dates. Principals will be responsible for social distancing the cleaning for school facilities if they open for sports. Superintendent Larry Bergeson shared considerations for next year. We are not sure what level we will be at as we start the school year. He mentioned participation in the mayor meetings twice a week, which has been helpful. The District is considering how to best handle sports, extra-curricular activities, and transportation. Group limits of students in the school could include a split schedule. The administration is having discussions on every option. Teachers will need to be prepared for blended learning in the classroom and remotely. We are planning to use some of the CARES Act money to help with summer learning and the emotional needs of students and staff in moving forward. We will do what is reasonable to do. At the beginning of the year, it will be helpful to assess students and determine where students are at before beginning instruction. The District is considering professional development to ensure an equitable and quality instruction for all students. The CARES Act funding will help the District focus on instruction and safety. We will survey staff, parents, and students to get information on what we can learn from this experience. Laura Hesson suggested looking at how volunteers will be used in the school. Lyle Cox shared that we may need to limit volunteers to begin with for safety. She also asked if there is a date to determine how we will start the year. Superintendent Larry Bergeson said the first precursor to returning to normal is getting kids back in school. We will do what we can, but also want to focus on staff and student safety. Terry Hutchinson suggested scheduling extra training days for teachers to allow them to get ready. He also suggested using funds to pay them for the extra time. Richard Holmes suggested doing away with early out days and going to a late start that would allow extra training throughout the year. Brent Bills said the District would receive \$3,900,000 from the CARES Act. In addition to the items above, money is being budgeted for device replacement and the summer lunch program. Money will also be used for professional development of teachers. Superintendent Larry Bergeson said a late start

day would help with training all year long and get everyone on the same page. Kelly Blake said many teachers were just pushing students to get to the end. We need to make sure teachers are prepared to work with students as we come back. Superintendent Larry Bergeson said we need to focus on teaching core content and new skills to students. We do want to make sure that all teachers have the same opportunity to be proficient in blended learning. Craig Seegmiller said new learning is the key thing as many students fell through this and did not have new learning. LaRene Cox said schools could also use School LAND Trust money for additional training days. Brent Bills said schools have a scale to show the cost to parents for technology that is lost or broken. Technology also has a budget for time and part to repair devices and for replacement of devices. He said the cost will be different from school to school and we want to treat them all equal. He said the District needs to make sure that all teachers have the same opportunity for training. They will charge parents but can also use CARES Act money to help pay the cost for parents who cannot pay. David Stirland said some of the Water Canyon students had struggles with the online learning. As we go forward, it will continue to be difficult for those students. Richard Holmes said there is a company that is going to help with internet service in the Hildale area. He agreed that it has been very concerning to the District.

### **Virtual Graduation Update – Richard Holmes & Craig Hammer**

Richard Holmes said he and Superintendent Bergeson were able to attend all of the graduation filming. Staff went out of their way to respond and make the graduations as nice as they could possibly be and to keep them as safe as possible. David Stirland said the administration has responded to the challenges exceptionally. He is impressed with how we have made the challenges positive. Richard Holmes said the students and parents have been great. Kelly Blake said he appreciated the schools including parents in the process. Craig Hammer said on average, there were up to about 20 students who did not participate at the high schools. In a normal year there are students who do not participate. Kelly Blake said students are starting to accept and appreciate what has been done and are moving forward. Several Board members mentioned that they loved seeing the yard signs recognizing the graduates. They feel it has turned into a positive experience.

### **School Safety – Larry Bergeson**

Superintendent Larry Bergeson said school safety is related to COVID-19. There have been no school disciplines for about 7 weeks. There is much more tolerance and appreciation for teachers. There are teachers who miss students and students who miss their teacher.

### **Water Canyon CTE Building and CT High Update– Craig Hammer**

Craig Hammer shared a brief update on the latest modifications to the CTE building at Water Canyon. He said the District is trying to stay under the allowed square footage. It should be ready for approval in the June Board Meeting.

### **OPEN DISCUSSION OF THE BOARD**

- A. Healthy Dixie Update – Craig Seegmiller
- B. USB A Update – Becky Dunn
- C. MBA Update – Laura Hesson
- D. Dixie Tech Update – Terry Hutchinson
- E. Foundation Update – David Stirland
- F. FCAOG Update – LaRene Cox
- G. Audit Committee Update – Kelly Blake

Craig Seegmiller said Healthy Dixie has been trying to meet remotely. He had nothing to report on. Becky Dunn said many of the Districts are doing surveys and are trying to determine what is working for them and how they can to improve. She appreciates that the District is trying to assess how we have done.

