The Board of Education of Jordan School District met in study, closed, and regular sessions on Tuesday, April 26, 2016, beginning at 4:03 p.m. at the JATC South Campus (Board Conference Room), 12723 S. Park Avenue (2080 West), Riverton, 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, excused)
- J. Lynn Crane, Board Member
- Richard S. Osborn, Board Member
- Matthew Young, Board Member
- Patrice A. Johnson, Superintendent of Schools
- Anthony A. Godfrey, Associate Superintendent
- John Larsen, Business Administrator
- Paul Van Komen, Burbidge & White
- Michael Anderson, Administrator of Schools
- Jill Durrant, Administrator of Schools
- Laura Finlinson, Administrator of Curriculum and Staff Development
- June M. LeMaster, Administrator of Human Resources
- Scott Thomas, Administrator of Auxiliary Services
- Teri Timpson, Administrator of Schools
- Cheryl Matson, Director, Insurance Services
- Shelley Nordick, Staff Assistant, Curriculum and Staff Development
- Jeri Clayton, Administrative Assistant
- Vicki Olsen
- James Maughan

President Pulsipher presided and conducted. She informed the Board that Mrs. Atwood has asked to be excused from tonight’s meetings due to an injury. The Board of Education met in a study session to discuss the following:

A. **Ends Policies and Student Achievement**

Mrs. Pulsipher invited Mrs. Finlinson, administrator for Curriculum and Staff Development, and Mrs. Nordick, staff assistant for Curriculum and Staff Development, to present information to the Board about the educational opportunities available to Jordan District students and what future opportunities could be offered to students.

Mrs. Nordick reviewed programs available to students during school hours and before and after school for elementary, middle, and high school students in the areas of physical education, art, music, theatre, drama, STEM, and character education. She noted that she did not include individual classroom activities as part of her presentation.

Following the presentation, Board members discussed the opportunities and suggested that it might be advantageous to have a resource available for school staff, School Community Councils, PTA members and others that lists successful activities and programs that schools have done and contact information, if anyone has questions about the activities.
President Pulsipher invited suggestions from Board members about language for the Ends policy related to focusing on the whole child. She invited Mrs. Finlinson to return to a future study session for a refresher discussion about the multi-tiered achievement and PLC support system.

At 4:59 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

**MOTION:** At 4:59 p.m., it was moved by J. Lynn Crane and seconded by Janice L. Voorhies to go into closed session. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

**CLOSED SESSION**

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- 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 and negotiations. The closed session discussion was recorded and archived.

At 5:17 p.m., the meeting adjourned. The Board returned to study session.

**STUDY SESSION, Continued**

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- Scott Thomas, Administrator of Auxiliary Services
- Teri Timpson, Administrator of Schools
- Cheryl Matson, Director, Insurance Services
- Sandy Riesgraf, Director, Communications
- Steve Dunham, Communications Manager
- Jeri Clayton, Administrative Assistant
- Vicki Olsen
- James Maughan
President Pulsipher presided and conducted. The Board of Education continued its study session to discuss the following:

B. **Health Insurance Benefit Plan 2016-17 for District Employees**

   Cheryl Matson, director of Insurance Services, reviewed changes to the 2016-17 District employee Health Insurance Benefit Plan, as recommended by the District Insurance Advisory Committee. She noted that a new offering of Health Savings Accounts will be available to employees this year.

   Mrs. Pulsipher stated that USBA offers insurance products and asked whether its HSA plan had been researched. Mrs. Whitelock made the following motion:

   **MOTION:** It was moved by Kayleen Whitelock and seconded by Matthew Young to instruct staff to check opportunities that USBA has available for Health Savings Accounts. Motion passed with a vote of five to one. Mrs. Voorhies cast the dissenting vote.

C. **Updates on Bond Plan and Five-Year Plan**

   John Larsen, business administrator, reviewed the District’s proposed 2016 Bond Plan document. He said the goal is to insure that an accurate and consistent message is portrayed about projected enrollment, school needs, and costs. Mr. Larsen invited Board input about the Plan.

   Board members reviewed the Bond Plan information including construction costs, the benefits to all communities, etc., and discussed recommended changes to the Plan.

At 6:00 p.m., the meeting adjourned. The regular session started at 6:35 p.m.

**JORDAN YOUTH SYMPHONY**

Prior to the start of the regular session, Board members and patrons were invited to listen to the Jordan Youth Symphony perform several musical selections. The Symphony is under the direction of Mecqae Colligan (South Jordan Middle School), Keith Goodrich (Elk Ridge Middle School), Erik Perkins (Oquirrh Hills Middle School), Roelof Vel (Jordan District retiree), and Mary Ann Erdmann (fine arts consultant for Curriculum and Staff Development).

