

Jordan School District
MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
September 8, 2009

The Board of Education of Jordan School District met in closed, study, and regular sessions on Tuesday, September 8, 2009, beginning at 4:35 p.m. in the Jordan District Auxiliary Services Building, 7905 South Redwood Road, West Jordan, Utah.

MOTION: At 4:35 p.m., it was moved by Mr. Richard S. Osborn and seconded by Mr. Randy S. Brinkerhoff to go into closed session. Motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

Those recognized or signed-in as present:

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
Sherry Wasden, Deputy Superintendent for Instructional Services
June M. LeMaster, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
John M. Taylor, Assistant Superintendent, Auxiliary Services
Blake Ostler, Legal Counsel, Mackey Price Thompson & Ostler

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

At 5:55 p.m., the closed session adjourned. The Board returned to study session.

STUDY SESSION

Those recognized or signed-in as present:

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
Sherry Wasden, Deputy Superintendent for Instructional Services
John M. Taylor, Assistant Superintendent, Auxiliary Services
Melinda R. Colton, Director, Communications
Sherry Devenberg, Director, Planning and Student Services
Robin Frodge, President, Jordan Education Association

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

A. **Policy Review**

Ms. Sherry Devenberg, director of Planning and Student Services, recommended modifications to the following policies because of changes in State law:

Policy AS60	Student Accounting Records
Policy AS61	Student Records
Policy AS63	Student Eligibility for Schools
Policy AS87	Immunization
Policy D207	Calendar Development

These policies will come forward at a future Board meeting for consideration and adoption.

B. **Board Issues and Concerns**

Board Members discussed various issues and concerns.

At 6:30 p.m., the study session adjourned. The regular session began at 7:00 p.m.

REGULAR SESSION

Those recognized or signed-in as present:

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
Sherry Wasden, Deputy Superintendent for Instructional Services
J. Calvin Evans, Assistant Superintendent, Compliance and Special Programs
Anthony A. Godfrey, Assistant Superintendent, Bingham K-12 Feeder System
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
John M. Taylor, Assistant Superintendent, Auxiliary Services
Bevan J. Wasden, Assistant Superintendent, West Jordan K-12 Feeder System
Melinda R. Colton, Director, Communications
Teri Mattson, Gifted/Talented Consultant, Curriculum and Staff Development
Jeri Clayton, Administrative Secretary
Diana Riddle, Principal, Copper Canyon Elementary School
Paul Argyle, Principal, West Jordan High School
Dana Bentley, Region VI PTA
Robin Frodge, President, Jordan Education Association
Jared Snow
Meiting Zheng
Shelley Gardner
Spencer Angell
Kathie Johnson, South Jordan City

Board President Peggy Jo Kennett presided and conducted. She welcomed those present. Boy Scouts from Troops 1008, 1584, and 4584 led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mrs. Lisa Wilson offered reverence.

Resolution of Appreciation

Board President Peggy Jo Kennett read a Resolution of Appreciation for Ms. Sandra Van, who recently passed away. Ms. Van was employed by Jordan School District from 1975 to 2009.

Jordan School District 2009-10 Teacher of the Year Award

The Board recognized Mr. Richard Hoonakker as the Jordan School District Teacher of the Year for 2009-10. Principal Paul Argyle said Mr. Hoonakker is a science teacher at West Jordan High School and the students enjoy the classes he teaches in human anatomy and biology. He described Mr. Hoonakker as one of the "movers and shakers" in helping to develop the Sophomore House. He has also helped to develop the Pathways Program which resembles the college program of majors and minors and he was instrumental in obtaining a \$1 million grant from the Federal Government for this program.

President Kennett stated that Mr. Hoonakker started teaching at West Jordan High in 2003 and in addition to the things Principal Argyle mentioned, he serves as an advisor to the class officers and is the girls varsity soccer coach. She noted that Mr. Hoonakker would receive an award of \$3,000 in his next paycheck.

Recognitions

Mr. Rick Bojak recognized West Hills Middle School for being named "Cool School of the Week." He also noted that Bingham High School's football team was invited to play a game in a Texas stadium and he was proud of how they represented Jordan School District and the State. Mr. Bojak stated that The District opened three theatres for Bingham High School students and he was impressed with the student body and band members because with no adult supervision they were well-behaved and did a great job. He said there were nearly 2,000 students participating and they were all wearing Bingham blue.