Laura Hesson said the MBA assignments have been emailed out.

Terry Hutchinson said Dixie Tech has been meeting remotely and is following the Governor's plan. The campus is partially open and will get students in as soon as they can. They are trying to get where they can do hands on learning.

David Stirland said Foundation has cancelled their meetings the past couple of months. Superintendent Larry Bergeson said the classroom grants were awarded remotely. There were close to 500 grants awarded.

LaRene Cox mentioned that Hildale City was awarded some money to help improve sidewalks and streets.

Kelly Blake said the Audit Committee will be meeting tomorrow.

Brent Bills said insurance utilization has stayed low. He said there is concern that with procedures are being put off and could be more expensive in the long run. Lyle Cox said the open enrollment went well.

#### **ITEMS FOR BOARD REVIEW**

- A. Enrollment
- B. Safe Schools
- C. GRAMA Requests
- D. Department Reports

*A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Washington County School District was held after due, legal, and timely notice being given to all members and interested parties. Board President David Stirland called the meeting to order and welcomed all visitors. Board members present were Craig Seegmiller Terry Hutchinson, Laura Hesson, Becky Dunn, Kelly Blake, and LaRene Cox. Staff members present were Superintendent Larry Bergeson and Business Administrator Brent Bills.*

#### **OPEN MEETING – 4:30 p.m.**

- A. Board President Welcome – President Stirland
- B. Pledge of Allegiance – Member Seegmiller
- C. Reverence – President Stirland
- D. Dixie Power Presentation – Steven Dunham

Rick Schofield, Director of Dixie Power Kite Festival, recognized Stella Iverson and Ladel Laub of Dixie Power who have helped put on and sponsor the Dixie Power Kite Festival for the past 21 years.

He expressed gratitude for what they do for Washington County School District through Kite Festival.

The kite festival was unable to be held this year, but the committee went to sponsors as it is a big help for literacy. It is important to continue the festival even though it could not be held. Many sponsors and vendors agreed to donate. Stella Iverson presented the Board a check for \$30,000 in donations from the sponsors and vendors. Stella Iverson said her grandchildren appreciate the District and teachers. Student are not learning as much and are missing their teachers. She has loved being involved in the kite festival.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING – BOND PROJECT ITEM CHANGE**

**The Washington County Board of Education will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at 4:35 p.m. to receive public comment on a proposed change to the approved 2019-2023 Bond Projects that would change the priority of the Washington Elementary playground surfacing from the 2021 school year to the 2020 school year for completion.**

No comments were given in the meeting or via Facebook.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Minutes
  - 1. April 14, 2020 Meeting of the Board of Education
  - 2. April 27, 2020 Special Meeting of the Board of Education
- B. Financial Report
- C. Personnel Items

Becky Dunn asked about the purchase of 10 new buses. Brent Bills said last year the District purchased eight new alternative fuel buses and ran them side by side to see how they compared. Four of the buses were International and four were Blue Bird. The District is still gathering information on how they run.

This year the District went three and three on the propane buses and also purchased four trip buses. We recently qualified for state grant money that will help pay for half of the cost of some of the buses. We are ordering the buses now and they should be here in about six months.

David Stirland mentioned that the approval of Personnel Items include the LEA licensure for the Dual Immersion program. Terry Hutchinson said the process was set by the legislature a year ago. We will be reviewing more of these on an ongoing basis. He said the Board discussed the security for students and the background checks these individuals go through from foreign countries to come here.

**Board Member Hutchinson presented a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items A through C. Board Member Dunn seconded the motion that passed unanimously.**

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT ON BOARD ACTION ITEMS**

No comments were given on Board Action Items.

#### **BOARD ACTION ITEMS**

**Bond Project Priority Change of the Washington Elementary Playground Surfacing from the 2021 School Year to the 2020 School Year for Completion**

**Board Member Seegmiller presented a motion to approve the Bond Project Priority Change of the Washington Elementary Playground Surfacing from the 2021 School Year to the 2020 School Year for Completion. Board Member Blake seconded the motion that passed unanimously.**

#### **2020-2021 School LAND Trust Plans**

**Board Member Hesson presented a motion to approve 2020-2021 School LAND Trust Plans with the changes as submitted. Board Member Cox seconded the motion that passed unanimously.**

#### **Policy 2500 Rights of Privacy (Testing) – Richard Holmes**

Richard Holmes said the policy blends testing and technology into one. It was reviewed by multiple departments for the needed changes. No additional comments have been received.

