

Jordan School District
MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
July 14, 2009

The Board of Education of Jordan School District met in closed, study, and regular sessions on Tuesday, July 14, 2009, beginning at 4:30 p.m. at Elk Ridge Middle School, 3659 West 9800 South, South Jordan, Utah.

MOTION: At 4:32 p.m., it was moved by Mr. Randy S. Brinkerhoff and seconded by Mr. Richard S. Osborn to go into closed session. Motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

Those present were:

Peggy Jo Kennett, Board President
Carmen R. Freeman, Board Vice President
Rick Bojak, Board Member
Randy S. Brinkerhoff, Board Member
J. Dale Christensen, Board Member
Richard S. Osborn, Board Member
Leah Voorhies, Board Member
Barry L. Newbold, Superintendent of Schools
D. Burke Jolley, Deputy Superintendent for Business Services

Board President Peggy Jo Kennett presided and conducted. The Board of Education met in a closed session to discuss personnel, property, and negotiations issues. The closed session discussion was recorded and archived.

At 6:20 p.m., the meeting adjourned. The Board returned to study session.

STUDY SESSION

Those present were:

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Carmen R. Freeman, Board Vice President
Rick Bojak, Board Member
Randy S. Brinkerhoff, Board Member
J. Dale Christensen, Board Member
Richard S. Osborn, Board Member
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Barry L. Newbold, Superintendent of Schools
D. Burke Jolley, Deputy Superintendent for Business Services
Bevan J. Wasden, Assistant Superintendent, West Jordan K-12 Feeder System
Melinda R. Colton, Director, Communications

Board President Peggy Jo Kennett presided and conducted. The Board of Education met in a study session to discuss the following issues:

A. Board Issues and Concerns

Board Members discussed various issues and concerns.

At 6:55 p.m., the meeting adjourned. The regular session began at 7:00 p.m.

REGULAR SESSION

Those present were:

Peggy Jo Kennett, Board President

Carmen R. Freeman, Board Vice President
Rick Bojak, Board Member
Randy S. Brinkerhoff, Board Member
J. Dale Christensen, Board President
Richard S. Osborn, Board Member
Leah Voorhies, Board Member
Barry L. Newbold, Superintendent of Schools
D. Burke Jolley, Deputy Superintendent for Business Services
J. Calvin Evans, Assistant Superintendent, Compliance and Special Programs
June M. LeMaster, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Kerrie Naylor, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Staff Development
Frank W. Shaw, Assistant Superintendent, Copper Hills K-12 Feeder System
David G. Stoddard, Assistant Superintendent, Riverton K-12 Feeder System
Bevan J. Wasden, Assistant Superintendent, West Jordan K-12 Feeder System
Melinda R. Colton, Director, Communications
Jeri Clayton, Administrative Secretary
Robin Frogde, President, Jordan Education Association
Debra Bills, Jordan Classified Professional Association
Rebekah Peterson

Board President Peggy Jo Kennett presided and conducted. She welcomed those present. Dr. Frank Shaw led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Bevan Wasden offered reverence.

Resolution of Appreciation

Board President Peggy Jo Kennett read a Resolution of Appreciation for each of the following former Jordan District employees who recently passed away:

Becky Linn Boberg – employed by Jordan District from 1988 to 2009
Julene Parry O'Dell – employed by Jordan District from 1994 to 2009

Recognition of Dr. J. Dale Christensen, Past President, Board of Education

Board President Peggy Jo Kennett recognized Dr. J. Dale Christensen for his service as president of the Board of Education. She stated, "June 30, 2009, marked the end of a two and one-half year term of service for Dr. Christensen as president of the Jordan School District Board of Education. He has the distinguished honor of serving as the last president of the Board of Education for the original footprint of Jordan School District. He served as president during a very difficult time period in the history of Jordan District and fulfilled his responsibilities very admirably. Very few people realize the time, effort, and commitment involved in serving as a Board president, especially during the time period in which Dr. Christensen served. We want to thank him for serving as Board president, recognize that service, and express our appreciation to him." Mrs. Kennett also stated that she wanted to personally thank Dr. Christensen as a dear friend and colleague for all the work he does on behalf of the patrons and students of Jordan School District. On behalf of the Board, Mrs. Kennett presented Dr. Christensen with a plaque honoring his service.

Mr. Randy S. Brinkerhoff expressed his personal appreciation to Dr. Christensen for his service as president of the Board. He said he knew this time would be coming and that it is a little bitter sweet in some ways because of the fact that the District is no longer that original footprint. He remembers when Dr. Christensen joined the Board and when he was nominated and won his position as president, and said he has wholeheartedly supported him in everything he has done and for the most part has agreed with him. Mr. Brinkerhoff said Dr. Christensen is one of the most kind and thoughtful people he has known and is also one of the smartest as far as knowing how to run and lead a school district. Mr. Brinkerhoff said he has served with some wonderful people and without taking away from any of those, he wanted to express his deep appreciation for having served with Dr. Christensen.