**REGULAR SESSION**

Those recognized or signed-in as present:
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- June M. LeMaster, Administrator of Human Resources
- Scott Thomas, Administrator of Auxiliary Services
- Teri Timpson, Administrator of Schools
- Jana Cruz, Director, Nutrition Services
President Pulsipher presided and conducted. She welcomed those present. Linda Gold, instructional coach for the Beverley Taylor Sorensen Arts Learning Program led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. Reverence was given by Mary Ann Erdmann, Fine Arts consultant for Curriculum and Staff Development.

**Resolutions of Appreciation**

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

- Richard Allen Bateman – employed by Jordan District from 1951 to 1970
- Thomas J. Burke – employed by Jordan District from 1969 to 1996
- Talmage Taylor – employed by Jordan District from 1973 to 1987

**Presentation of PTA Reflections Contest Awards and Outstanding Educator Awards**

Dawn Ramsey, director of Region VI PTA, along with Debbie Jacobs, associate director, and Allison Tran, Reflections and awards specialist, presented awards to students and teachers who have exemplified excellence in education.

Ms. Tran said Reflections is an art program sponsored by the PTA and children from pre-school through grade 12 can participate. This year six District students progressed from the school-level competition to win awards at the state-level competition and will be competing at the national level. Ms. Tran recognized the following Utah State Reflections Contest winners from Jordan District:

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<td>Regan Carron</td>
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Ms. Chris Denison, leadership vice president of the Utah PTA presented two Jordan District teachers with Utah PTA Outstanding Educator Awards for 2015-16:

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<td>Megan Murdock</td>
<td>Riverton High School</td>
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<td>Cara Kimball</td>
<td>South Hills Middle School</td>
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Each teacher was presented with a gift and appreciation was expressed to them for helping students to succeed. Justin Preece and Spencer Carver, Mountain America Credit Union, said Mountain America is a proud sponsor of the Utah PTA and awarded each teacher with a $200 VISA gift card.

**Recognition of Utah Education Association Excellence in Teaching Awards**

Heather Reich, vice president of Jordan Education Association, said the Utah Education Association recognized ten teachers statewide with *Excellence in Teaching* awards and of the ten, three are Jordan District employees. She recognized the following three District teachers:

- Catherine Douglass, third-grade teacher at Elk Meadows Elementary School
- James Maughan, French and ESL teacher at West Hills Middle School
- Jennifer Boehme, sixth-grade teacher at Elk Meadows Elementary School

**Recognitions by Board Members**

Mrs. Voorhies said during the past month she has visited six to seven School Community Council meetings and wanted to express appreciation to parents who are willing to donate time and energy towards helping their school commit to excellence. She said the conversations were lively, parents were knowledgeable, and a great deal was accomplished at each of these meetings. She expressed how proud she is to be associated with them.

Mrs. Pulsipher recognized the efforts made in each of the schools on behalf of kids. She said she attended a play at South Jordan Elementary which was exceptional, but what she thought of continually is that the teachers who worked with the students did so after school during non-contract time. In addition, many parents made elaborate costumes and a teacher at a different school built “pride rock” which was phenomenal. She said these things are done by parents, teachers, and District employees to benefit kids and give them an opportunity to participate in something great. She expressed appreciation for the great parents and employees in Jordan District.

**Patron Comments Regarding Non-Agenda Items**

No patrons signed up to address the Board.

I. **General Business – Consent Agenda**

A. **Motion to Approve Consent Agenda Items**

1. **Minutes**

   Minutes for the Board of Education meetings held March 29, April 5, and April 19, 2016, were provided to the Board of Education.

2. **Updates to Policies**

   a. **DP315 Grievance Procedures - Licensed**
   
   b. **DP315B Grievance Procedures - Classified**
   
   c. **DP316 NEG Orderly Termination Procedures—Licensed**

   Copies of Policies DP315, DP315B, and DP316 NEG are attached at the conclusion of these minutes. (Attachments 1, 2, and 3)

3. **Land Trust Plans for 2014-15 – Final Approval**

4. **Revised Annual Board of Education Meeting Calendar for 2016-17**
A copy of the revised Annual Board of Education Meeting Calendar for 2016-17 is attached at the conclusion of these minutes. (Attachment 4)

5. **School Starting and Ending Times for 2016-17**

A copy of the School Starting and Ending Times for 2016-17 are attached at the conclusion of these minutes. (Attachment 5)

**MOTION:** It was moved by Janice L. Voorhies and seconded by Richard S. Osborn to approve Consent Agenda items A1 through A5, as recommended. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

**B. Motion to Accept Consent Agenda Items**

1. **Expenditures**

Expenditures for the month of March 2016 were provided to the Board of Education.

