The Board of Education of Jordan School District met in study, closed, and regular sessions, and conducted a public budget hearing on Tuesday, June 9, 2015, beginning at 4:02 p.m. at the District Auxiliary Services Building, 7905 South Redwood Road, West Jordan, Utah.

STUDY SESSION

Those recognized or signed-in as present:
  Susan K. Pulsipher, Board President
  Janice L. Voorhies, Board Vice President
  Kayleen Whitelock, Board Secretary
  Jen Atwood, Board Member
  (J. Lynn Crane, Board Member, excused)
  (Richard S. Osborn, Board Member, excused)
  Matthew Young, Board Member
  Patrice A. Johnson, Superintendent of Schools
  John Larsen, Business Administrator
  Michael Anderson, Administrator of Schools
  Laura Finlinson, Administrator of Curriculum and Staff Development
  Anthony A. Godfrey, Administrator of Schools
  June M. LeMaster, Administrator of Human Resources
  Scott Thomas, Administrator of Auxiliary Services
  Paul Van Komen, Burbidge & White
  Sandy Riesgraf, Director, Communications
  Jeri Clayton, Administrative Assistant
  Jennifer Boehme, President, Jordan Education Association
  Carmen Freeman, Mayor, Herriman City

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

A. **Ends Policies and Student Achievement**

  Board members discussed preparations for the *What Counts* round table activity. President Pulsipher informed the Board that Mrs. Mossi White agreed to serve as the group facilitator. The Board set a tentative date of Thursday, September 17, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. for the meeting. Board members asked Superintendent Johnson to assume responsibility for meeting plans and logistics and to also plan a training meeting for individuals who will serve as facilitators and recorders.

B. **Policy Governance Review – GP117 Travel and Other Board Expenses**

  Board members discussed Board membership in organizations such as Utah School Boards Association, National School Boards Association, National Federation of Urban and Suburban School Districts, etc., and the value they receive from membership, including travel to conferences and meetings. They discussed other Board expenses such as postage, BoardDocs software, etc. Board members decided to re-review this policy, specifically the summary of Board expenses, at the study session scheduled for the end of October, 2015. Board members asked President Pulsipher to express to USBA leadership the Board’s sentiments about USBA raising its dues and to suggest they look at ways to cut expenditures.

C. **Discussion on Policy GP108 Meeting Planning/Appendix - Agenda Planning Schedule**
Board members reviewed the Appendix, created as part of policy GP108 which outlines when items come before the Board, and made recommendations for changes. They also reviewed the process for updating the Five-Year Plan.

D. Discussion on Policy GP103 Board Members’ Principles of Operation - Conduct and Ethics/Appendix Board meeting Self-Governance Review

Board members reviewed the process for completing a Board self-evaluation. It was suggested having a review three times a year in study sessions, with recommendations and comments to be gathered by the Board secretary. It was also suggested that public input be solicited prior to each review.

E. New Administrative Policy AA450 Assignment in Alternative/Specialized Programs Outside a Student’s Boundary School

Scott Thomas, Administrator of Auxiliary Services, reviewed the newly created Administrative Policy AA450. He indicated that the State has formed a committee to review charter school busing during the summer months.

Mr. Larsen recommended postponing approval of this policy until the State has completed its committee work. He also recommended that the District move forward with plans to offer busing to Valley High students in an effort to improve attendance, student achievement, and graduation rates.

F. Updates to Administrative Policy DP326 NEG Sick Leave - Classified

June LeMaster, administrator of Human Resources, explained that the revisions to this policy provide consistency between employee groups and address the increase in days for adoption leave.

G. Review of Jordan School District Brochure

Sandy Riesgraf, director of Communications, reviewed a brochure created for the purpose of informing the communities about the good things happening in Jordan School District. Upon Board approval, the brochure will be mailed to approximately 72,000 households within the District. Board members requested to have additional time to review the brochure for content.

