The Board of Education of Jordan School District met to conduct a Boundary Hearing on Tuesday, October 23, 2018, beginning at 4:04 p.m. at Riverton High School (Auditorium), 12476 S. Silverwolf Way (2700 West), Riverton, Utah.

**BOUNDARY HEARING:** Public Input Regarding Consideration of Proposed Boundaries for a New High School in Herriman, New Middle School in South Jordan, New Middle School in Bluffdale, New Elementary School in Herriman, New Elementary School in Bluffdale, and Boundary Changes Potentially Affecting all District Elementary and Secondary Schools

Those recognized or signed-in as present:
- Janice L. Voorhies, Board President
- Matthew Young, Board Vice President
- Jen Atwood, Board Secretary
- Bryce Dunford, Board Member
- Tracy J. Miller, Board Member
- Marilyn Richards, Board Member
- Darrell Robinson, Board Member
- Patrice A. Johnson, Superintendent of Schools
- Anthony A. Godfrey, Associate Superintendent
- John Larsen, Business Administrator
- Paul Van Komen, Burbidge & White
- Laura Finlinson, Administrator of Schools
- Lisa Robinson, Administrator of Schools
- Brad Sorensen, Administrator of Schools
- Doree Strauss, Administrator of Schools
- Scott Thomas, Administrator of Auxiliary Services
- David Rostrom, Director, Facility Services
- Travis Hamblin, Consultant, Planning and Student Services
- Jeri Clayton, Administrative Assistant
- Robert Conder, AV Maintenance
- Vicki Olsen, President, Jordan Education Association
- Heather Reich, Teacher, Majestic Elementary School
- Michael Prettyman, Unified Police Department
- Dawn Ramsey, Mayor, South Jordan City
- Robin Huling
- Leesa Leonard
- Laura Cruze
- Kristen Taylor
- Melanie Cox
- Kyle Andaerson
- Jodee Packer
- Keith Moon
- Jamie Rothe
- Danie Natter
- Patty Whittaker
- Jennifer Hoyle
- Kim Gardner
- Chase Dansie
- Jared Price
- Erin Holmquist
- Niki George
- Krista Behrmann
- Amanda Nunley
- Cameron Ivie
- Gillian Burge
- Clark Monk
- Amy Hernandez
- Jennifer Boehme
- Chris Berbert
- Jason Jacobson
- Heidi Hansen
- Megan Myers
- Shannon Diotauiiti
- Danny Widerburg
- Amanda Jones
- Heather Reich
- Hollie Whatcott
- Nicole Hill
- Chrissy Gilbert
- Veronica Velasquez
- Rachel Hurst
- Rae Hoffman
- Maria McCurdy
- Mike Headrick
- Darla Thomas
- Sheri Elder
- Tammi Parish
- Bridget Wintle
- Amber James
- Laura Gaillard
- Liahli Lia Haile
- Deborah Ivie
- Emily Olsen
- Aaron Baker
- Melina Huntsman
- Elizabeth Hernandez
- Catharina Lance
- Angelica Nunez
- Yamile Acosta
- Moises Montoya
- Jessica Navarro
Presentation of Boundary Survey Results

Dr. Godfrey reviewed the process for obtaining public input about the boundary options. This included posting maps and boundary information on the District’s boundary website, communicating with patrons via mail, email, fliers sent home with students, open houses, Board meetings, Parent University, and the public hearing. Dr. Godfrey reported the results of the boundary survey noting that of the 10,641 responses received, 76 percent were from parents, and 13 percent were from students. He said the boundary website received 171,761 visits and the number of patron comments was 4,929. Dr. Godfrey presented the overall survey results for Option A, Option B, and Option A Modified (involving five elementary schools: Blackridge, Bluffdale, Butterfield Canyon, Foothills, and Herriman. The results are presented below:

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Public Comments

President Voorhies invited members of the public who signed up to speak to address the Board regarding the boundary proposals. The following is a brief synopsis of the patron comments:

Robin Huling, representing parents on or near Welby Hills Drive, expressed a desire for their neighborhood to remain at Elk Ridge Middle so students can safely walk to school and expressed concern about a safe walking route if they are moved to Joel P. Jensen Middle because of a lack of sidewalks, lighting, and having to cross Trax three times. She also asked for their students to attend Bingham rather than being moved to Copper Hills High. She expressed concern about students’ social well-being if removed from current friends and community activities.