2. **Financial Statement**

The financial statement through March 31, 2016, was provided to the Board of Education. A copy is attached at the conclusion of these minutes. (Attachment 6)

3. **Personnel – Licensed and Classified**

Personnel changes for the month of March 2016 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 J. Lynn Crane 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**

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<td>Kenworth Sales Co.</td>
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**Purpose:** Additional primary route food delivery truck.

**Recommendation:** It was recommended awarding the contract to the most responsive, responsible and acceptable bidder, Kenworth Sales Co. They complied with the specifications, terms, and conditions outlined in the bid documents.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Richard S. Osborn and seconded by J. Lynn Crane to approve the bid for a delivery truck cab and chassis, as recommended. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.
### Nutrition Services Processing of beef

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**Purpose:** To provide commodity processing for food allocated by the USDA food program.

**Recommendation:** It was recommended awarding the contract to the most responsive, responsible and acceptable bidder, Advance Pierre Foods. They complied with the specifications, terms, and conditions outlined in the bid documents. The contract is for a one-year period with three one-year renewal options.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Kayleen Whitelock and seconded by Janice L. Voorhies to approve the bid for processing of beef, as recommended. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

### C. School or Department Items for Bid

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**Purpose:** To provide commodity processing for food allocated by the USDA food program.

**Recommendation:** It was recommended awarding the contract to the most responsive, responsible and acceptable bidder, Tyson Prepared Foods. They complied with the specifications, terms, and conditions outlined in the bid documents. The contract is for a one-year period with three one-year renewal options.

**MOTION:** It was moved by J. Lynn Crane and seconded by Janice L. Voorhies to approve the bid for processing of chicken. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

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**Purpose:** Purchase of three (3) new buses to help accommodate growth and implementation of modified traditional schedule.

**Recommendation:** It was recommended placing the orders with the state contract vendor, Bryson Sales and Service. They met the requirements and needs of the District.

Mr. Young said for the public record, he would like an explanation about the need for additional buses and what budget items were sacrificed to provide the funds for these buses. Mr. Thomas, administrator of Auxiliary Services, said Bluffdale Elementary School is built-out within a mile and a half of the school and new construction beyond the mile and a half is substantially increasing the student population; therefore, additional buses are needed to accommodate growth, as well as next year’s modified traditional schedule. Mr. Larsen said funds were moved from 2016-17 telephone, vehicle, equipment, and portable budgets to accommodate this need.
MOTION: It was moved by Richard S. Osborn and seconded by Janice L. Voorhies to approve the bid for three (3) rear engine diesel buses, as recommended. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

III. Special Business

None.

IV. Information Items

A. Assessment to Achievement Schools

Jill Durrant, administrator of schools, provided a report about the Assessment to Achievement professional development that Hayden Peak, Mountain Shadows, and Jordan Hills Elementary Schools have participated in during the past year. She said Assessment to Achievement is a Utah State Office of Education-sponsored professional development/coaching program and while there are similarities to the Turnaround program, it targets students in “Quadrant II” which are kids who are not as low in the socio-economic status, but are not performing as well as they should be. The program has a District team of five individuals who are trained to help support the schools and each school has a nine-member School Transformation Team that works with the principal on ways to improve and increase student achievement. She said USOE provides coaches that work with the District team, school teams, and observe in classrooms to help provide feedback and instruction for analyzing data and improving instruction. She said personnel at each of the three schools have expressed that they feel empowered through this program to be able to analyze student progress, change what they are doing, and learn to make PLCs more productive, with the end goal of improving student achievement outcomes. She said USOE coaching will continue for at least another year and up to four years, if funding is available, but the program will continue because schools are using their PLC time to move this project forward. Schools that will be starting this program for the 2016-17 year are Riverton, Rosamond, and Oakcrest Elementary Schools and the program is being expanded to include a secondary school, West Hills Middle.

V. Discussion Items

A. Board Member Committee Reports and Comments

Mr. Osborn reported, in Mrs. Atwood’s absence, that the Community Council Board Advisory Committee has had a difficult time finding a convenient time for all members to meet, but will be doing so when a date is chosen.