Mr. Randy Brinkerhoff recognized Bingham High for defeating Alta High, the defending State champions. Mr. Brinkerhoff noted that some of the cities made a change in their meeting times so they could attend school board meetings and he recognized city officials in attendance.

Mrs. Peggy Jo Kennett noted that West Jordan City amended their meeting schedule starting in October to meet on Wednesdays so they are available to attend School Board meetings on Tuesdays.

Patron Comments

Mr. Jared Snow, representing residents of the Heritage Place subdivision located at approximately 6000 West 12600 South, addressed the Board. He said a bus picks up 23 students in their community and transports them to Silver Crest Elementary; however, there are 87 additional students they would like to have bused because of the hazardous walking route. Mr. Snow said their children have to walk along and cross 6000 West which is heavily traveled by large vehicles. He said Herriman City officials have indicated that they have no current plans in place to construct sidewalks on either 6000 West or 12900 South. When the new high school is completed, morning and afternoon traffic will dramatically increase on those roadways. Children have to walk into the road to get around parked cars and around garbage cans on garbage day. Mr. Snow requested that their children be included in the bus pick-up because of the hazards described.

Dr. J. Dale Christensen asked whether the parents made official contact with Herriman City because some of the issues are the jurisdiction and responsibility of the city, such as safe walking paths and crossing guards. He stated there are state statutes the School District has to abide by for the qualification for busing.

Mrs. Peggy Jo Kennett asked if the group contacted the school's safe walking committee. Mr. Snow said their group has been working with the Silver Crest principal to facilitate busing for their neighborhood.

Mr. Rick Bojak said if it were up to the Board they would do everything they could for every child. He hopes everyone understands the money involved in providing District-paid transportation, and if money is available, perhaps through a citizen contribution, then there is a way to help, but he hopes Mr. Snow's group is aware of the current financial situation.

Mr. Carmen R. Freeman stated that he is aware of the hazardous situation on 6000 West as a first-hand observer. He thanked Mr. Snow for bringing strong and viable concerns to the Board and expressed his hope that the Board would be able to consider the request.

Mr. Snow provided the Board with a citizen's petition in support of busing all students living in Heritage Place Estates subdivision. The petition is attached at the conclusion of these minutes. (Attachment 1)

I. **General Business**

A. **Minutes**

Minutes for Board of Education meetings held August 4, August 10, August 11, and August 25, 2009, were presented for approval.

B. **Expenditures**

C. **Financial Statement**

A copy of the financial statement through August 31, 2009, is attached at the conclusion of these minutes. (Attachment 2)

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 3)

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>
Anderson, Sarah	West Jordan High	10
Anthony-Bolen, Alexandria	Elk Ridge Middle	8
Bachelor, Derek	Bingham High	12
Bain, Annalisa	Riverton High	11
Baker, Alicia	South Hills Middle	9
Baker, Amelia	Riverton High	11
Baker, Ammon	Bluffdale Elementary	6
Banks, Michael	Bingham High	12
Bashford, Adam	West Jordan Middle	7
Bashford, Kayia	West Jordan Elementary	2
Batchelor, Jamie	Bingham High	12
Behunin, Dustin	Falcon Ridge Elementary	6
Behunin, Myles	Falcon Ridge Elementary	1
Bennion, Daniel	Westvale Elementary	1
Bennion, Rebekah	Westvale Elementary	4
Black, Rosalyn	Herriman Elementary	K
Black, Wyatt	Herriman Elementary	2
Blatnick, Analisa	Copper Canyon Elementary	6
Blatnick, Tre	West Hills Middle	8
Boynton, Joshua	Midas Creek Elementary	1
Boynton, Kayden	Midas Creek Elementary	5
Bridges, Allison	Jordan Ridge Elementary	2
Bridges, Cole	Jordan Ridge Elementary	6