Leesa Leonard, representing the neighborhood between 11400 South to 11800 South and 3200 West to 3600 West (to 2700 West for elementary students) said their neighborhood has been moved five times in the last ten years because of boundary changes and they are a close knit neighborhood and want to remain at Monte Vista, South Jordan Middle, and Bingham High. She said the neighborhood voted for Option B to remain at Bingham but noted that the elementary and middle schools do not align and the survey did not allow them to note this. She provided the Board with maps to outline the neighborhood’s boundary recommendations.

Laura Cruze said she has two children that permit to an elementary school and she believes the draft of the permit priorities favors students who live close to the elementary school and she feels the Board is eliminating the chance for students to permit to schools outside their boundary school. She said the current policy AS93 is fair because it is first come, first served and gives options to families that want a different choice than their
boundary school. She asked the Board to not add a geographical preference to the permit policy and leave it first come, first served.

Melanie Cox, representing a group of parents on the south side of 11400 South to the north side of 11800 South and from 2700 West to Redwood Road, said the neighborhood supports Option B but wants to keep their elementary students at Monte Vista. She said the proposed boundaries alienate 50 elementary students from the rest of the community and they believe the impact to Monte Vista would not be significant, but the impact to the children would be significant. She said their neighborhood’s proximity to their current elementary, middle, and high school reduces traffic. She asked the Board to reduce the permits at Jordan Ridge which she said is the reason they are being pushed out of their current school. She presented a petition in support of her proposal to the Board.

Kyle Anderson, representing the area east of 1300 West and north of Shields Lane, provided ten pages of signatures in support of Option B. He said their students currently attend South Jordan Elementary School and if the Board were to choose Option A, their students would have to walk down 1300 West to get to Riverside Elementary. He stated that on one side of 1300 West there are no sidewalks for 952 feet and on the other side there are no sidewalks for 1,029 feet. He stated additional safety concerns that there are no shoulders, no place to push snow in the winter, there are irrigation canals, and 24 commercial business accesses or roads which makes 1300 West a terrifying place for children to be required to walk. He also noted that their children do not qualify for busing. He expressed his community’s support for Option B.

Jodee Packer, representing parents in the area south of 11400 South whose children currently attend Monte Vista Elementary, South Jordan Middle, and Bingham High, said the Option A boundary proposal would move their students out of all three of these schools and they are within walking distance. She said their neighborhood would like to remain at these schools where they have invested so much time and energy and they feel that the permit situation at Jordan Ridge pushed them out of Monte Vista. She also said ten years ago the District discussed expanding Monte Vista as a solution to overcrowding and plans were drawn up but then for some reason the District decided not to do it. She asked the Board to have this old option looked at for a new solution. She presented the Board with a petition from the community.

Danie Natter, Southland Elementary School Community Council Chair, addressed the Board on behalf of parents of children who will be moved into and out of Southland under Options A and B. She said the options move a group of students north of 12600 South from Rose Creek to Southland which means there will be more traffic congestion because the intersection at 12600 South and 2700 West is unsafe for children to cross. She said the students living south of Southland who are being sent to Riverton Elementary are currently able to walk to school without crossing a busy road and if moved, they will no longer be able to walk to school. She said the community has done all it can to work with the city to improve safety and asked the Board to reconsider adding students north of 12600 South to Southland.

Patty Whittaker, administrative secretary at Majestic Elementary, spoke on behalf of the support staff. She said what staff members do every day to help students and parents at Majestic Elementary should make the Board proud. She said last week the Human Resources Department met with support staff to let them know that it was each support staff member’s responsibility to secure a new job within the District and that they needed to begin now applying for other jobs. She said if support staff start applying for jobs now this will hurt the students and added that many employees don’t want to leave until the end of the school year, but the fear of not having a job is overwhelming them. She said the homeless assistant left to take a job at West Jordan High at a pay cut because she was afraid of losing her job and this has had an impact on the students. She asked the Board how the students can get the best education this year when employees feel they need to leave to insure they will have a job. Ms. Whittaker asked Board members to be considerate of Majestic staff members and allow them to be considered first for openings at the new schools.

Jennifer Hoyle, resident of Oquirrh Shadows subdivision, expressed her hope that the boundary options could be extended to Bridle Creek so more students that attend the same elementary and middle school could remain together.
Keith Moon, representing a neighborhood near Rose Creek in Herriman, presented a petition of 90 signatures to the Board. He said his neighborhood is older and more established and has 82 elementary, 49 middle, and 28 high school students, with some of them attending DLI programs or charter schools. He said the current boundary proposals will move his children to a new elementary that is 1.1 miles from their home while Blackridge is 0.3 miles. He said this increases traffic and the risk to student safety because the students cannot walk 1.1 miles and they would need to be driven to school. He also reviewed similar problems with the middle school boundaries and the safety issues with students having to cross Mountain View Corridor and asked the Board to consider their neighborhood’s petition and boundary proposals.

