The Board of Education of Jordan School District met in a study session, special Board meeting, and closed session on Tuesday, September 13, 2016, beginning at 5:05 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
(J. Lynn Crane, Board Member, excused)
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
Brad Sorensen, Administrator of Schools
Scott Thomas, Administrator of Auxiliary Services
Teri Timpson, Administrator of Schools
Shelley Nordick, ESEA, Grants Management, Media Specialist
Pam Su’a, Consultant, Curriculum and Staff Development
Jeri Clayton, Administrative Assistant
Jack Retallick, AV Maintenance
Vicki Olsen, President, Jordan Education Association
Johnathan Ward, Financial Advisor, Zions Public Finance
Bruce Williams, Financial Advisor, Zions Public Finance
Ryan Bjerke, Bond Counsel, Chapman and Cutler
Melissa Brown
Vicki Brown
Marilyn Richards
Robyn Bishop
Chip Dawson

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

A.  Ends Policies and Student Achievement

Mrs. Laura Finlinson, administrator for Curriculum and Staff Development, presented information about educator training for Student Learning Objectives (SLO). She stated that teachers were taught the purpose of SLOs and how course objectives can benefit the student and teacher and drive instruction. She noted that the writing of SLOs is mandated by Utah law and part of the waiver of No Child Left Behind. Mrs. Finlinson reviewed the process for the development of SLOs and how teachers have been engaged in the process. She also reviewed the 2015-16 student growth ratings which she said were remarkable and should be celebrated.
Mrs. Finlinson was invited to return to a future study session to continue the discussion and present additional information.

At 6:05 p.m., the meeting adjourned. The Board convened in a Special Board meeting.

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

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President Pulsipher presided and conducted. She welcomed those present.

I. Special Business

A. Recommendation to Approve a Resolution Providing for the Conduct of the Local Special Bond Election to be Held in Jordan School District, Salt Lake County, Utah on November 8, 2016 and Providing for Related Matters

Mr. Ryan Bjerke, District bond counsel, stated that several months ago the Board adopted a Resolution that provided for the holding of a public hearing and ballot proposition. As required, these were filed with the Governor’s office and the Salt Lake County Clerk’s office. He said to continue the bond election process the Board needs to adopt another Resolution that provides for election particulars, e.g. how the election will be conducted. He noted that if the bond election is successful, the Board will meet on November 22 as a Board of Canvassers to review and accept the election results.
Public Comment
No patrons signed up to address the Board regarding this Special Business item.

President Pulsipher called for a vote on the Resolution.

MOTION: It was moved by Richard S. Osborn and seconded by Janice L. Voorhies to approve a Resolution Providing for the Conduct of the Local Special Bond Election to be held in Jordan School District, Salt Lake County, Utah on November 8, 2016 and Providing for Related Matters. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

At 6:14 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

STUDY SESSION, Continued

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

B. Policy Governance Review

1. GP102 Board Responsibilities

Board members reviewed Policy GP102 and agreed that no changes were necessary at this time.
2. **GP103 Board Member’s Principles of Operation – Conduct and Ethics**

   Board members reviewed Policy GP103. Mrs. Whitelock made a recommendation to add the business administrator to paragraph C.5.

   Board members discussed paragraph C.4. and the handling of concerns expressed by members of the public about individual Board members speaking on behalf of themselves or the entire Board. Mr. Young recommended that any concerns expressed by the public be brought to the entire Board for review and discussion. This discussion was precipitated by a complaint received about a particular Board member; however, Board members agreed unanimously that Board policy was not violated.

C. **Board Position on Alternative Path to Teaching Program (APT)**

   Mrs. Voorhies provided copies of the Board’s position statement about the Alternative Path to Teaching Program and read it for the record.

   Mrs. Pulsipher said it was the intention of the Board to respond to the thoughts and opinions shared by teachers during the last study session and to create a statement that clarifies the Board’s position on the Alternative Path to Teaching Program.

   Vicki Olsen, president of JEA, stated that teachers are supportive of the statement read by Mrs. Voorhies and they appreciate the Board’s support for their profession. She said teachers also recognize that there are some areas in which this pathway to licensure may be relevant. Ms. Olsen expressed appreciation to the Board for the position statement.

   Mrs. Pulsipher called for a motion to approve the statement.

   **MOTION:** It was moved by Kayleen Whitelock and seconded by Jen Atwood to approve the Board Statement to Jordan District Educators about the APT (Alternative Pathway to Teaching) ruling recently adopted by the Utah State Board of Education. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

   A copy of the Statement is attached at the conclusion of these minutes. (Attachment 1)

   The administration was directed to disseminate the statement via email to all licensed staff members.

D. **Update on Progress Toward 2016 Bond Election**

   President Pulsipher noted that the South Jordan City Council passed a Resolution in support of the bond election and said councilmen expressed positive comments about it. She expressed the Board’s appreciation to them for their support and noted that two cities have now passed Resolutions in support of the bond.

   Mr. Larsen, business administrator, provided Board members with draft copies of upcoming bond information ads that will be placed in the City Journals and mailed to citizens, noting that during bond focus groups, the participants said they wanted to receive information about the bond through direct mail. Board members did not provide any recommendations for changes and Mr. Larsen said he would accept that as Board approval of the informational materials.