MOTION: At 5:42 p.m., it was moved by Janice L. Voorhies and seconded by Jen Atwood to go into closed session. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

CLOSED SESSION

Those recognized or signed-in as present:
Susan K. Pulsipher, Board President
Janice L. Voorhies, Board Vice President
Kayleen Whitelock, Board Secretary
Jen Atwood, Board Member
(J. Lynn Crane, Board Member, excused)
(Richard S. Osborn, Board Member, excused)
Matthew Young, Board Member
Patrice A. Johnson, Superintendent of Schools
John Larsen, Business Administrator
Paul Van Komen, Burbidge & White

President Pulsipher presided and conducted. The Board of Education met in a closed session to discuss potential litigation and negotiations. The closed session discussion was recorded and archived.

At 5:53 p.m., the meeting adjourned. The budget hearing started at 6:00 p.m.
BUDGET HEARING

Those recognized or signed-in as present:
Susan K. Pulsipher, Board President
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Kayleen Whitelock, Board Secretary
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Matthew Young, Board Member
Patrice A. Johnson, Superintendent of Schools
John Larsen, Business Administrator
Michael Anderson, Administrator of Schools
Laura Finlinson, Administrator of Curriculum and Staff Development
Anthony A. Godfrey, Administrator of Schools
June M. LeMaster, Administrator of Human Resources
Paul Van Komen, Burbidge & White
Heather Ellingson, Director, Accounting, Budgets and Audits
Sandy Riesgraf, Director, Communications
Daniel Ellis, Accountant/Internal Auditor
Jeri Clayton, Administrative Assistant
Jennifer Boehme, President, Jordan Education Association
Carmen Freeman, Mayor, Herriman City

President Pulsipher presided and conducted. She welcomed those present. President Pulsipher turned the time over to Superintendent Johnson and Mr. Larsen to conduct the budget hearing.

Presentation of the 2015-16 Budget

Superintendent Johnson said the District is presenting a balanced budget that fulfills negotiated agreements with the employee groups and does not increase taxes or class sizes. She reviewed the following Board goals:

- Increase student achievement
- Provide parents with the choices they deserve and desire
- Recognize and reward quality in educators
- Empower school leaders through policy governance and professional development
- Communicate with the public, legislators, business leaders, cities, and parents

Superintendent Johnson reviewed the focus of the 2015-16 budget. It was developed with student achievement, instruction, professional development, and personnel compensation at the forefront. The budget includes ongoing funding for the opening of the new JATC South ($338,000), an increase in comprehensive high school staffing to include a fourth assistant principal ($125,000), transition of the administrator of schools staff assistant position to administrator of schools position ($36,000), additional support for online education ($35,000), and District-paid AAPPL test fees ($75,000).

Superintendent Johnson said the budget includes one-time funding for the addition of 11 teaching positions to address high class size areas ($715,000), additional professional development for teachers ($500,000), hiring of two specialists to assist teachers with MasteryConnect ($360,000 over two years), early resignation/retirement notification incentives ($80,000), Beverly Taylor Sorenson Arts program ($35,000), and the addition of two bus routes for Valley High students ($20,000).

Mr. Larsen reviewed the results of negotiated agreements with employee groups which provide ongoing funding for steps and lanes, two percent COLA, and an increase in the District portion of health insurance, as well as a one-time two percent bonus for employees not receiving steps. The total cost is approximately $13.4 million.
Mr. Larsen reviewed State-required budget changes. The State required the District to increase its charter school subsidy from $1.9 million to $2.8 million. The Utah State Auditor is now requiring that school districts recognize in their financial statements the tax increment it would have received had it not been sent to municipalities. The amount for 2015-16 is estimated to be $12.5 million which will be shown on the District’s financial statement as revenue and as an expenditure because it is not money the District receives. He noted that a new Fund 26 was created to track this requirement and also that trend analysis and LEA comparisons will be greatly affected. Mr. Larsen reviewed the following budget components:

State Revenue Guarantees. The State increased the Basic Levy 24.31 percent. This large increase in property taxes allows the State to reduce school district basic funding and reallocate funds to other areas. The Legislature increased the WPU for the 2015-16 school year $120 (4.0%) from $2,972 to $3,092, which provides approximately $5.2 million increase in revenue, and increased the Voted/Board Local Levies Guarantee (SB 97) which will provide approximately $3.9 million in revenue to Jordan District.