Jamie Rothe, representing 44 families in the pocket neighborhood north of 11400 South and west of 4000 West (proposed to move from Eastlake to Daybreak Elementary), said their neighborhood was surprised to find that they had been “put on the auction block” once again and said this move would not be the safest option for the students because of the distance through the tunnel and 11400 South being a major busy road. She also noted that 4000 West has now been increased from a two-lane to a four-lane road, making it an unsafe road for students. She asked Board members to consider keeping their pocket neighborhood at Eastlake for the safety of the students and also because moving them to Daybreak would divide their community in half. She thanked Mrs. Miller for understanding their concerns and for her representation of their neighborhood.

Kim Gardner, representing parents in the neighborhood north of Jordan Ridge Elementary School, said their students attend Jordan Ridge on permit and they would like the Jordan Ridge boundaries extended to 9000 South between 2200 West and 3200 West. She said her community consists of single family homes and has no growth potential. There are 113 elementary students, 31 of which attend Jordan Ridge Elementary via a safe walking route. She said their neighborhood is within the Westvale Elementary boundaries and the children are being asked to cross 9000 South at 2700 West. She was told by City personnel that there have been no crossing guards at that intersection for five years because parents stopped letting their children walk on this unsafe road. She added that the new manufacturing facility at 3333 West 9000 South will add approximately 1,000 employees which will increase traffic. She said if their community’s boundary change proposal is not possible they would like to be able to continue to permit to Jordan Ridge.

Chase Dansie, representing 129 people in the neighborhood north of Shields Lane and east of 1300 West, said their neighborhood is being separated from the one across the street and these children play together and currently attend school together. He referred to the hand-out given to the Board by Kyle Anderson of pictures of missing sidewalks and added that many of Glover Nursery’s customers park on 1300 West and many trucks pull in and out picking up product all day which makes it extremely unsafe for students. He said there are also unfenced irrigation ditches that at certain times of the year have deep fast moving water that children could fall into. He asked the Board to reconsider the boundary change that requires their children to walk on 1300 West.

Jared Price, representing the Shadow Mountain and Park Village subdivisions located at 7000 South to 7800 South and 4800 West to 5600 West, provided Board members a petition in support of Options A and B and said he learned last week that their neighborhoods were being targeted for expulsion by another area so the other area could be included in the school of their choice. He said the current boundary options provide for better distribution of travel distances and a needed balance of student populations. He said for the past ten years their neighborhood has been driving past their closest middle school to a school much farther away and the current proposals finally make it possible for their children to attend the school closest to their neighborhood. He said the current proposals are logical and their neighborhood strongly supports either Options A or B for their neighborhood to attend West Jordan Middle School and Copper Hills High School.

Erin Holmquist, representing families of 23 children in the Temple View and Bonanza neighborhoods, said both boundary proposals cut their neighborhood in half and will send their children to Monte Vista. She said under the current proposal 226 kids that permit to Jordan Ridge are being allowed to stay and their 23 kids are being moved to Monte Vista and they feel they are being “kicked out” because of permits. She said reducing the permit students would solve traffic problems because the school is not set up well for drop-off and pick-up and their children can walk and ride bikes to school; however, under the boundary proposals the kids would
have to cross 10400 South which is not safe. She asked the Board to reconsider permits and keep their neighborhood at Jordan Ridge.

Niki George said her children attend Fox Hollow but her neighborhood is within the boundary of Oakcrest. Under the boundary proposals her neighborhood will go to Copper Canyon. She said there is new development in her area that will bring about 1,312 new homes or residences and Oakcrest will be overwhelmed with students. She said if the Board is planning to build a new school in her area in the near future, perhaps they could consider keeping Fox Hollow on a year-round calendar to absorb the impact to Oakcrest. She said this would allow a group of children to stay in the community and not be affected by multiple boundary changes.

Amanda Nunley said the parents in her neighborhood felt they were not given an option because both options move them out of Rose Creek’s boundaries. She said the staff at Rose Creek are amazing and helped her daughter over a three-year period acclimate to the school and she is concerned about how a move to a new school will affect her. She expressed her desire to have her neighborhood continue at Rose Creek Elementary. She also expressed concern about an unsafe intersection the children will have to cross to get to school.

