The Board of Education of Jordan School District met in closed and study sessions on Tuesday, September 16, 2014, beginning at 9:03 a.m. in the District Auxiliary Services Building, 7905 South Redwood Road, West Jordan, Utah.

**STUDY SESSION**

Those recognized or signed-in as present:
- Richard S. Osborn, Board President
- Susan K. Pulsipher, Board Vice President
- Janice L. Voorhies, Board Secretary
- (J. Lynn Crane, Board Member, excused)
- Peggy Jo Kennett, Board Member
- (Corbin White, Board Member, excused)
- Kayleen Whitelock, Board Member
- Patrice A. Johnson, Superintendent of Schools
- John Larsen, Interim Business Administrator
- Anthony A. Godfrey, Administrator of Schools
- Scott Thomas, Administrator of Auxiliary Services
- David Rostrom, Director, Facility Services
- Paul Bergera, Staff Assistant, Auxiliary Services
- Luann Leavitt, Consultant, Planning and Student Services
- Carmen Freeman, Mayor, Herriman City (joined meeting at 12:30 p.m.)
- Bill Applegarth, Mayor, Riverton City
- Don Tingeey, South Jordan City
- Teresa Atherley

Board President Richard S. Osborn presided and conducted. The Board of Education met in a study session to discuss the following:

A. **County-wide Equalization Update**

Superintendent Johnson updated the Board on the results of the county-wide equalization presentation given to mayors, legislators, and the Utah Taxpayer’s Association. She noted that the Taxpayer’s Association encouraged the District to raise taxes. Board members directed the administration to work to get the word out to the public about the funding issues related to the county-wide equalization law.

B. **Discussion on Vacant Property**

Scott Thomas led a discussion regarding District-owned vacant property.

The Board asked that 12 acres (instead of 10) of the 50 acres of Richards/Jensen property be set aside for a potential elementary school site. They felt that 12 acres would better accommodate the preferred single story elementary school design and also allow ample space for portables. Board members agreed to the sale of the remaining acreage, but preferred, if possible, to exchange the acreage for potential school sites in other areas of the District.

The Board asked Mr. Thomas to look for more property in east South Jordan for an elementary site to alleviate overcrowding at South Jordan Elementary School. Board members discussed retaining the vocational lots and not selling them until a solution to the overcrowding at South Jordan Elementary is found.

The Board gave direction to Mr. Thomas to put the Mathews and Parry properties on the market for sale or trade; however, they expressed a preference for trading the property for a potential school site.
The Board gave direction to Mr. Thomas to investigate trading existing school sites for sites that could be considered better locations for the building of new schools.

Mr. Thomas asked, and the Board agreed, to retain the Riverton and Butterfield acreage for a while longer so further work can be coordinated with the cities and developers.

C. **Review of Summer Capital Projects**

Mr. Thomas conducted a review of the procedure for prioritizing summer projects and reviewed the proposed list of summer 2015 projects. Board members discussed the pros and cons of doing summer projects versus building new schools. Mayor Applegarth stated that his city wants to see these summer projects done to maintain the schools. He said postponing ongoing maintenance is a bad option and is one of the reasons the east side gave for wanting to split from Jordan District. He suggested that the Board inform the citizens about how much money the District has spent for ongoing maintenance in the schools within their specific cities. It was noted that the District really spends very little for its ongoing maintenance needs when one considers the District owns about $1.5 billion in buildings.

Board members asked Mr. Thomas to reclassify the relocation of the middle school main offices as a safety issue and to add the middle school office relocations to the 2015 summer project list. They provided direction to Mr. Thomas to move forward with the capital projects, except to postpone for one year the asphalt for West Jordan High School and the chiller replacement at Riverton High School.

D. **Five-Year Plan for Student Growth**

Superintendent Johnson presented three draft plans as a beginning point for the discussion. Board members discussed the definition of “need” and noted that every community wants something different. They discussed whether keeping taxes low should be a priority and if so, then year-round schools are important. If having all schools on a traditional schedule is the priority, then taxes will need to increase higher than they otherwise would because of the need to build more schools. Board members acknowledged that each demographic in the District has different desires and needs and the role of the Board is to balance these desires and needs. The question was posed, “Is the five-year plan about dealing with the educational opportunities offered to students or is it dealing with construction of buildings?” Board members decided to focus on construction of buildings and to postpone discussion of educational programs, including potential charter schools sponsored by the District, for another time.

Board members asked to have several footnotes added to the five-year plan that will be presented to the cities to indicate 1) that the plan does not cover educational opportunities; 2) that the plan is for building schools in the next five years; 3) that every year beyond year one is subject to change—the only solid year is year one. Board members asked to have a column added for furniture, fixtures and equipment (FFE) that spells out what it is and how it is funded.

Board members requested that an item be added to the September 23, 2014, study session agenda to invite representatives from George K. Baum and Company to discuss financing options and what could be done with the bonds and the implications of different bonding methods.

E. **Review of Process for Advisory Group Selection**

Under the terms of the Interlocal Agreement, an advisory committee will be formed to review facility design and construction methods, to review the District plan, process, and asset report for District building projects. Co-chairs of this committee will include one mayor and one Board member. Mayor Freeman nominated Mayor Applegarth to serve as co-chair. Mayor Applegarth agreed to serve in this capacity. Board members discussed who and how the Board member co-chair should be decided and determined that the mayor and Board member should not represent the same community to insure a broader representation of constituents. Board members instructed the administration to add the
selection of its Advisory Committee co-chair as a special business agenda item on the September 23, 2014 regular Board meeting.

Discussion was held about the benefits of having a smaller committee so it could move forward more rapidly and stated that the representatives must bring the information back to the entire group.

**MOTION:** At 2:48 p.m., it was moved by Kayleen Whitelock and seconded by Janice L. Voorhies to go into closed session. Motion passed with a unanimous vote (Mrs. Pulsipher was not present for the vote.

**CLOSED SESSION**

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- Richard S. Osborn, Board President
- Susan K. Pulsipher, Board Vice President
- Janice L. Voorhies, Board Secretary
- (J. Lynn Crane, Board Member, excused)
- Peggy Jo Kennett, Board Member
- (Corbin White, Board Member, excused)
- Kayleen Whitelock, Board Member
- Patrice A. Johnson, Superintendent of Schools
- John Larsen, Interim Business Administrator

Board President Richard S. Osborn presided and conducted. The Board of Education met in a closed session to discuss personnel and property. The closed session discussion was recorded and archived.

At 3:05 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

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[Minutes approved 9-23-14]