Enrollment Projections. The District’s 2015-16 projected enrollment of 54,818 represents a decline of 127 students (0.25%) from the October 1, 2014, enrollment.

Class Size. Class size is projected to remain the same for the 2015-16 school year; no change in class size ratios has occurred since 2008-09.

Assessed Valuation. The 2015 assessed valuation per student is projected to be $267,745. Jordan’s projected assessed valuation per student is the lowest of the five Salt Lake County school districts. Tax revenue remains neutral regardless of whether there is an increase or decrease in the assessed valuation.

Tax Rates. A State-wide comparison of 2014-15 tax rates places Jordan below the State average and the lowest of the five Salt Lake County school districts.

Charter Schools. Mr. Larsen reviewed the District’s requirement to send revenue to charter schools and the financial effect. He noted that State-wide charter school enrollment is 10.7% and 10.7% of the Basic Levy, which is collected by school districts, indirectly goes to charter schools. He also explained that the Local Replacement charter school subsidy requires school districts to assess taxpayers and then send those funds to charter schools. He noted that these Local Replacement funds are in addition to the funds charter schools receive from the 10.7% Basic Levy portion, and it includes County-wide equalization funds which means that while Jordan benefited from the County-wide Equalization program, a portion of those funds were sent to charter schools. For Jordan School District the Local Replacement funds for 2015-16 will amount to approximately $2.8 million.

Financial Overview. Mr. Larsen reported that during 2015-16, it is estimated the District will receive 51.2 percent of its revenue from the State of Utah, 42.6 percent from local sources, and 6.2 percent from the federal government. He said it is important to understand that the estimated current year revenues and expenditures are slightly inflated due to deferred revenues. Deferred revenues represent grant funds which are restricted and therefore are carried over until spent. These funds are budgeted to be spent in the current year.

Mr. Larsen presented a five-year financial overview of revenue, expenditures, and fund balance on a District-wide basis and for the major funds which include the General Fund, Debt Service Fund, Capital Projects Fund, Nutrition Services Fund, Self-Insurance Fund, and Tax Increment Fund. Actual figures were provided for 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14, final amended figures for 2014-15, and proposed figures for 2015-16.

General Fund. The General Fund is the largest of the District’s funds and is used to pay salaries, benefits, supplies, textbooks, and utilities. Significant changes to this fund include seven elementary schools moving from year-round to traditional schedule for 2015-16 and the District will be opening a second JATC facility in Riverton (JATC South). Total General Fund expenditures are expected to be $316.7 million for the 2015-16 school year. Instruction-related costs account for 64.26 percent of the total expenditures and the remaining 35.74 percent are support services expenditures. Mr. Larsen explained that the fund balance for the General Fund is designated as follows: $1.3 million in inventory items; $16.0 million undistributed reserve (rainy day
fund legal maximum of 5 percent); $10.0 million for health insurance program; $3.3 million for compensated absences (vacation accrual); and retiree benefits of $63.7 million (frozen retirement reserve); for a total of $94.3 million.

Debt Service Fund. The Debt Service Fund is used for mortgage payments for bonded indebtedness. The District’s outstanding general obligation debt as of June 30, 2015, is $59.0 million (principal: $52.1 million; interest: $6.9 million). Jordan District’s 2016 additional legal debt incurring capability is $847.4 million. The District anticipates having its general obligation debt fully paid within five years, by 2020, and the District’s debt is very low in comparison to other school districts.

Capital Projects Fund. This fund is used for building remodeling and renovation needs, new construction, and equipment purchases. Significant changes include the purchase of the new building that will house the Jordan Academy for Technology and Careers (JATC South) that will open in August 2015. Mr. Larsen called attention to the fund balance figures which are higher than revenues and expenditures for this fund. He noted that this fund balance can be used to construct schools.