Buhler, Clancey	Oquirrh Elementary	6
Buhler, Remmy	Joel P. Jensen Middle	7
Buhler, Whitney	Oquirrh Elementary	4
Bytendorp, Hayden	South Jordan Elementary	4
Bytendorp, Matthew	South Jordan Elementary	2
Bytendorp, Scott	Bingham High	10
Bytendorp, Skyler	South Jordan Middle	8
Bytendorp, Thomas	Bingham High	12
Camblin, Colin	Bluffdale Elementary	6
Camblin, Simon	Not Available	N/A
Campanile, Jennifer	Welby Elementary	6
Campbell, Aram	Westvale Elementary	1
Campbell, Autumn	Westvale Elementary	6
Campbell, Emily	Westvale Elementary	4
Clavell, Carly	Bingham High	12
Cosman, Chere	Elk Meadows Elementary	6
Cosman, LaReine	Elk Meadows Elementary	3
Dailey, Jonathan	Bluffdale Elementary	5
Dailey, Joshua	Bluffdale Elementary	5
Dailey, Nicole	Bluffdale Elementary	10
Ferguson, Abigail	Jordan Hills Elementary	6
Ferguson, Ian	Copper Hills High	10
Ferguson, Lucyana	West Hills Middle	8
Ferguson, Spencer	Not Available	N/A
Ferguson, Wendy	Jordan Hills Elementary	4
Ferwerda, Aaron	South Hills Middle	8
Ferwerda, Breeann	Midas Creek Elementary	6
Ferwerda, Brody	Midas Creek Elementary	1
Ferwerda, Carter	Midas Creek Elementary	4
Fisher, Amanda	Oquirrh Hills Middle	8
Fisher, Anna Rose	Rosamond Elementary	1
Fisher, Benjamin	Rosamond Elementary	5
Fisher, Michael	Rosamond Elementary	3
Fox, Bethany	Riverton Elementary	3
Fox, Clark	Riverton Elementary	5
Fox, Elinor	Riverton Elementary	1
Gerber, Chance	Riverton High	10
Gibbons, Daniel	Terra Linda Elementary	4
Gibbons, Janey	Terra Linda Elementary	2
Gibbons, Stephen	Elk Ridge Middle	7
Gibson, Talitha	Welby Elementary	3
Gibson, Tobias	Elk Ridge Middle	7
Graham, Brianna	South Jordan Middle	8
Graham, Xavier	Jordan Ridge Elementary	5
Hassoun, Saja	Riverside Elementary	5
Hawker, Mekenzie	South Jordan Elementary	1
Hulse, Alexander	Mountain Shadows Elementary	3
Hulse, Matthew	Mountain Shadows Elementary	3
Hymas, Jeffery	Bingham High	12
Hymas, Steven	Bingham High	11
Jackson, Caleb	South Jordan Elementary	6
Jackson, Daniel	South Jordan Elementary	4
Jackson, Mark	South Jordan Middle	9
Jamison, Talia	Mountain Shadows Elementary	6
Jamison, Teight	Mountain Shadows Elementary	2
Jamison, Terah	Copper Hills High	10