**Board Member Seegmiller presented a motion to approve Policy 2500 Rights of Privacy (Testing). Board Member Hesson seconded the motion that passed unanimously.**

#### **2020-2021 School Fee Spend Plans – Richard Holmes**

Richard Holmes said this is the first time we have done the spend plans. The schools were each given sample templates to work with. Mandi Peck spent a lot of pulling the information into one template to clarify and clean up the middle school and high school plans by working with the schools. The complexity of the school levels was very apparent. Brent Bills said it is complicated as it is interpreted by each teacher and what they want to do. There have been trainings, but Mandi Peck spent a lot of time making sure that fee plans don't violate the fee schedule. Becky Dunn said it is a huge project and was good to read through and see the programs offered at each of the schools. Becky Dunn said she does have questions on fundraising. She is trying to understand why there is a dollar amount associated with fundraising. Brent Bills said the state wants parents to know upfront what they are on the hook for. The state included it as a fee as parents are on the hook for the fundraising, so they wrote it into the state law as a fee. The dollars fundraised also roll into the max amount allowed per student. They want principals, teachers, and parents to understand it is part of the max aggregate. Becky Dunn understands it is rolled into the max out-of-pocket, but she is concerned that with a group fundraiser, students are not responsible for the group fundraising dollar amount. Students are required to participate, but the amount is determined by the group as a whole. We can't require a specific dollar amount for group fundraisers. Brent Bills explained that the amount spent on each student from a group fundraiser counts toward the max out of pocket for the student. Brent Bills said individual fundraisers go for a specific student fees, group fundraisers are equally divided among the students and equally count toward the max aggregate. Becky Dunn mentioned that there were some individual fundraisers included on the spend sheet. Brent Bills said they shouldn't be listed and will be changed to group fundraisers. Fundraising amounts are more for a matrix and will not be the exact amount. Richard Holmes explained that some of the fundraising is being spread over three years to have a group activity or big event every three years. Brent Bills said we can tweak the spend plans as we go. This is the first year we have been required to do this.

Principals will be looking to make sure there are not problems. David Stirland is concerned about the state mandating fundraising. Superintendent Larry Bergeson said one of the original drivers of this is the cost that keeps students from participating and schools charging more than the cost of the items. Becky Dunn also noticed under the middle schools they have state choir listed. Richard Holmes said there is some blending with 9<sup>th</sup> grade and high school. David Stirland said Washington County has led the state on setting up the fees. The administration has spent a lot of time and will be able to answer the questions. Brent Bills also mentioned that just because it is listed on a spend plan, the travel still has to be approved. Kelly Blake said this is supposed to be a catch all for parents, but this is the first year. We can make it better next year and can continue to make it better each year. Richard Holmes said we do have a template created for schools to use next year that will help. LaRene Cox asked about changes in planned expenses. Richard Holmes said we would not be able to charge to the student, but schools should have some funds available for additional expenses. Superintendent Larry Bergeson said there will be allowances to fix problems with the state audits. Brent Bills suggested that individual fundraisers be changed as part of the motion. The state will let us make changes. David Stirland said there will be changes as part of this whole process. Becky Dunn mentioned hotels were listed without meals on some of the spend sheets. She also suggested that group fundraisers may not want to be specific in listing what type of fundraiser they will do. They could list possible fundraisers they may include.

**Board Member Dunn presented a motion to approve the 2020-2021 School Fee Spend Plans conditional on changes and corrections such as removing the individual fundraisers, changing group fundraisers, and tweaks to be in compliance with the fee schedule; and the approval will include the opportunities to revise, add to or change the plans based upon need, discovery, or other challenges. Board Member Seegmiller seconded the motion that passed unanimously.**

#### **Contributory Retirement Plans – Brent Bills**

Brent Bills said there are still two employees left on the Contributory Retirement Plan. The Board must approve for the District to pay into their contributory plan.

**Board Member Hutchinson presented a motion to approve the Contributory Retirement Plans. Board Member Blake seconded the motion that passed unanimously.**

#### **Comprehensive Guidance Program – Jon Butler**

Jon Butler explained that it is time for the annual approval of the Comprehensive Guidance Program. Next year the program will have a full review. He shared a handout with the standards required. One of the requirements is approval from the Board to continue. Elementary schools have the option to have a full time counselor and most of the schools have taken advantage of that. Only a few elementary schools have not hired a full time counselor. There have been conversations with those schools to make a plan. Rex Wilkey said he feels all schools will have full time counselors before long. Jon Butler said he believes there are three schools or less.