Nutrition Services Fund. The Nutrition Services Fund is used for school lunch and breakfast programs. Lunch/breakfast prices for adult meals will increase from $3.00 to $3.30 for the 2015-16 school year. The cost was increased as a result of a federal rule. The last price increase for student meals was in 2009-10. Mr. Larsen noted that property taxes are not used in the operation of these programs. The revenues collected cover expenditures. As the cost of food and supplies increase, it may be necessary to raise breakfast/lunch prices.

Self-Insurance Fund. This fund is used for health and accident, Worker’s Compensation, disability, and life insurance for employees. Significant changes include a six percent premium increase and changes to plan benefits.

Tax Increment Fund. This fund was created this year in response to the Utah State Auditor requirement that school districts recognize the tax increment sent to municipalities. For 2015-16, this new fund will show $12.5 in revenue and $12.5 million in expenditures, with no fund balance.

Other Funds. There were no significant changes in the District’s three remaining budget funds, Non-K through 12, Jordan Education Foundation, and Student Activities (school funds).

Tax Rates. Mr. Larsen proposed that the tax rates be adopted at the certified tax rate which means that Jordan School District will remain revenue neutral. The tax rate used for the purpose of preparing the 2015-16 budget is estimated at 0.007042, an increase of 0.000342. The actual tax rate for 2015-16 is undetermined because the 2015 assessed valuation has not been received from Salt Lake County and the State Tax Commission. Since the District is required to remain revenue neutral, it cannot receive additional revenue through taxation, aside from growth, without a Truth-in-Taxation hearing. A Truth-in-Taxation hearing is not scheduled this year. The property tax per $100,000 of residential market value for 2015-16 is estimated to be $387, an increase of $18 from the prior year.

Conclusion. Mr. Larsen recommended the Board take the following action:

2. Adopt the 2015-16 proposed budget.
3. Authorize any budget adjustments necessary to reflect funds received from the Certified Tax Rate.

Questions and Comments from Board Members

Mrs. Whitelock expressed appreciation to Mr. Larsen and his staff for the time the spent working on the budget. She said what she likes about the Budget Book are the numbers and graphs and what she doesn’t like is the verbiage. She said she understands the book is submitted for an award which requires the verbiage and she doesn’t feel the fees paid for the award submissions provide a return on investment that warrants continuing this practice. She recommended alleviating workload for employees by discontinuing the
unnecessary award submissions. She said she also wanted it on record that she didn’t necessarily agree with all of the verbiage and when she casts her vote, she will be saying yes to the numbers and graphs only. Mrs. Whitelock expressed appreciation to her fellow Board members and to staff members for concentrating on employees and student achievement in the 2015-16 budget and said she is very happy with that accomplishment.

Mr. Larsen clarified that the vote is for the budget only and not for the book, the presentation, nor the personnel. The Board is strictly passing a budget. Mr. Larsen also expressed appreciation to his staff members, Heather Ellingson, Dan Ellis, and Jeri Clayton, for the months spent in preparing the budget.

Mrs. Pulsipher expressed her gratitude to Mr. Larsen and his staff for the work done in putting together the budget and also commended Mr. Larsen for his presentation and said it brought clarity to the budget for the Board and public.

**Patron Comments Related to the Budget Hearing**

Jennifer Boehme, president of Jordan Education Association, said JEA was pleased in 2014 to have a two-year agreement that will continue through the next school year. She said JEA members appreciate being recognized for their loyalty by receiving steps or a two percent bonus, lane changes which recognizes employees for gaining additional education, and for the two percent COLA. Mrs. Boehme said JEA members would like to see financial discussions between the District and Association held early in the year again and that coming to a financial agreement earlier allows for better budgeting on the Board’s part and provides more confidence for employees when they know what compensation will be for the following school year. She said members of JEA who have attended study sessions and the Budget presentation have seen that the information is straight forward and available for all to see. Mrs. Boehme thanked Mr. Larsen for the manner in which he facilitated the budget discussions this year. She said JEA supports the budget as presented tonight.