Jamison, Travis	Mountain Shadows Elementary	4
Jamison, Trever	Copper Hills High	11
Johnson, Abigail	Riverside Elementary	2
Johnson, Erycka	Joel P. Jensen Middle	7
Johnson, Nickolas	South Hills Middle	7
Johnson, ShyrElle	West Jordan High	11
Jones, Aedan	Riverton Elementary	1
Jones, Bronwyn	Oquirrh Hills Middle	9
Jones, Dallin	Fort Herriman Middle	7
Jones, Ellison	Daybreak Elementary	5
Jones, Frey	Riverton Elementary	3
Jones, Regan	Oquirrh Hills Middle	7
Jones, Sage	Daybreak Elementary	2
Jones, Tudor	Riverton Elementary	5
Jones, Vanya	Riverton High	10
Jorgensen, Alexander	Bluffdale Elementary	4
Jorgensen, Cambria	Bluffdale Elementary	2
Jorgensen, Emily	Bluffdale Elementary	6
Kaiserman, Kam	South Jordan Elementary	6
Kaiserman, Natalie	Bingham High	10
Kaiserman, Rachel	South Jordan Elementary	3
Larsen, Landrie	Riverton High	11
Lund, Sabrina	Daybreak Elementary	5
Lunt, Clayton	Westvale Elementary	6
Manary, Creeland	Butterfield Canyon Elementary	1
Martin, Ninian	Riverton Elementary	6
Martinez, Dominic	Not Available	N/A
Martinez, Olivia	Not Available	N/A
Martinez, Patrick	Not Available	N/A
McCurdy, Wesley	West Jordan High	12
Mickelsen, Grace	Rosamond Elementary	5
Millington, Amanda	South Jordan Elementary	1
Millington, Amberlee	South Jordan Elementary	5
Millington, Rebecca	South Jordan Elementary	3
Musser, Alvin	Riverton Elementary	3
Musser, Anna	Oquirrh Hills Middle	8
Musser, Jonathon	Oquirrh Hills Middle	7
Musser, MaryAnn	Riverton Elementary	5
Neff, Jonathan	Oquirrh Elementary	5
Neff, Kaitlynn	Oquirrh Elementary	2
Nielsen, Taylor	West Jordan High	11
Nope, Stephanie	Hayden Peak Elementary	1
Olsen, Jordan	Terra Linda Elementary	4
Olsen, Kara	Riverton High	10
Ozenne, Emmett	Not Available	N/A
Paulsen, McKenna	Oquirrh Elementary	2
Read, Jessica	Foothills Elementary	6
Richards, Austin	Herriman Elementary	3
Richards, Nyah	Herriman Elementary	2
Richmond, Julia	South Jordan Elementary	1
Ripplinger, Seth	Elk Ridge Middle	9
Ripplinger, Thomas	Elk Ridge Middle	9
Seegmiller, Samuel	Bingham High	11
Shaffer, Isaac	Welby Elementary	5
Sharp, Brandon	Southland Elementary	2
Shawhan, Daniel	Terra Linda Elementary	2

Silva, Juliya	Riverton Elementary	2
Smith, Emily	Oakcrest Elementary	4
Smith, Hannah	Oakcrest Elementary	2
Spencer, Brigitta	South Hills Middle	7
Spencer, Daniel	South Hills Middle	9
Stanbrough, Cameron	West Hills Middle	8
Stanbrough, Kylee	Hayden Peak Elementary	6
Storey, Taylor	Bingham High	12
Strong, Alyssa	South Hills Middle	8
Strong, Asher	Midas Creek Elementary	1
Strong, Jamison	Riverton High	10
Strong, Joseph	Midas Creek Elementary	5
Stucki, Jalon	Butterfield Canyon Elementary	1
Summers, Melanie	Bluffdale Elementary	3
Tew, Elijah	Monte Vista Elementary	2
Tew, Jacob	Oakcrest Elementary	5
Tew, Jared	Monte Vista Elementary	5
Tew, Joshua	Oakcrest Elementary	6
Tew, Shannon	Oakcrest Elementary	2
Troff, Kayden	Welby Elementary	6
Troff, Zachary	Elk Ridge Middle	8
Trujillo-Colan, Renzo	Bingham High	11
VanDerWatt, Brenden	Bluffdale Elementary	4
VanDerWatt, Daimen	Bluffdale Elementary	1
VanDerWatt, Kylan	Bluffdale Elementary	4
Vialpando, Elise	Riverton High	11
Whitton, Ashlyn	Monte Vista Elementary	3
Whitton, Corbin	Monte Vista Elementary	5
Williams, Alauna	Jordan Hills Elementary	3
Williams, Brian	West Hills Middle	8
Williams, Courtney	Copper Hills High	10
Williams, Kevin	Jordan Hills Elementary	6
Williamson, Laura	Herriman Elementary	6
Williamson, Lisa	Herriman Elementary	4
Wimmer, Jade	Herriman Elementary	2
Yarrington, Hailee	Riverton High	12
Zemlyanko, Anton	Elk Ridge Middle	9

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 High Debate Team	Berkeley, CA Feb. 11-16, 2010	Tournament
Bingham High Boys Basketball	Logan, UT Dec. 28-30, 2009	Tournament
Bingham High Dance Company	Los Angeles, CA Sept. 30-Oct. 3, 2009	Workshops
Bingham High Drill Team	Orlando, FL March 3-8, 2010	Competition
Copper Hills High a cappella Choir	Seattle, WA April 7-11, 2010	Workshop
Riverton High Orchestra	San Diego, CA April 8-11, 2010	Workshop