**Board Member Hesson presented a motion to approve the Comprehensive Guidance Program. Board Member Dunn seconded the motion that passed unanimously.**

#### **2019-2020 School Improvement Plan Annual Review – Cheri Stevenson & Nate Esplin**

Nate Esplin said all of the schools have completed the annual review of their School Improvement Plan. The plan includes the TSSA money. The school Board would normally determine if the school met the requirement set by the state, but with no end of level testing that is not possible. This year the action will be to recognize that the plan was implemented and followed the Board approved framework from last summer. The TSSA money allows schools to do things they normally could not afford. Some hired counselors and other staff, some put in wellness rooms, and some used it for reading program. It gives good direction for where we want to go to help students. Next year's plan will be presented in the June board meeting.

**Board Member Hutchinson presented a motion to approve the 2019-2020 School Improvement Plan Annual Review. Board Member Cox seconded the motion that passed unanimously.**

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**Policy 1900 Professional Development – Lyle Cox**

Lyle Cox said policy includes guidance for employees to receive step credit for education. It includes coursework for endorsement. There was a flaw that did not include a provision for coursework for an additional license. New certification is just as meaningful as an endorsement and is being added. Include or both bachelors level and masters level credit.

### **Proposed Final Budget for 2019-2020 and Proposed Budget for 2020-2021 – Brent Bills**

Brent Bills reviewed the final and proposed budgets. He said for next year the District is looking at expenditures of \$394,000,000. One large increase year-over-year is with bonding. This year we bonded for \$35,000,000 in new money. We received \$39,234,000 with excess of par. Next year we will be bonding for about \$50,000,000 in new money. We are running a bulk of the large projects at the front of the bond. We run them large at the front and small at the end. It was pointed out that we will be getting the bonds cheaper and construction costs will be down and should get more bang for our buck. This year the fund ten budget revenue was \$258,661,000 with expenditures the same amount. Next year the anticipated budget will be \$263,399,000. This year we have included about \$4,000,000 in expenditures from the CARES Act money. He said we would be coming back with a new 20-21 budget for next year in June after the legislation. There will be adjustment throughout the year that may also have to be addressed with an additional budget hearing. The main changes to the budget are because of growth, an increase of 5% on property tax, an increase of expenditures for teachers, and insurance increases of 4%. Next year, he anticipates we will expend \$50,469,000 in Debt Service for bond principle and interest. The District will issue \$50,000,000 in debt. In the next couple of years, we will be paying off more than we are issuing and will bring the debt service down. The goal is to have a drop off in debt service in 2022 to minimize the amount we have to bond for in the future. Overall, the District has really good buildings. There is only one school that has starting to run into a large amount of repair costs. The building is 30 years old. We will have to look at putting it on future bonding schedules. Our total debt is \$250,000,000, which is down. We are getting it down because we've been paying more to debt than we have been issuing. We are hoping we can continue that trend and get it down before needing a new high school/middle school. In the capital budget, we spent \$51,000,000 this year and anticipate spending \$53,000,000 next year. We budget enough to cover anything that come through as sometimes construction costs come in more. The only other program is our Food Service. They have done really well and are running in the black. The fund balance went way down, and the feds said we would need to raise prices, but we have been okay and have not had to raise our prices with our fund balance. The state raised the liquor tax which has helped to offset some of the additional labor and additional packaging costs we have been putting in. Becky Dunn said we are currently charging \$2.25 for elementary student lunches and \$2.60 for secondary students. Breakfast is \$1.75 for both elementary and secondary students. Brent Bills said this year Food Service will bring in about 12.8 million dollars. The cost for food is about \$5 million dollars.

### **Policy 3350 Wellness – Karen Bess**

Karen Bess shared the proposed changes to Policy 3350 Wellness. It is recommended to include nutritional and physical wellness to the policy title as it includes all areas of wellness. The policy needed to be renewed and updated due to changes in the federal meals program. Some educational opportunity components were added with regards to nutrition, physical activity, and education. Another component is transparency and requires that there be a stakeholder committee. The food and beverages sold on the campus during the school day are also a huge component of the policy. You may remember it as the Smart Snack Rule which was implemented by Michelle Obama. Only one small change has been made to the rule that allows the service of chocolate milk. The Healthy Hunger Free Kids Act has stipulations about foods that can be sold during the school day. There is a training component and professional development is required. Section 2.2 gives definitions about the Smart Snacks Rule. The changes also include procedures regarding the Federal Meal Program for school breakfast and school lunch. Links have also been included with more specific information on the school meals program. Section 3.2 addresses special needs. Section 4.3 addresses the environment including cleanliness. It also addresses food in other areas of the school such as the auditorium. Section 3.5 address free and reduced meals and ensuring student privacy. Policy 3331 addresses unpaid meals and was not included in this policy. There is a link for more information on the summer feeding program. Section 3.6 is the nutritional education