Mrs. Whitelock said, for the record, that a Facilities Report is provided for Board review each month and includes an update of progress on various maintenance and construction projects within the District. Mrs. Whitelock said she wanted to state how awesome the District support staff have been and in her unique position as a Board member and parent of children who attend District schools, she has had occasion to call the schools for matters regarding her children. She said it is always nice when the employee’s customer service is what she wants it to be and to have school staff be so willing to assist when extra help is needed.

Mrs. Whitelock said the Facilities Committee has been meeting frequently and has been discussing plans for both a new middle school in the Daybreak area and the rebuild of West Jordan Middle. Following the board discussion regarding the process for choosing the prototype for each school, she made the following recommendation:

MOTION: It was moved by Kayleen Whitelock and seconded by Janice L. Voorhies to direct staff to proceed with the Sunset Ridge model for the Daybreak area middle school and the Copper Mountain model for the West Jordan Middle School rebuild. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.
Mr. Young reported that the Charter School Relations Committee met last week and the main focus of the conversation was to identify the Committee’s purpose. He said they identified as a beginning point two areas of focus: 1) To begin reaching out to charter schools that exist within Jordan District to build relationships that focus on the education of all students, and 2) To understand better the chartering process and explore how charters can benefit Jordan District. He invited Board members to provide additional insight or direction for these efforts and also said he would be meeting with Superintendent Johnson to see if there are Cabinet members that may want to serve on this committee.

Mr. Young said the Finance Committee has a meeting scheduled for tomorrow and will be discussing a potential significant CDA. He said as more information about this CDA becomes available, he will provide it to Board members.

Mr. Young reported on his attendance at the recent National School Boards Association conference and said one of the sessions he attended was presented by an official with the Government Finance Officers Association. The topic discussed was, “Best Practices in School District Budgeting” and the presenter gave them a document of the same name. Mr. Young provided copies for each Board member and reviewed GFOA’s recommended steps for developing a budget that aligns resources with student achievement goals. Mr. Young said he believes this process addresses some of the concerns expressed by the Board and asked Board members for their support for having the Finance Committee review the Best Practices recommendations and explore how these can be implemented in the District. Following this review, he said he would bring a report back to the Board. Mr. Young provided a website for additional information: smarterschoolspending.org.

Mrs. Voorhies said it appears the Best Practices document is philosophical in nature and suggests analyzing where resources can be used to accomplish goals. She said she would be happy to have the Board discuss how to prioritize; however, she is concerned about the Board becoming the ones doing the budget when Mr. Larsen is doing a great job. She asked to have more time to explore this Best Practices idea before voting to proceed and to also concentrate on getting the bond passed before adding more responsibilities to staff members.

Mr. Larsen, business administrator, was asked for his input. He responded that the philosophy is sound; however, other districts have entire departments dedicated to this purpose. He said Jordan District, in order to decrease spending and save the taxpayers money, has a very lean Accounting Department and with the upcoming bond election, resources are stretched thin.

Following additional Board discussion about the Best Practices budgeting process and staff time, Mr. Young made the following motion:

**MOTION:** It was moved by Matthew Young and seconded by Kayleen Whitelock to direct the Finance Committee to explore the GFOA Best Practices in School District Budgeting, without infringing upon staff time. Motion passed with a vote of five to one. Mrs. Voorhies cast the dissenting vote.

Mrs. Pulsipher said a letter was received from the State Board in reference to changes to the Audit Committee and asked Mr. Young to have this item added to the next Finance Committee agenda for discussion.

Mrs. Pulsipher said the Legislative Committee met and reviewed an item that has the potential for the District to partner on future legislation. The Committee asked District staff to get more background information before continuing with this matter.

Mrs. Pulsipher reminded Board members about the Jordan Education Foundation awards dinner tomorrow night at 6:30 p.m. at Little America Hotel.
At 8:35 p.m., President Pulsipher declared the meeting adjourned and announced that the Board would return to study session.

**STUDY SESSION, Continued**

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Patrice A. Johnson, Superintendent of Schools
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Paul Van Komen, Burbidge & White
Jeri Clayton, Administrative Assistant

President Pulsipher presided and conducted. The Board of Education continued its study session to discuss the following:

C. **Updates on Bond Plan and Five-Year Plan, Continued**

Mr. Larsen, business administrator, continued the discussion regarding the Bond and Five-Year Plans and Board members provided additional input for recommended changes.

Mr. Larsen said in 2015 Davis Demographics was asked to prepare enrollment projections for Jordan District and to also train District staff on methodology so projection updates could be done by staff. Mr. Larsen provided Board members with copies of the latest District enrollment projections prepared by District staff and reviewed by Davis Demographics for accuracy.