<u>School/Group</u>	<u>Place/Dates</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
Riverton High American Sign Language	Logan, Utah Nov. 13-14, 2009	Workshop
Riverton High Marching Band	St. George, UT Las Vegas, NV Nov. 4-8, 2009	Competition
Riverton High Color Guard	Riverside, CA March 19-22, 2010	Competition
West Jordan Shakespeare Team	Cedar City, UT Oct. 8-11, 2009	Competition
Career & Technical Ed. Skills USA	Park City, UT Oct. 8-10, 2009	Leadership Training
Career & Technical Ed. FCCLA	Washington, D.C. Sept 29-Oct 30, 2009	Leadership Training
Career & Technical Ed. FCCLA	Ogden, UT Oct. 6-7, 2009	Leadership Training
Career & Technical Ed. FFA	Indianapolis, IN Oct. 20-23, 2009	National Convention

G. Recommendation to Approve Membership Application to the Utah High School Activities Association for the New High School in Herriman, Utah

It was recommended that the Board approve the Utah High School Activities Association membership application for the new high school in Herriman. The school is scheduled to open at the beginning of the 2009-10 school year.

H. Recommendation to Approve Sale of .74 Acre to Riverton City for Construction of 4000 West Roadway

The city of Riverton requested that the Board of Education sell a .74 acre parcel along the west property line of the South Hills Middle School parking lot property to allow for the construction of a new road at 4000 West and approximately 13500 South. The request also includes a temporary construction easement. The loss of this land would not have a negative impact on the school site. Riverton City is offering a purchase price of \$282,719, and has also agreed to reimburse Jordan District up to \$500,000 for the cost of repairing the lot and replacing parking stalls once the road construction is complete.

It was recommended that the Board of Education approve the Right-of-Way Agreement with Riverton City and grant the temporary easement.

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Randy S. Brinkerhoff and seconded by Mr. Richard S. Osborn to approve General Business items A through H, as recommended. Motion carried unanimously.

II. Bid Recommendations

A. <u>School or Department</u> Information Systems	<u>Items for Bid</u> Geomax Network Upgrade
<u>Bidders</u> Utah Education Network	<u>Amount of Bid</u> \$250,000.00 (annual est. cost)

Recommendation: It was recommended placing the order with Utah Education Network, a sole source provider.

B. <u>School or Department</u>	<u>Items for Bid</u>
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Information Systems

Geomax Equipment Upgrade

Bidders

Utah Education Network

Amount of Bid

\$162,781.00 (approx. cost)

Recommendation: It was recommended placing the order with Utah Education Network, a sole source provider.

C. School or Department
South Hills Middle

Items for Bid
Parking Replacement

Bidders

Acme Construction
Bud Mahas
Copper Valley Construction
Hogan & Associates
Hughes General Contractors
Jordan Valley Construction

Amount of Bid

\$399,000.00

Recommendation: It was recommended awarding the bid to Bud Mahas. The Purchasing Department made the recommendation based on the results of the evaluation process and final ratings of the RFP proposals. Up to \$500,000 is reimbursable by Riverton City under the terms of a Right-of-Way Agreement.

Dr. J. Dale Christensen stated that for public information, money spent on the South Hills Middle School parking replacement will be reimbursed by Riverton City [see General Business item H].

MOTION: It was moved by Dr. Leah Voorhies and seconded by Mr. Rick Bojak to approve the bids, as recommended. Motion carried unanimously.

III. **Special Business**

Board President Peggy Jo Kennett called for a motion to add a Special Business item B to the agenda regarding an employee appeal.

MOTION: It was moved by Dr. J. Dale Christensen and seconded by Mr. Randy S. Brinkerhoff to add a Special Business item "B" to the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

A. **Recommendation to Approve Policy A1 *Foreword to Policy Manual***

Ms. Sherry Wasden, deputy superintendent for Instructional Services, stated that each year when the legislative session concludes there are usually a number of District policies which are impacted by new laws. Some of the policies require only minor language changes. The example she shared, and which was discussed with the Board in a prior study session, is that this year the legislature changed the name "certificated" employees to "licensed" employees. This change meant that more than 50 policies needed to have only a single word changed.