Cameron Ivie, a student body officer at South Hills Middle, said he wanted to help his fellow students and speak to the Board about concerns about the future high school boundaries in Option B for Riverton and Herriman High. He said the neighborhoods between 15000 South and 14400 South and 2700 West and 3200 West and the neighborhood west of 3200 West under Option A will go to Riverton High but in Option B will go to the new high school. He said he knows a lot of people in these areas that are upset and requested that this area go to Riverton High under Option A. He said all these students went to Bluffdale Elementary and South Hills together and they would like to stay together at Riverton High.

Gillian Burge said she lives at 7281 South in one of the three neighborhoods on the east side of 4800 West that are being moved to Oquirrh Elementary, West Jordan or Joel P. Jensen Middle School, and West Jordan High School. She said their neighborhood is being split away from friends in the community and church and they do not see how doing this is logical when they have four students that attend Copper Hills High, 12 in the middle school, and 25 in Mountain Shadows boundary. She said this move especially affects the single mothers who rely heavily on the community for help and the distance they will be from the new schools makes it difficult to feel part of the school community. She asked the Board to reconsider and allow them to remain at their current schools.

Clark Monk said he lives at 11563 South 2570 West which is one of three private lanes consisting of six homes and only two children. He asked to have his area south of 11400 South remain at Monte Vista.

Amy Hernandez said she lives close to 6600 South in the Oquirrh Shadows neighborhood and her oldest child will start middle school next year at Sunset Ridge. With the boundary proposals he would attend either Joel P. Jensen or West Jordan Middle School and ultimately West Jordan High. She said the bus route to these schools would mean a 30-minute commute in rush hour traffic, road construction, and weather delays. She stated that the survey was not available in Spanish so many people in her area were not able to take it which meant their views were not represented. She asked the Board to reconsider and not make this boundary change so kids that grew up together are not isolated from one another.

Jennifer Boehme expressed concern about her friends and colleagues that will be affected by the boundary changes. She said the policy as currently written does not guarantee employees a job when the boundary changes are done. She expressed concern about all District employees maintaining employment following the boundary changes and hopes the Board will see that they have a moral obligation to provide positions for all current employees who wish to continue working for Jordan District. She asked Board members to make changes to the reduction in staff policy and procedures to insure current employees will have positions after the boundary changes are done.

Chris Berbert, representing his neighbors in the Lafayette Estates subdivision located between 5600 and 6000 West and south of Herriman Parkway, said they have a total of 23 kids that currently attend Silver Crest
Elementary and under the boundary proposals are being moved to Bastian. He said the problem they have is the number of homes being built in the Bastian area that will increase its population within the next year or two. He asked to have his neighborhood remain at Silver Crest until the next boundary change is needed and expressed concerns about children being required to cross a five-lane highway to get to Bastian Elementary. He said the safest route now is for them to remain at Silver Crest where they only have to cross a three-lane road.

Jason Jacobson, representing neighborhoods east of 4800 West and between 7000 South 9000 South, said the boundary change is removing all of their children from schools they are currently able to walk to on dedicated safe paths and putting them at schools they will need to be bused to which creates an unnecessary expense. He said if the boundary proposals are approved, their neighborhood will suffer isolation issues because between their neighborhood and Columbia Elementary and Joel P. Jensen Middle there is an airport and almost two miles of commercial land at Jordan Landing. He said the distance means their students won’t be able to have associations or friendships with the kids they attend school with and asked the Board to leave them at their current schools.

Heidi Hansen, speaking on behalf of Majestic Elementary PTA, said for years they have heard about safety concerns at West Jordan Elementary, such as wiring and whether the school is seismically safe, and when they saw that both options called for the closure of Majestic they were concerned about whether their children will attend a safe school. She said they reached out to members of the Board and were told about upgrades to the building but she has not heard that West Jordan Elementary meets all of the building standards for the State of Utah. She asked to know whether this school is as safe as all other District schools and to see documentation.

Megan Myers, representing the West Jordan Middle School Community Council and parents of students attending Riverside Elementary, said the West Jordan Middle School Community Council supports Option A with a few revisions. This option allows students from the current Title I schools access to after-school programs which are inclusive for the West Jordan Middle demographics and parents that live near West Jordan Middle would like to keep their students at West Jordan Middle rather than having them bused to a school farther away which adds additional cost to the District and increases travel time. She said their neighborhood advocated for passage of the bond and want to attend the new West Jordan Middle School. She expressed concern that some of the Riverside students who currently receive Title I services would not receive them next year if the boundary changes affect the Title I status. She also said they were told there was a survey available in Spanish but they were not able to find it and none of the Spanish-speaking families were able to take the survey.