Superintendent Barry L. Newbold stated that he would like to express his personal appreciation to Dr. Christensen for his service as president of the Board. He said he does not recall a more turbulent time for the District than during Dr. Christensen's tenure as board president. He was impressed with and grateful for the manner in which Dr. Christensen was able to maintain decorum and to keep issues of the District focused on students during this difficult time. Superintendent Newbold said the interaction between a superintendent and Board president is unique and they have had a lot of conversations that get to the heart of what is important and what direction should be taken. He expressed appreciation to Dr. Christensen for ensuring that the decisions made were right and proper, and stated that the District was in very good hands under his leadership. Superintendent Newbold said he wanted to publicly express his personal respect and admiration to Dr. Christensen for his service.

I. **General Business**

A. **Minutes**

Minutes for Board of Education meetings held June 9 and June 16, 2009, were presented for approval.

B. **Expenditures**

C. **Financial Statement**

Copies of the financial statements for May and June 2009 are attached at the conclusion of these minutes. (Attachment 1)

D. **Personnel – Certificated and Classified**

A list of the personnel changes that have taken place since the last Board of Education meeting is attached at the conclusion of these minutes. (Attachment 2)

E. **Recommendation to Approve Students for Home Instruction for the 2009-10 School Year**

It was recommended that the following students be approved for home instruction for the 2009-10 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Akester, Ethan	Foothills Elementary	2
Anderson, Benjamin	Bluffdale Elementary	4
Aziz, Adeia	Riverton High	10
Bachand, Emory	Monte Vista Elementary	1
Barlow, Kyan	Mountain Shadows Elementary	3
Barron, Esther	Butterfield Canyon Elementary	1
Bates, David	Columbia Elementary	1
Best, Casey	Joel P. Jensen Middle	9
Bird, Chad	Majestic Elementary	3
Boss, Jacob	West Jordan High	11
Boss, Julie	West Jordan High	10
Boss, Miranda	Westvale Elementary	1
Boss, Siara	Westvale Elementary	6
Boss, Tamra	Westvale Elementary	3
Boss, Violet	Joel P. Jensen Middle	8
Branum, Austin	Foothills Elementary	5
Bunce, Emree	Oquirrh Elementary	5
Bunce, Ethan	Oquirrh Elementary	6
Burns, Rose	Riverton High	11

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Butler, Anakin	Bluffdale Elementary	1
Butler, Emily	Bluffdale Elementary	3
Butterfield, Lindsey	Riverton High	12
Clark, Camilla	Copper Hills High	11
Clark, Clarissa	Jordan Hills Elementary	3
Clark, Emma	Jordan Hills Elementary	5
Clark, Jacob	West Hills Middle	7
Clark, John	Jordan Hills Elementary	1
Clegg, Carson	Butterfield Canyon Elementary	2
Clegg, Jordan	Butterfield Canyon Elementary	6
Clegg, Taylor	Fort Herriman Middle	8
Davis, James	Bingham High	11
Davis, Luke	Elk Ridge Middle	9
Dayton, David	South Jordan Middle	9
Dayton, Jacob	South Jordan Elementary	5
Dayton, Kyle	South Jordan Elementary	2
Durett, Andrea	Copper Hills High	11
Grant, Ceilia	Monte Vista Elementary	5
Grant, Kaitee	Monte Vista Elementary	1
Grant, Tabitha	Monte Vista Elementary	3
Guzman, Nathan	Mountain Shadows Elementary	6
Hewitt, Kaitlyn	Not Available	n/a
Hewitt, Shelby	Not Available	n/a
Hofeling, Ruby	Riverton High	11
Hoggan, Cullen	Falcon Ridge Elementary	4
Hoggan, Ellis	Falcon Ridge Elementary	1
Hoggan, Ethan	Copper Hills High	10
Hoggan, Grant	Copper Hills High	12
Hoggan, Quinn	Falcon Ridge Elementary	6
Holderness, Ethan	Rosamond Elementary	5
Holderness, Jenna	Oquirrh Hills Middle	7
Jessop, J. Devin	Riverton High	11
Johansen, Jeremy	Riverton High	10
Johansen, Kara	Riverton Elementary	5
Johansen, Matthew	Oquirrh Hills Middle	7
Johansen, Rachel	Riverton Elementary	3
Keen, Eleisha	Elk Meadows Elementary	4
Kelsch, Azhule	Butterfield Canyon Elementary	5
Kelsch, Dalan	Herriman Elementary	5
Kelsch, Faye	Herriman Elementary	2
Kelsch, Zoe	Butterfield Canyon Elementary	2
Konopka, Afton	Foothills Elementary	5
Konopka, Erin	Foothills Elementary	3
Kulda, James	South Hills Middle	7
Kulda, Maureen	Bluffdale Elementary	4
Kunz, Alexandra	Butterfield Canyon Elementary	4
Kunz, Asher	Butterfield Canyon Elementary	2
Labrum, Breeana	Riverton High	12
Loosli, Barney	West Jordan High	11
Madsen, Audrey	Joel P. Jensen Middle	9
Madsen, Jeremiah	Joel P. Jensen Middle	7
Marx, Christian	Jordan Hills Elementary	4
Marx, Devinee	West Hills Middle	7
Marx, Erinn	Jordan Hills Elementary	3
Marx, Hannah	Jordan Hills Elementary	3
Marx, Kelton	Copper Hills High	12