**Board Action**

**MOTION:** It was moved by Janice L. Voorhies and seconded by Jen Atwood to adopt the 2014-15 final amended budget. Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Kayleen Whitelock and seconded by Janice L. Voorhies to adopt the 2015-16 proposed budget. Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Kayleen Whitelock and seconded by Janice L. Voorhies to authorize any budget adjustments necessary to reflect funds received from the Certified Tax Rate. Motion carried unanimously.

At 7:03 p.m., the budget hearing ended. The regular session started immediately following the budget hearing.

**REGULAR SESSION**

Those recognized or signed-in as present:

Susan K. Pulsipher, Board President  
Janice L. Voorhies, Board Vice President  
Kayleen Whitelock, Board Secretary  
Jen Atwood, Board Member  
(J. Lynn Crane, Board Member, excused)  
(Richard S. Osborn, Board Member, excused)  
Matthew Young, Board Member  
Patrice A. Johnson, Superintendent of Schools  
John Larsen, Business Administrator  
Michael Anderson, Administrator of Schools  
Laura Finlinson, Administrator of Curriculum and Staff Development  
Anthony A. Godfrey, Administrator of Schools
President Pulsipher presided and conducted. She welcomed those present. Michael Anderson, administrator of schools, led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. Reverence was given by Anthony Godfrey, administrator of schools. President Pulsipher excused Board Members Richard Osborn and Lynn Crane. President Pulsipher recognized Fox Hollow Elementary students for providing the artwork displayed on the walls inside and outside the Board room.

Resolution of Appreciation

President Pulsipher read a Resolution of Appreciation for each of the following former Jordan District employees who recently passed away:

- Lu Jean Hinchclif Carver – employed by Jordan District from 1966-1971
- LaRoyce Beckstead Fisher – employed by Jordan District from 1970-1984
- Elaine George Shaw – employed by Jordan District from 1964-1985
- Trudie Kainoa Taula – employed by Jordan District from 2011-2014

Recognitions by Board Members

Mrs. Atwood recognized West Jordan Elementary for receiving The Leader In Me Lighthouse Award. She said the students and staff worked hard to accomplish this goal during the past three years. She also expressed appreciation for being able to speak at the Valley High graduation.

I. General Business – Consent Agenda

A. Motion to Approve Consent Agenda Items

1. Minutes

Minutes for the Board of Education meeting held May 26, 2015, were provided to the Board of Education.

2. Revised Board Meeting Calendar

Town Hall meeting dates scheduled in November 2015 and April 2016 were moved from Tuesday evening to Thursday evening. These meetings will be held Thursday, November 19, 2015, and Thursday, April 21, 2016

MOTION: It was moved by Matthew Young and seconded by Janice L. Voorhies to approve Consent Agenda item A2, Revised Board Meeting Calendar, with a revision to the November 10 study session to read 2015 rather than 2016. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

MOTION: It was moved by Janice L. Voorhies and seconded by Jen Atwood to approve Consent Agenda item A1, Board Minutes, as presented. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

B. Motion to Accept Consent Agenda Items

1. Expenditures
Expenditures for the month of May 2015 were provided to the Board of Education.

2. **Financial Statement**

The financial statement through May 31, 2015, was provided to the Board of Education. A copy is attached at the conclusion of these minutes. (Attachment 1)

3. **Personnel – Licensed and Classified**

Personnel changes for the month of May 2015 were provided to the Board of Education.

4. **Recommendation to Issue Certificates for Home Instruction**

It was recommended that the students whose parents have filed affidavits pursuant to Utah Code 53A-11-102 shall be issued certificates excusing them from attending public school.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Kayleen Whitelock and seconded by Janice L. Voorhies to accept Consent Agenda items B1 through B4, as recommended. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

II. **Bid Recommendations**

A. **School or Department**  
   **Central Warehouse**  
   **Items for Bid**  
   Colored Copy Paper

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**Purpose:** To replenish colored copy paper supplies.