Ms. Wasden made the recommendation to add a paragraph to policy A1 *Foreword to Policy Manual* under the heading, "Policies, Objectives and Other Guides," to state that when necessary, the Board of Education delegates to the superintendent or his/her designee the authority to make minor edits to policies which do not change its intent or objective. A copy of policy A1 is attached at the conclusion of these minutes. (Attachment 4)

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Richard S. Osborn and seconded by Mr. Carmen R. Freeman to approve policy A1 *Foreword to Policy Manual*. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Recommended Action Regarding an Employee Appeal

Board President Peggy Jo Kennett stated that the Board met in closed session to review an employee appeal. The Board took action on the appeal with the following motion:

MOTION: It was moved by Dr. J. Dale Christensen and seconded by Mr. Carmen R. Freeman to deny the employee appeal regarding a reduction in force issue. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Information Items

A. Superintendent's Input

1. School Opening Report

Superintendent Newbold reported that the District had a very successful school opening for the 27 year-round schools the end of July and again the end of August with the opening of traditional schools. A count taken before Labor Day showed that Districtwide, the enrollment count was down slightly from estimates, but sixth-day enrollment totals would be forthcoming. Dr. Newbold commended staff members at the school level and District and support services levels for their excellent work. He said road construction seemed to be one of the biggest challenges the first few days of school for the Transportation Department, but the challenges were met and schedules adjusted for picking up and dropping off students.

2. Progress Reports (Attachment 5)

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

V. Discussion Items

A. Gifted and Talented Committee Report

Dr. Kerrie Naylor, assistant superintendent for Curriculum and Staff Development, thanked the Board for the opportunity to present the Gifted/Talented Evaluation Committee report. She turned the time over to Ms. Teri Mattson, gifted/talented consultant for Curriculum and Staff Development.

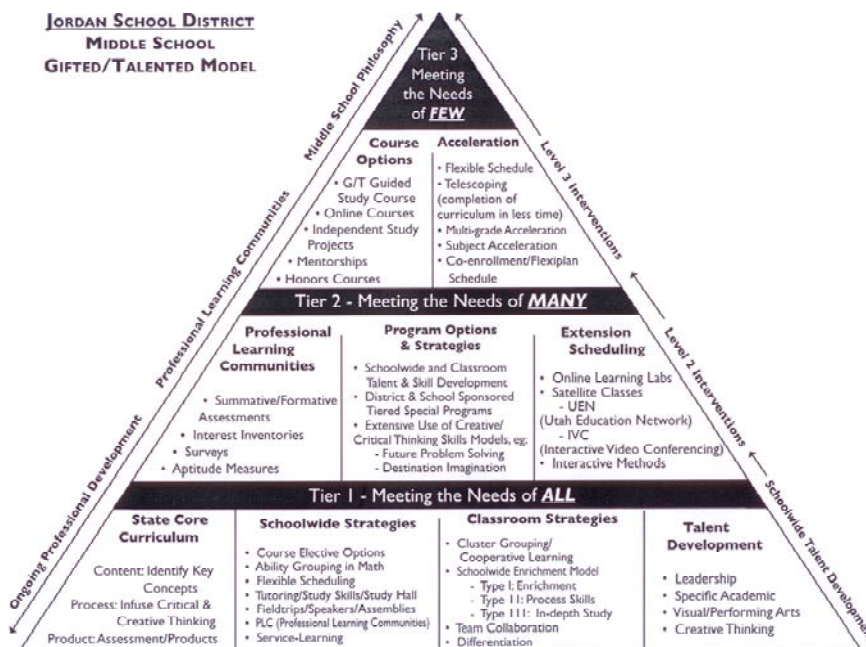
Ms. Teri Mattson stated that, as directed by the Jordan School District Board of Education, a Middle School Task Force committee was formed and convened during the 2008-09 school year to study services offered at local middle schools for gifted/talented students. Task Force members included the following individuals:

Valerie Allen, gifted/talented teacher specialist
Kim Baker, principal
Lora Barber, parent
GayeLynn Carling, gifted/talented teacher specialist
David Clark, teacher
Lena Coombs, parent
Angela Eatough, parent
Mondana Heern, teacher
Paula Logan, principal
Joanne Mattes, principal
Teri Mattson, gifted/talented administrative consultant
Renae Monsen, parent