Mr. Larsen reviewed the District’s Five-Year Plan. He noted that the current Plan remains valid and recommended leaving the Plan as is for now and until after the results of the November 2016 bond election are known. Mrs. Pulsipher asked to have the Five-Year Plan brought before the Board for approval at the Board meeting in May.

D. **Review of National School Board Association (NSBA) Conference**

Mrs. Pulsipher invited Board members to report what they felt were the highlights of NSBA conference participation and if they had items they would like the Board to review in more detail, to suggest adding those to a future study session agenda.

Mrs. Pulsipher said she attended break-out sessions related to assessments and there were several significant items she felt were important for the Board to review. She recommended that the Board take an active role in the fall when the State begins discussions about formative and summative assessment criteria and noted that federal funds are available for Districts that may want to look further into assessment auditing. Mrs. Pulsipher said she attended a session about engaging families in student learning which is different than involving parents. She learned there is an app available that allows teachers to take a picture of a student’s good work or scores and send it to a parent. In her conversations with Superintendent Johnson, they thought an app could be developed by a Jordan District student for use by teachers to provide immediate feedback to parents. Mrs. Pulsipher reported on another session she attended where the presenting school district personnel explained a program they created called Parent University which is being used to engage parents. She said the program is much like Jordan’s Town Hall meetings, but are conducted by principals on a school-by-school basis and topics are suggested by parents. She noted that some meetings were held at three different times.
during a day to meet the schedules of all parents and advertising was key to getting parents to attend. She
provided Board members with a web address for more information: D123.org, and asked to have
the topic, parent engagement, added to a future study session agenda.

Mrs. Voorhies said she also attended the session regarding Parent University and noted that these
parent meetings were held at some schools only three to four times per year and she liked the fact that
the sessions were designed to meet the needs of the parents. She said at District Town Hall meetings,
the same people seem to attend, but the Parent University concept draws parents with specific needs.
Mrs. Voorhies said she also attended a session about learning to deal with negative people and
provided copies of the class hand-out to all Board members.

Mr. Young said when he attends conferences it seems he comes away with a theme or focus. He
attended a session presented by a member of the South Carolina State School Board and president of
BB&T Bank. The presenter talked about how they brought together education and business groups and
were able to move them in the same direction to transform the education environment. Mr. Young
provided Board members with a copy of a handout that profiles what a South Carolina high school
graduate should be and what an employer can expect. It also lists the education and business partners
that supported this concept. He suggested that when Board members discuss Ends policies, it might be
good to explore what a Jordan District graduate should be. Mr. Young said in Utah, there are many
different parties that each think they should be the lead on determining education priorities for the State
and added, “imagine what could be accomplished if all the different parties were able to agree upon a
common vision.” He said the governor of South Carolina, when presented with the concept, could see
that education success brings economic prosperity. Mr. Young said he came away with two concepts:
1) how to be part of the solution and 2) what the profile should be of a Jordan District graduate.
Mr. Young said he also enjoyed a couple of the keynote speaker addresses and purchased Mr. Wagner’s
book, “The Most Likely to Succeed,” which he has begun reading. He said he wants to look hard at
what is being done to prepare kids for the future.

Mr. Osborn said he attended a session on all the different types of computer and Internet safety to
protect students on a local and worldwide basis. He said every year teachers and students should be
receiving a gentle reminder about Internet safety. Mr. Osborn said he also attended a session about the
importance of principals being out and about in the schools in order to remain informed and aware of
what is going on in the school.

Mrs. Whitelock said she attended sessions on ESSA at a different time than Mrs. Pulsipher and was
happy to hear about how much local control the Board has. She attended several different social media
sessions and said her take-away from the social media classes was that when negative comments are
posted, a response should present accurate information in a kind, non-combative way. She said one of
the presenters highly recommended the book, “Ground Swell” about the Sony Corporation which she
plans to read. Mrs. Whitelock said another class she attended was about engagement and how
important the building administrator is to the environment of the school and community.

At 9:44 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

**MOTION:** At 9:44 p.m., it was moved by J. Lynn Crane and seconded by Kayleen Whitelock 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, excused)
  J. Lynn Crane, Board Member
  Richard S. Osborn, Board Member
President Pulsipher presided and conducted. The Board of Education met in a closed session to discuss negotiations. The closed session discussion was recorded and archived.

At 11:00 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

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Attachments

[Minutes approved 5-24-16]