**Recommendation:** It was recommended placing the orders with the State contract vendor, Xpedx.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Janice L. Voorhies and seconded by Jen Atwood to approve the bid for colored copy paper, as recommended. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

III. **Special Business**

A. **Recommendation to Approve Revisions to Administrative Policy DP326 NEG Sick Leave - Classified**

Dr. LeMaster, administrator for Human Resources, explained that the revisions to this policy for classified employees provide consistency between employee groups and address the increase in days for adoption leave. A copy of policy DP326 NEG is attached at the conclusion of these minutes. (Attachment 2)

**Public Comment**
No patrons signed up to address the Board regarding this Special Business item.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Kayleen Whitelock and seconded by Janice L. Voorhies to approve revisions to Policy DP326 NEG *Sick Leave - Classified*. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

B. **Recommendation to Approve Tentative Negotiated Agreement for Classified Employees**

President Pulsipher said last month the Board approved the Tentative Negotiated Agreement for Classified Employees and since that time, JESPA members have ratified the Agreement; however, since tonight’s agenda was noticed with the title of this item as approving the “tentative”
agreement then the Board will again approve the Tentative Negotiated Agreement for Classified Employees and bring it back at the next Board meeting for final approval. She thanked the administration and classified leadership for the year-long efforts made towards working on an amicable agreement.

Public Comment
No patrons signed up to address the Board regarding this Special Business item.

**MOTION:**
It was moved by Janice L. Voorhies and seconded by Matthew Young to approve the Negotiated Agreement for Classified Employees. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

C. **Recommendation to Approve Negotiated Agreement for Licensed Employees**

President Pulsipher stated that the same comments she made about the classified employee tentative agreement apply to the licensed tentative agreement as well.

Mrs. Voorhies expressed appreciation to both the classified and licensed employees for their swift approval of these negotiated agreements. She said it is reassuring to find employees working together with the administration in order to do what is best for employees.

Public Comment
No patrons signed up to address the Board regarding this Special Business item.

**MOTION:**
It was moved by Jen Atwood and seconded by Kayleen Whitelock to approve the Negotiated Agreement for Licensed Employees. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

D. **Recommendation to Approve Revisions to Administrative Policy DP375 Vacation Schedule for Administrative Personnel**

Mr. Larsen, business administrator, explained the revisions to policy DP375 and the removal of language requiring principals to utilize personal leave before vacation leave. A copy of policy DP375 is attached at the conclusion of these minutes. (Attachment 3)

Public Comment
No patrons signed up to address the Board regarding this Special Business item.

**MOTION:**
It was moved by Janice L. Voorhies and seconded by Jen Atwood to approve revisions to Policy DP375 **Vacation Schedule for Administrative Personnel**. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

IV. **Discussion Items**

A. **Board Member Committee Reports and Comments**

Mr. Young reported that at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, they discussed the financing options available to the District with regard to how to move forward with construction of additional schools. He said the Committee did not discuss a specific dollar amount but came to the conclusion that holding a bond election is the best financing option because it is the least expensive and provides an opportunity for the entire community to partner with the Board in constructing schools that will be needed in the future. He said he feels a sense of urgency for the Board to move forward with plans for a bond election and the Committee will be meeting later this month to put together some concrete items for the Board to consider. He said time is of the essence, especially if the Board chooses the fall of 2016 for this election, because it has been suggested that a successful bond campaign should begin one and a half to two years prior to the election date. Mr. Young expressed appreciation to Mr. Larsen for the work he is doing in insuring that a future bond process will go well. He also expressed appreciation to Mr. Larsen and his staff for the budget and especially for the focus on instruction. Mr. Young said he would be remiss if he
didn’t express his disappointment in the fact that even with the effort on instruction, the District’s percentage, as a piece of the total allocation in the general fund, continued to decline in the instruction areas. He said it is a firm lesson that fundamentally the District has to get to a point where things have to be significantly changed in the instruction area to insure that there is investment in instruction dollars or to develop a more effective metric to insure that there is a firm understanding of how many dollars are actually going directly to the education of children. He said he looks forward during the next year to working with the Finance Committee as negotiations begin for a new contract. He said the Board has some definite ideas and the Committee will be exploring these ideas. He strongly encouraged those on the negotiating committee to keep the Board in the loop on negotiations so they can express their desires in this process.