   Mr. Larsen said another meeting of the Bond Executive Committee is needed and has been tentatively scheduled for Monday, September 19, 2016, at 5:00 p.m. in Room 129 at the District Office. He asked for three Board members to volunteer to attend this meeting. Mrs. Whitelock, Mrs. Atwood, and Mr. Young said they would be available to attend the meeting.

   Mr. Larsen said it is interesting that one of the most common complaints the Communications Department has received is that the bond is not large enough and that the District should be doing more.
He said Ms. Riesgraf is working on a response to that complaint and a video will be prepared to address this concern. He said Ms. Riesgraf deserves “kudos” because she has been working hard to answer every complaint or inquiry about the bond within a 24-hour period.

Board members discussed participation at the bond open houses held thus far, noting that attendance is very low despite the amount of communication to the public prior to the meeting dates. Mr. Johnathan Ward, District financial advisor with Zions Bank, noted that it is not unusual to see poor attendance at community meetings but added that the District is doing a fantastic job of getting the word out to the public.

Mrs. Whitelock said the Friends of Jordan group now have signs available and many have been posted at schools and other locations around the District.

E. September 20, 2016 Town Hall Meeting

Board members discussed whether the Town Hall meeting scheduled for September 20th should be cancelled since so many community meetings for the bond election are being held. It was decided that it would be prudent to cancel the September 20, 2016, Town Hall meeting and invite the public to attend one of the bond open houses.

F. Board Committee Reports and Comments

Mrs. Atwood said the Community Council Committee is preparing for the training sessions, the first of which is scheduled for October 13, 2016. She said principals and School Community Council chairs have been asked to attend at least one of the training sessions. She is hopeful that with several sessions scheduled, all of these individuals will be able to attend. Mrs. Atwood said she would provide a list of training dates to all Board members. She also indicated that the Committee is continuing to compile lists of ideas for Parent University sessions.

Mr. Osborn commented about the turmoil with the Utah School Board over easy access to sports teams as opposed to education and said he was glad it didn't pass. He said a committee will be working with the State Board to develop some points that will keep sanity in the system.

Mr. Young reported that for the past four months the Utah State Office of Education’s internal audit group has been auditing Jordan District’s camps and clinics. He said he, along with Mr. Larsen, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Sorensen, and a number of others, met with the USOE auditing team to discuss issues they wanted to address. He stated that at the next Board meeting there will be an agenda item dedicated to the audit and input will be sought from Board members related to how to respond to the recommendations. Mr. Young said he is unsure whether the USOE auditing team will provide a written report or make anything public before the Board meeting; however, if they do provide a report, he will make it available to Board members. In any event, he said he would discuss the auditor’s findings and the history and background of this issue with Board members prior to the meeting. Mr. Young also stated that once the USOE auditor releases this report, Jordan District has 14 days in which to submit a formal response so if they choose to release it sooner than the next Board meeting date, the Board may need to meet earlier.

In response to Mr. Young’s question to Mr. Larsen about whether he had anything to add he stated that the Utah State Board of Education has its auditors, the Utah State Office of Education has its auditors, the State Auditor’s Office has its auditors, the Legislative branch has its auditors, the District has an internal auditor, the Board has its internal auditor, the District is required to hire a financial auditor and last but not least, the federal government has its auditors. He noted that responding to audits has become quite common. Mrs. Pulsipher added that there has been some frustration with this process and what is happening. Mr. Young stated that Jordan District has been taking the lead on solving a significant issue and this current audit falls in the category of “no good deed goes unpunished.”
Mrs. Voorhies said the Western Growth Coalition will be meeting on Monday and she will report on this meeting at a later date. She stated that she is a member of the Licensed Educator Task Force and the Task Force has been working on the issue of teacher compensation. She noted that for those interested in what has been taking place thus far, meeting minutes are posted on the District website. She also said she would provide a summary of what has been discussed during Task Force meetings at the upcoming regular session Board meeting.

Mrs. Pulsipher reported that today she, along with Superintendent Johnson and Mr. Anderson, attended the Joint Education Summit held at Utah Valley University. She said the meeting was excellent and the discussion centered on competency-based education, mastery-based education, counselors, and teacher retention, which were good topics. For every topic they had a speaker make a short presentation and then held a panel discussion. Panel participants included principals, superintendents, teachers, legislators, and State School Board members. She said it did not feel top-down but rather collaborative in nature. She also felt it opened the door for making good progress in terms of solving problems. Mrs. Pulsipher made available to Board members copies of a report distributed during the Summit and stated that the report was written and handed out at the National Conference of State Legislators. The report discusses what needs to be done to build a world-class education system. She said it was interesting to note that the findings indicated that there is no silver bullet and it is all about quality educators in the classroom, which is what the Jordan Board has been discussing for several years.

At 7:25 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

**MOTION:** At 7:25 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.

**CLOSED SESSION**

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

**MOTION:** At 8:18 p.m., it was moved by Kayleen Whitelock to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

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Attachment

[Minutes approved 9-27-16]