component of the policy. Section 3.7 addresses smart snacks and includes nutritional standards for all competitive foods sold on campus during the school day. This includes vending machines, school stores, and any other venues. Vending machine owners and operators are responsible to meet the criteria for smart snacks. Terry Hutchinson questioned why control the vending machines. Brent Bills explained that we have to abide by the federal rules if we want food service in the schools. David Stirland asked who is responsible to make sure the vendors are putting the correct snacks in the schools. Brent Bills said that some of the schools own their machines and put the smart snacks in that they know will sell. Schools are not losing money if a vendor owns the machine. Karen Bess said that fundraising is covered under another policy. Any fundraisers that take place on campus must follow the Smart Snack Rule with the exception of three that are allowed to bring in other foods. Schools are only allowed to market healthy food choices. Schools are allowed to bring in celebration and reward foods as long as they are not sold. All food brought into schools should be store bought. No peanut items should be brought into the school. Karen Bess said that physical activity should not be used as a punishment. Physical activities should be encouraged such as walking and biking to school. The policy will continue to be monitored and reviewed every three years. LaRene Cox asked about breakfast in the classroom under 3.1.4. Karen Bess said it came right from the Board Rule. Becky Dunn asked about committee members. Karen Bess said it includes input comes from Community Councils. Superintendent Larry Bergeson said it could be included on a school level to communicate with them on the policy for input. Karen Bess said information is posted on the website and meal plans are given to parents. Schools can provide and communicate with parents on the subject. Laura Hesson said there are parents who want to do things during lunch, but the difference is selling it. Brent Bills said for a while only zero calorie beverages were offered during lunch, but things have been loosened. Karen Bess said she feels that it is realistic to offer other types of treats, we need to show we are making progress. Suggestions and links for smart snacks is included on the website.

## **INFORMATION**

### **What's Right in WCSD Schools**

#### **Sunset Elementary School – Julie Smith**

Julie Smith mentioned that 15 of the Sunset Elementary teachers received Foundation grants this year. She shared that the remote learning is going well. They have implemented one link for parents and students on their website. They have also done an online story time where teachers read a book to students. They have also included a section of news for parents. They have had weekly collaboration with students and parents. Faculty meetings are still being held. Paraprofessionals are helping to contact parents that need to be contacted. It has been a challenge to stay in contact with all the families. Teachers and the administrative team have been sending messages and emailing students and parents. Some families have needed help and she has been able to contact counselors for help. Teachers have been great to provide different options for learning. Google Meets has been a great face-to-face contact. Mystery guests have been able to participate. Teachers have liked the consistency of keep schedules the same. Teachers have filmed and posted daily. Teachers and paraprofessionals are doing small reading groups with students and go through the lesson together. Schoology is going well. She mentioned that to help struggling students to stay engaged, one team created “Flat Stanley” teachers. Overall the student are working hard. Parents like that students have had contact with teachers and a variety of options for students work. Special Education teachers and paraprofessionals have been able to do small groups. She feels that everyone has worked really hard to make this experience successful.

#### **Tonaquint Intermediate School – Desirae Roden**

Desirae Roden said she has learned how well staff and teachers are at going above and beyond. Some of her teachers are doing Google Hangouts with students even on weekends to find ways to connect. Teachers have done food drop-offs for some students. They have watch for their students at lunch pick-ups. They have put together hygiene kits for some of the students. She also mentioned having one place on the website for parents to go to for all information. Desirae Roden shared about the school bucket list bingo that students are participating with. Some students are working to complete all the items on the list. She has also received calls asking if students from other schools could participate. She shared that teachers have been able to get to know their students and help them on individual levels. She mentioned



that the school would start the collection of Chromebooks on Thursday. She said it has been a fun and interesting year at Tonaquint Intermediate. There have been many changes. They have an RTI program they were able to pilot this past year and will do it again next year. They are also working on a Hawks intervention program. She expressed kudos to her staff.

## **REPORTS**

### **Superintendent**

Superintendent Larry Bergeson recognized Dan Zaleski who received the Education in Teaching Award from UEA and doTERRA and Nadine Hancey who was selected as the National Distinguished Principal for the State of Utah. Superintendent Larry Bergeson shared a song about COVID done by Hayley Winslow. The teachers have been awesome and have put extra time into teaching.

### **Board**

No reports were given.

### **Association**

No reports were given.

### **PTA/PTO/Community Council**

No reports were given.

## **PUBLIC OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD – 3 minutes each**

No public comments were given.

**Board President David Stirland adjourned the meeting at 6:52 p.m. as there was no further business to discuss.**

## **ADJOURNMENT**