Mrs. Atwood thanked Mr. Young for providing a report of a meeting of the School Community Council Committee at the last Board meeting and stated that her Committee would be meeting again next week and she would be reporting the results of that meeting next month.

Mrs. Whitelock reported that the Facilities Committee met last week and they are making progress towards bringing more information to the Board. Meetings are scheduled for June 22 and 23, 2015, and at the meeting on June 23, the SOQs will be available for Committee review and the Board can expect numbers after that day. Mrs. Whitelock stated, and President Pulsipher confirmed, that the Board is meeting in a study session in one week on June 16, 2015, at 4:00 p.m. Mrs. Whiteok said she attended a band concert at Elk Ridge Middle School and choir concert at West Jordan High School and both were very enjoyable. She said she is always impressed by the music teachers and that the level they raise these students to is amazing. She expressed appreciation to all of the District’s music teachers. Mrs. Whitelock said the Board participated in the South Jordan parade last Saturday and the weather turned out quite pleasant and it was a fun day for the Board. Mrs. Whitelock said she was assigned to attend the Bingham High and South Valley graduations this year, both of which were great. Many people have told her they enjoyed the Bingham graduation and she believes the secret to this enjoyment is Board members keeping their talks short. Mrs. Whitelock commended South Valley teacher, Randy White, for the slideshow of graduating South Valley students which included baby pictures, school activities, and family pictures. She said it was fun to see these students grow.

Mrs. Voorhies said she had the opportunity in the last few weeks to visit some of the traditional schedule schools in her precinct and talk with faculty members about how they feel about their school and the progress they have made. She said this is always a delightful experience for her and it is apparent when she speaks with teachers that they are in this profession because they care about kids. Mrs. Voorhies said it was a delight to attend the graduation ceremonies this year because the increasing graduation rates and increased care taken in determining why students don’t graduate are directly applicable to the words Dr. Godfrey said at the beginning of the Board meeting about education being the foundation of liberty. She said every time she shakes a student’s hand she thinks that this student is prepared to become a citizen and she hopes that is true of every graduate and that the graduation rates increase every year. She expressed appreciation to all those that make this happen.

Mrs. Pulsipher explained that next Tuesday’s meeting was not originally on the calendar, but there were several items of business and discussions that needed to take place before the end of June so an additional study session was added to accomplish the Board’s work. Mrs. Pulsipher said she has always loved attending graduation ceremonies which is a happy day for the graduates and for her. She said graduation is the culmination of thirteen years of work by teachers and employees who have helped to lead these students to that point. Mrs. Pulsipher said she had the opportunity to attend the River’s Edge graduation and for those students it was a happy and extraordinary moment for them. Mrs. Pulsipher attended an elementary school choir concert and during the performance her husband expressed that it was “really good.” She said this comment shows what great work goes on in Jordan District and many of the extra activities like this concert are done by employees outside of their regular duties. She expressed appreciation to these
people for the work they do and the fantastic opportunities being provided to the kids to grow academically.

At 7:35 p.m., President Pulsipher declared the meeting adjourned and announced that the Board would be returning to closed session.

**MOTION:** At 7:45 p.m., it was moved by Janice L. Voorhies and seconded by Jen Atwood to go into closed session. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Those recognized or signed-in as present:
- Susan K. Pulsipher, Board President
- Janice L. Voorhies, Board Vice President
- Kayleen Whitelock, Board Secretary
- Jen Atwood, Board Member
- (J. Lynn Crane, Board Member, excused)
- (Richard S. Osborn, Board Member, excused)
- Matthew Young, Board Member
- Patrice A. Johnson, Superintendent of Schools
- John Larsen, Business Administrator
- Paul Van Komen, Burbidge & White

President Pulsipher presided and conducted. The Board of Education met in a closed session to discuss personnel. Prior to the discussion, Superintendent Johnson and Mr. Larsen were excused. The closed session discussion was not recorded.

At 10:10 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

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Attachments

[Minutes approved 7-28-15]