Matthews, Kaitlyn	Midas Creek Elementary	1
Matthews, Sarah	Midas Creek Elementary	3
Merrell, Ammon	Oakcrest Elementary	3
Montoya, Jessica	Riverton High	12
Mueller, Andrew	Riverton High	11
Mueller, Lauren	South Jordan Middle	7
Mueller, Mitchell	Jordan Ridge Elementary	4
Pace, Jared	Majestic Elementary	1
Peck, Everest	Westland Elementary	4
Peck, Felicity	Westland Elementary	6
Peck, Joseph	West Jordan High	11
Peck, Joshua	West Jordan Middle	9
Purcell, Asher	Rose Creek Elementary	1
Redd, Joshua	West Hills Middle	8
Rezanova, Olga	Copper Hills High	10
Saafi, Elgin	Joel P. Jensen Middle	9
Skabelund, Juliana	Jordan Hills Elementary	3
Skabelund, Nathan	Jordan Hills Elementary	6
Smith, Eden	West Jordan High	11
Smith, Samantha	West Jordan Middle	8
Spanglo, Ashley	Copper Hills High	10
Stone, Emily	Welby Elementary	4
Stone, Liah	Welby Elementary	1
Teich, Zachary	West Jordan High	10
Williams, Joseph	South Jordan Middle	7
Williams, Thomas	South Jordan Elementary	5
Willtrout, Anna	Majestic Elementary	5

F. Recommendation to Approve Student Travel Requests

The following travel requests were submitted for approval:

<u>School/Group</u>	<u>Place/Dates</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
Bingham Wrestling Team	Reno, NV Dec. 18-19, 2009	Tournament
Bingham Orchestra and Band	San Francisco, CA April 8-10, 2010	Performance
Bingham Shakespeare Team	Cedar City, UT Oct. 8-10, 2009	Shakespeare Festival
Bingham Baseball Team	Phoenix, AZ Mar. 29-Apr. 5, 2009	Training/Competition
West Jordan Cheer Team	Logan, UT Aug. 3-6, 2009	Camp
Riverton Newspaper Staff	Washington, D.C. Nov. 11-15, 2009	National Convention

Mrs. Peggy Jo Kennett reported a correction to be made on page 13 of the minutes of June 9, 2009. The title for Ms. Debra Bills will be changed to Transportation Department employee.

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Carmen R. Freeman and seconded by Mr. Rick Bojak to approve General Business items A through F, with one correction to the minutes of June 9, as noted. Motion carried unanimously.

II. Bid Recommendation

A. School or Department Items for Bid

Kauri Sue Hamilton School

Special Education Equipment

Bidders

Amount of Bid

Flaghouse

\$94,680.88

National Seating & Mobility

Rifton Equipment

Recommendation: It was recommended awarding the contract to the lowest responsive bidders who complied with the specifications, terms, and conditions outlined in the bid documents.

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Randy S. Brinkerhoff and seconded by Mr. Richard S. Osborn to approve the bid, as recommended. Motion carried unanimously.

III. **Special Business**

None

IV. **Information Items**

A. **Superintendent's Input**

1. **JAMS Year-End Report – June 2009**

Superintendent Barry L. Newbold presented an overview of the district's Jordan Alternative Middle School (JAMS) intervention program for the 2008-09 year. Middle school students who do not meet academic and behavioral expectations are referred to one of four program sites: Midvale Middle, Mount Jordan Middle, South Hills Middle, or West Hills Middle. Each site accepts up to 12 students and is staffed with a site coordinator and three part-time assistants. Guidance services are provided by a full-time certificated school psychologist. Over one-half of the students who completed the nine-week intervention program were able to transition back into the regular school environment with improved academic and behavioral performance.