Kerrie Naylor, assistant superintendent, Curriculum and Staff Development
 Jill Putnam, teacher
 Chris Richards-Khong, secondary guidance specialist
 Norma Villar, principal
 Karen Ward, guidance counselor

Ms. Mattson said the task force was charged with examining research related to gifted/talented education at the middle school level, developing a written plan articulating a continuum of services to meet the needs of middle school level gifted/talented students, and examining the ALPS program at the middle school level. Their goal was to develop a model that allowed for each individual school to honor their own unique student population, community, location, school structure, available resources (human and financial), and school goals. The task force met January 23, February 20, March 19, and April 24, 2009, followed by a Gifted/Talented Advisory Committee meeting on May 28, 2009. The Task Force made the following four recommendations:

Recommendation 1: That there be a purposeful implementation of strategies and services to meet the needs of gifted/talented students through a continuum of services. Ms. Mattson presented the following model which is a summation of the recommendations made and which is to be used as a resource:



Recommendation 2: That a permanent middle level gifted/talented committee be formed and charged with the responsibility of developing support materials, delivery options, and accountability standards for the continuum of services model.

Recommendation 3: That each middle school articulate and publish strategies and services implemented at their respective school.

Recommendation 4: That all middle school students be assessed in 2009 for placement in the 2009-10 ALPS program, but that students applying for eighth and ninth grades be assessed for instructional purposes only.

Ms. Mattson stated that a second task force, the Identification Task Force, met and considered research-based practices for identification of gifted/talented students, determined essential procedures and assessments for identifying students for the ALPS program, and developed

recommendations to present to the Board of Education for identifying students for the ALPS program.

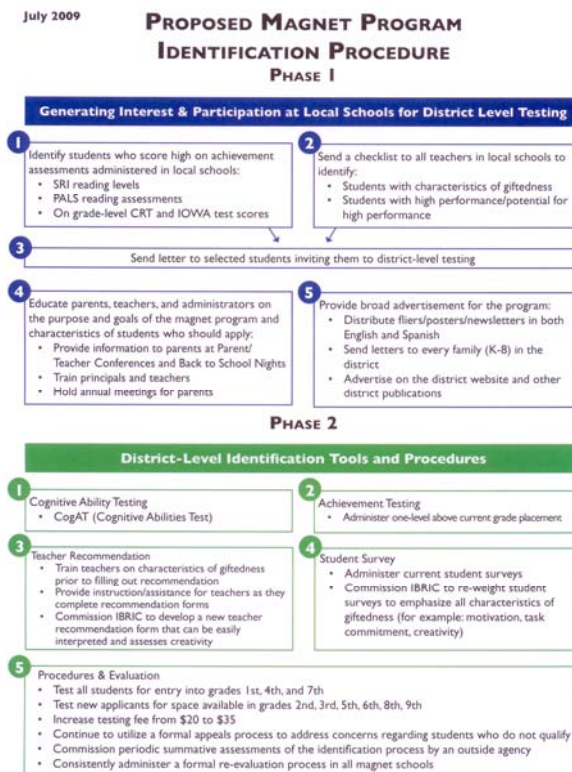
The Identification Task Force formed belief statements on which to base their discussions and decisions:

- Most learners' needs can be served in local school programs.
- The gifted/talented magnet program should serve students with unique learning needs that cannot be met in the regular classroom.
- A wide net should be cast to identify as many students as possible who would benefit from participation in the ALPS program.
- Students should be placed in the magnet program based on need, not quotas.
- Students entering the magnet program should demonstrate high performance or capacity for high performance.

The Identification Task Force based all of their recommendations on basic principals:

- Use multiple criteria from multiple sources.
- Include quantitative and qualitative assessments.
- Proactively recruit candidates for the pool.
- Repeat assessments over time to identify additional students.
- Promote inclusiveness rather than exclusiveness.
- Use identification data to drive instruction.
- Develop procedures for evaluation of processes.
- Communicate with parents and teachers about the characteristics of giftedness.

The Identification Task Force proposed the following two-phase magnet program identification procedure:



Ms. Mattson recommended a timeline for implementation of the identification process:

- September 2009 – Advertising and application process begins.
- December 2009 – Assessment of students.

- February 2010 – Conferencing with middle school parents/placement decisions made.
- March 2010 – Conferencing with elementary school parents/placement decisions made.
- March/April 2010 – Appeals process.

