

MINUTES
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Washington County School District
121 West Tabernacle, St. George, Utah
June 21, 2022
4:30 p.m.

Present: Board President Kelly Blake, Board Vice President Becky Dunn, Board Member LaRene Cox, Board Member Craig Seegmiller, Board Member Laura Hesson, Board Member Terry Hutchinson, Board Member David Stirland, Superintendent Larry Bergeson, Business Administrator Brent Bills, Assistant Superintendent Richard Holmes, Assistant Superintendent Nate Esplin, Executive HR Director Lyle Cox, Executive Director Amy Mitchell, , Executive Director Cheri Stevenson, Communications Director Steven Dunham, and Technology Director Jeremy Cox. Executive Director Steve Gregoire was excused.

Minutes: Administrative Secretary Camille Ames

Reverence offered by Superintendent Larry Bergeson.

Board Member Stirland presented a motion to go into a closed session at 12:09 p.m. Board Member Cox seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

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CLOSED SESSION

Personnel, Litigation, and Security Items

Present: Board President Kelly Blake, Board Vice President Becky Dunn, Board Member LaRene Cox, Board Member Craig Seegmiller, Board Member Laura Hesson, Board Member Terry Hutchinson, Board Member David Stirland, Superintendent Larry Bergeson

Personnel Items

Board Member Stirland presented a motion to go out of the closed session at 3:55 p.m. Board Member Seegmiller seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

WORK SESSION

Comprehensive Guidance & Positive Behavior Plan - Jon Butler

Jon Butler reviewed the Mental Health Program for Service provided for Students. He touched on the Mental Health Voucher Program, Comprehensive Guidance, and Positive Behavior Plans. He mentioned working for an upcoming grant for substance abuse prevention and suicide prevention. Board Member Dunn asked about the Hope Squad which is in some of our schools and Washington County Youth Coalition.

Budget Discussion – Brent Bills

Brent Bills addressed Budget and the 2022 Tax Levy Rate.

Strategic Plan – Superintendent Larry Bergeson, Richard Holmes & Nate Esplin

The new Strategic Plan was present to the Board which includes Demographic information and Educational Targets which will be a working document.

2022 RISE Report – Dr. Brad Ferguson

Discussion Postponed

Acadience Reading - Kathy Hall

Discussion Postponed

Acadience Math - Monica Chadaz

Discussion Postponed

Security Camera Update – Nate Esplin

Discussion Postponed

C. OPEN DISCUSSION OF THE BOARD

1. Healthy Dixie Update – Craig Seegmiller

2. USBA Update – Becky Dunn

3. MBA Update – Laura Hesson

4. Dixie Tech Update – Terry Hutchinson

5. Foundation Update – David Stirland

6. FCAOG Update – LaRene Cox

7. Audit Committee Update – Kelly Blake

No reports were given.

D. ITEMS FOR BOARD REVIEW

1. Enrollment
2. Safe Schools
3. GRAMA Requests
4. 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 Kelly Blake called the meeting to order at and welcomed all visitors. Board members present were Craig Seegmiller, Laura Hesson, Becky Dunn, David Stirland, LaRene Cox, and Terry Hutchinson. Staff members present were Superintendent and Business Administrator Larry Bergeson Brent Bills.

OPEN MEETING – 4:30 p.m.

1. Reverence by Member Hutchinson
2. Welcome – Board President Kelly Blake
3. Pledge of Allegiance by Member Seegmiller

F. PUBLIC BOUNDARY HEARING

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Washington County School District is proposing an elementary boundary change between Majestic Fields and South Mesa. The proposed area to change is 4235 South, 4290 South, 380 East, and Sun Valley Circle in the city of Washington (East of Medallion Drive and South of E 4200 S). Additional boundary changes are being proposed in undeveloped areas in the Washington Fields area and near Washington Dam Road. The Washington County Board of Education will hold a Boundary Hearing on Tuesday, June 21, 2022, at 4:30 p.m. to receive public comment on the proposed boundary changes.

Maps of the proposed boundary considerations are available on the Washington County School District website <https://www.washk12.org/transportation/boundaries-and-routes> or at the District Office. Nate Esplin again reviewed the proposed changes and presented a map for the elementary boundaries. The area has had growth and development and needs to follow the roads closer to allow walking areas. A Bus distance question was asked and answered by the Board.

Michael Cook- Did not address the Board

Willard Jake Peart- Did not address the Board

Rhanda Todd- Did not address the Board

G. PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Washington County School District is conducting a public hearing to receive input from the public with respect to the adoption of the 2021-2022 Final Budget and the proposed 2022-2023 Adopted Budget.

A copy of the 2021-2022 Final Budget and the proposed 2022-2023 Adopted Budget are available on the District website (www.washk12.org) or may be obtained by contacting the District Business Administrator. Brent Bills addressed Budget and the 2022 Tax Levy Rate.

H. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes
 - a. May 10, 2022 Meeting of the Board of Education
 - b. May 24, 2022 Special Meeting of the Board of Education
 2. Financial Report
 3. Personnel and LEA Specific License Items
- Board Member Seegmiller presented a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items. Board Member Hutchinson seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

I. WHAT'S RIGHT IN WCSD SCHOOLS**Washington Elementary School – Principal Kelly Mitchell**

Principal Kelly Mitchell and Learning Coach Kristen Brown shared the success of All Day Kindergarten at Washington Elementary School. This was the first year available for the full day and the school had 100% opt in. The academic data was presented shows student progress and improvement assessments. Washington Elementary is a model school for this with professional learning committees in action. They are changing child's lives.