2. **District In-Service Activities**

Superintendent Barry L. Newbold provided a summary of the winter 2009 in-service participation for certificated personnel. The number of in-service class participants totaled 1,748.

3. **Progress Reports (Attachment 3)**

- a. New Construction
- b. Maintenance
- c. Custodial

B. **Patron Comments**

Ms. Rebekah Peterson, a teacher working in a district other than Jordan, addressed the Board. She said in the past when the Board took away the early retirement, they blamed the federal government; when medical benefits were reduced, the Board blamed rising health care costs; and this year when the Board took away seven and one-half working days from the teachers, they blamed the legislature and the split as the cause. She said the Board now proposes to remove the final reward that teachers have to look forward to, advancement in lanes and steps. She said the community and Board of Education made this decision and are choosing expedience over integrity and it would be fair for the whole district to share the burden of covering the budget

shortfall, not just the teachers. She suggested furloughing all Jordan District employees for three days.

V. **Discussion Items**

A. **Board Member Comments**

Mr. Rick Bojak commented that it has been 13 months and he is now an "official" board member. He offered his congratulations to Dr. Christensen. Mr. Bojak thanked Dr. Kerrie Naylor for sending him information about the Center for the Schools of the Future survey performed by Utah State University. He said there were seven categories and he looked specifically at the responses from parents, teachers, and classified. For the ranking about how the District is doing educationally, all seven parents surveyed said we are doing a typical job; three teachers said we are doing a superior job. For the ranking about how the administration is doing, in five of the five categories parents said we are typical; teachers marked superior in four of the five; and classified marked superior in two of the five. Mr. Bojak said one other interesting result is in the five categories of eight school priorities, of the non-English speaking people interviewed, three of five said Jordan is doing a superior job; of the English speaking, five of five responded that Jordan is doing a typical job. Mr. Bojak commented that he and Mrs. Kennett recently attended the West Jordan Economic Development Council meeting. He said many people who spoke said they didn't care about education programs or teachers and said cut all that stuff--just don't raise our taxes. They also attended the Chamber of Commerce meetings and at those meetings there were state representatives and mayors and he said they received some great information from them.

Mr. Brinkerhoff commented that in June he attended the last recognition ceremony of the Salt Lake-Tooele College of Applied Technology. He said it was very touching to see the respect given to the students and it was the largest group yet to receive their completion certificates. Mr. Brinkerhoff said the Tooele portion will be under the direction of President Scott Snelson who was the acting president for the Salt Lake-Tooele ATC and he believes they will do very well. Mr. Brinkerhoff attended a brunch organized by Butterfield Canyon and Herriman Elementary Schools to show appreciation for the emergency responders and others who take care of student safety. He said it was a very enjoyable act of appreciation by those schools for the firemen, police, and crossing guards. Mr. Brinkerhoff noted that as he said earlier, there is bitter sweetness at the loss of the Jordan District footprint and he wished the Canyons well.

Mr. Freeman commented that tonight the Board recognized Dr. J. Dale Christensen and he said it has been his privilege to learn from a very wise man and Jordan District is fortunate to have him. He expressed appreciation to each of his colleagues on the board and to Dr. Christensen for his remarkable insight and keen understanding of education. Mr. Freeman noted that tonight is the last time the board will meet at Elk Ridge Middle School and the next board meeting on August 11 will be held in the new Board room at the Auxiliary Services building located at 7800 South and Redwood Road. Mr. Freeman reminded everyone about the ribbon-cutting event on August 4 at 4:00 p.m. at the District's Administration Building. Mr. Freeman thanked the Elk Ridge custodian, Mr. Ken Naylor, for his good services and what he has done to help the board during this past year.

Mrs. Peggy Jo Kennett commented that during this part of the summer when school is not as busy, the legislative committee for the School Boards Association, Superintendents Association, and Business Administrators Association is busy working on legislation for the next session. She said she and Superintendent Newbold have the opportunity to serve on that legislative committee and wanted everyone to know they are busy with efforts in that direction. Mrs. Kennett reiterated what Mr. Freeman said about the open house on August 4 at 4:00 p.m. and noted that following the open house, the Truth in Taxation hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium at Riverton High.

MOTION: At 7:45 p.m., it was moved by Mr. Richard S. Osborn and seconded by Dr. Leah Voorhies to adjourn the meeting and return to study session. Motion carried unanimously.

STUDY SESSION

Those present were:

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Board President Peggy Jo Kennett presided and conducted. The Board of Education met in a study session to discuss the following issues:

A. **Board Issues and Concerns, continued**

Board Members continued their discussion regarding various issues and concerns.

At 8:30 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

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Attachments