Dr. Naylor presented a cost analysis for testing of students and recommended a per student fee increase from \$20 to \$35. With 1,200 students tested, this would generate \$42,000 and cover the a projected cost of \$41,970.

Board President Peggy Jo Kennett thanked Dr. Naylor and Ms. Mattson for their presentation and asked that the recommendations of both the Middle School Task Force Committee and the Identification Task Force Committee be brought before the Board for action at the September 22, 2009, Board meeting. President Kennett also noted that Board members will be glad to accept public comment on the committee recommendations until they take action on September 22, 2009.

B. Board Member Comments

Mr. Carmen R. Freeman said he has been visiting schools in his precinct and is excited about what is going on at those schools. He said he is grateful for those who officiate in those capacities that bless our children. Mr. Freeman thanked Mr. Stoddard and others who helped Principal Durrant with the opening of Silver Crest Elementary and said they are doing a tremendous job. Mr. Freeman reported that the many recommendations that came from the recent Truth-in-Taxation hearing related to the budget are being looked at by Superintendent Newbold and Mr. Jolley and they will be presenting recommendations for trimming the District's budget to the Board in the forthcoming months. He also stated that the Board would be working with the legislature and hoped to enlist their help in the financial area.

Mr. Randy S. Brinkerhoff commented that due to personal circumstances, he has not been able to visit the schools as often as usual, but there were several things he wanted to report. He attended the New Teacher Induction for year-round teachers. He enjoyed the welcome talk that Mr. Freeman gave and also Superintendent Newbold's remarks. He said it was a very good training and orientation session and he commended Dr. LeMaster for her work with the program. Mr. Brinkerhoff attended the leadership conference in August which gave them a chance to improve their leadership skills. Mr. Brinkerhoff said the Jordan Education Foundation sponsored a *Links to Golf Classic* that raised approximately \$50,000 which will be used for teachers and students in Jordan District. He expressed appreciation for the Foundation and all they consistently do to help children and to recognize excellent teachers. Mr. Brinkerhoff attended the Utah School Boards Association pre-delegate assembly where he was able to listen to Governor Herbert. He said he thought he would be an excellent governor and hoped he would follow through on some of the things he talked about in the way of helping out with education. In the delegate assembly they talked about the things that needed to be done to remind the legislature of their responsibilities to public education in this state. Mr. Brinkerhoff reported that he was also able to attend the New Teacher Induction for traditional calendar teachers. He was impressed with Mr. Bojak's welcome. He said he turned it into almost a seminar by itself and it was very well accepted and enjoyable. He said Superintendent Newbold presented his excellent remarks and he again thanked Dr. LeMaster for her excellent work.

Dr. Leah Voorhies said she wanted to ditto Mr. Brinkerhoff's comments.

Mr. Rick Bojak commented that during the past week he was able to visit 14 schools and said he always enjoys delivering school supplies. He said he wanted to report a few of the highlights of his visits. A 10-year old Oakcrest Elementary student, McKenna Larsen, wrote an article about what a super hero really is and submitted it to the national magazine, *Highlights*. He congratulated her for having her article chosen out of 35,000 entries to be featured in the magazine. Mr. Bojak also highlighted the wonderful efforts of Columbia Elementary principal, Kathe Riding. Ms. Riding indicated to him that some of their students do not have things at home

like crayons, scissors, rulers, etc., and so she created a “homework box” and accepts donations to the box. Before students go home at night she gives them the materials they will need to finish their homework assignments.

Mrs. Peggy Jo Kennett commented that the District had a great start to the traditional school year. She said it was very interesting to go from the issue of the District’s budget to the issue of President Obama’s speech and during the past week she has been called everything from a “communist” to a “censor.” She said it is always interesting to see what issues a member of the Board of Education has to face.

MOTION: At 8:35 p.m., it was moved by Dr. Leah Voorhies and seconded by Mr. Rick Bojak to adjourn the meeting and return to study session. Motion carried unanimously.

STUDY SESSION, Continued

Those recognized or signed-in as present:

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
Sherry Wasden, Deputy Superintendent for Instructional Services

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

B. Board Issues and Concerns, continued

Board Members discussed various issues and concerns.

At 9:25 p.m., the study session adjourned.

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Attachments