Snow Canyon High School – Principal Kim Monkres

Principal Kim Monkres shared how their teachers have taken a new approach to reach out and recommend CE Courses, Science, and AP course to students who would otherwise not take the courses. Warrior Student Body held Bigger than Basketball, Wish Week, Fan Fest, and a Road Show which involved the special needs community in these events. The teenagers have good hearts and are learning kindness. It was powerful to enlighten the students and show that they believe in helping those with disabilities be included at the school.

J. PUBLIC COMMENT ON BOARD ACTION ITEMS

Moved to Public Opportunity to Address the Board

BOARD ACTION ITEMS

Elementary Boundary Changes – Nate Esplin

Nate Esplin explained this is second public hearing on the boundary changes between Majestic Fields and South Mesa.

Board Member Hutchinson presented a motion to approve the Elementary Boundary Changes as explained. Board Member Stirland seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Elementary Principal Selection – Nate Esplin

Approval of previously discussed New Principals Selected.

Board President Kelly Blake presented a motion to select Susan Moore. Board Member Hutchinson seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Comprehensive Guidance Program – Jon Butler

Jon Butler explained the Comprehensive Guidance Program in the schools and the annual approval to continue the State program.

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

Crack Seal Contract – Brent Bills

Two bids were received and the lowest bid was selected.

Board Member Seegmiller presented a motion to approve and award the Crack Seal Contract to Straight Strike. Board Member Cox seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Proposed Final Budget for the 2021-2022 School Year and Proposed Adopted Budget for the 2022-2023 School Year – Brent Bills

Approval of the budget for the 2022-2023 School Year.

Board Member Stirland presented a motion to approve the Proposed Final Budget for the 2021-2022 School Year and Proposed Adopted Budget for the 2022-2023 School Year. Board Member Hutchinson seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Early Learning Plan – Kathy Hall & Monica Chadaz

Kathy Hall asked for the approval of the Early Learning Plan. She is the Literacy Coordinator for the District and Monica Chadaz is the Math Specialist. Kathy said that they have goals for the first and second grade students to close those gaps to get them where they need to be. The Kindergarten is doing an amazing job, so they would like to focus on the first and second grades. Three test at the end of the year are given for the computation score. The plan is to provide professional learning training for the teachers to help support them and build foundational understanding to be able to share with students. As an action item they asked for the approval of the Early Learning Plan which has been provide to the Board.

Board Member Cox asked about the Letters training which is a two year Professional Development program. It provides language essentials for teachers of spelling and reading. The teachers are given book reading assignments, online work at home with modules, bridge to practice, face to face with a letter facilitator. Teachers using this is making a difference and scores are improving. Superintendent Bergeson expressed his appreciation for the program and said that math scores are great. He thanked all those involved in this great work.

Board Member Stirland presented a motion to approve the Early Learning Plan. Board Member Hesson seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS**Policy 1400 Drug Free Workplace – Lyle Cox**

Lyle Cox explained that gives some protections for legal use of cannabis treated as a prescription or medication. The policy adds protection that no one should show up for work being impaired even with a legal or illegal substance.

Policy 3620 Campus Management – Lyle Cox

Lyle Cox explained the campus management for monitoring school grounds. Training for the cross walk and playground aids requires Motor Vehicle Act requires supervision management and training provided by the local highway authority which is the city or state. Requires supervisor training and background check to make it legally compliant.

Policy 0002 Board Meetings – Lyle Cox

Lyle Cox explained that vulgar or included obscene language to maintain decorum in the meeting.

REPORTS**Superintendent**

Superintendent expressed his appreciation for What's Right in Larry Bergeson WCSD at Snow Canyon High School and their service activities. He expressed gratitude and how it changes the students. He then congratulated and announced the Six State Champions for the Spring Sports for the District. 2022 4A State -Pine View High School Girls Golf Championship, Crimson Cliffs Boys Tennis Champions, Crimson Cliffs Boys Baseball Champions, Crimson Cliffs Boys Soccer Champions, Snow Canyon Boys Track Champions, and Desert Hills Girls Track Champions.

Board

No Report

Association

No Report

PTA/PTO/Community Council

No Report

O. PUBLIC OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD – 3 minutes each

Sherry Clarke, media policy and books, removal of books, requested to have someone to contact for the progress of book removal.

Lucinda Dionisiou, media policy and books, removal of books, declined to speak. Her question was answered previously by the Board.

Erika Hodges, media policy and books, removal of books, It has been six weeks since the State Law went into effect and says that you may not maintain them on school property. Remove the books and store someone else. She also wanted to check on updates on library. She has a comment about the Counseling goals about social citizenship verse global citizenship and asked the Board to look into that.

Rhanda Todd, media policy and books, removal of books, summer removal or set aside now so the books will not be accessible to the students.

Rachel Mane, Non profit organization, Introduction of her organization which is an Incorporating Event from SHINE SLC in schools for at risk youth. Giving confidence to the at risk students with programs that will help with dropout rates or mental health. She was asking for contact information to reach out to someone in the District.

Board President Kelly Blake adjourned the meeting at 5:47 p.m. as there was no further business to discuss.

ADJOURNMENT