Shannon Diotaiuti, a teacher at Majestic Elementary and resident of South Jordan, said her children attended Majestic Elementary and she worked at the school as an assistant but eventually got a teaching degree because of the wonderful teachers and staff at Majestic. She said the community knows how important it is to serve the needs of the Majestic community and asked the Board to leave the school open and allow them to continue serving the parents and the students with the programs available to them.

Danny Widerburg, a patron living at approximately 7200 S. Brittany Towne Avenue (east of 4800 West), said in both options his road and one other are being moved from Mountain Shadows to Oquirrh Elementary which affects 25 students and he and other parents do not want to leave Mountain Shadows. He said his son is .8 miles from Mountain Shadows which is a 12-minute walk, or five-minute bike-ride, and he is now being asked to cross Bangerter and go to school 3.4 miles from home. He said this is not acceptable and it puts his and other children at risk and added that other students being taken from Falcon Ridge are being asked to cross 5600 which is also an unsafe road. He asked the Board to reconsider their decision.

Amanda Jones, representing the Maples neighborhood located between U-111 and 6400 West and 7800 South to 7400 South, said she sent an email to the Board with their neighborhood’s recommendation and wanted to add that both boundary proposals for elementary and middle school present a safety issue. Their students are being moved from Fox Hollow to Falcon Ridge and they are concerned about how to safely get their children to school when there is a large field separating their neighborhood and the only access is for students to cross four major intersections and Mountain View Corridor. She also expressed concern over
feeder alignment with the boundary proposals because their children would not attend middle school with friends made at the elementary school. She asked for a solution to get their students safely to Falcon Ridge and to have their neighborhood go to West Hills with the rest of the elementary students or to stay at Fox Hollow on a year-round schedule until a new elementary can be constructed.

Heather Reich, speaking on behalf of Majestic teachers, said the kids and community depend on the staff and services that Majestic Elementary provides in the areas of education, stability, food, and clothing and said it is the responsibility of the strong to speak for the vulnerable. She said there are 171 Majestic Elementary families and 100 attended a three-hour meeting about the closure of the school. She said teachers work every day to communicate messages of love and support and an unwavering belief that Majestic students can do anything and education opens all other doors of possibility for these students and if enrollment is declining, they will take more students with open arms. She said upgrades to the school done two years ago made students and teachers feel they were cared about and supported. She suggested turning Majestic into a magnet school for other programs and said there is no lack of commitment on the part of teachers.

Liall Lia Haile, disabled mother of a son attending Majestic Elementary, said she lives just within 1.5 miles from West Jordan Elementary and asked how she would be able to get her son to school because he cannot walk by himself and she is unable to help him because she is in a wheelchair and does not drive. She asked the Board to keep the school open by bringing in other programs.

Veronica Velasquez (via a translator) spoke on behalf of parents that participate in Majestic’s Family Learning Center and said the center is helping them learn English which provides them with better work opportunities and the ability to become contributors in the community and this helps their children to become better members of the community. She said Majestic is within walking distance of their homes and many parents do not have access to vehicles during the school day. She said walking to West Jordan Elementary during the winter months would be dangerous for children and parents and they will not be able to provide their children with the same support if Majestic closes.

Elizabeth Hernandez (via a translator) asked the Board not to close Majestic Elementary because their children walk to school and she is concerned about their safety if they have to walk West Jordan Elementary. She expressed concern about how children from the homeless shelter will get to school when their parents don’t have cars and how children will be able to be picked up by their middle school siblings.

Hollie Whatcott, representing Springview Farms community in Bluffdale, said their neighborhood is north and east of Redwood Road and has been moved to the new elementary but split from the rest of their neighborhood that will attend Bluffdale Elementary. She said this affects 50 of the 106 children because 58 children will remain at Bluffdale for the Portuguese Immersion program. She asked to have the boundary changed so the remaining 50 can also attend Bluffdale and not have their community divided.

Nicole Hill said she is part of the Ballpark neighborhood and the boundary options will isolate her neighborhood because the rest are attending Copper Canyon. She said their neighborhood is within walking distance of both Oakcrest and Fox Hollow and the move will require them to be bused over two miles. She said when she looked for a new home the decision was based on the fact that her children could walk to elementary and middle school and she feels that this is being taken away from her because of the potential new home construction. She asked the Board to leave their established neighborhood at Oakcrest.

Chrissy Gilbert, resident of the Summer Glen Heights neighborhood, said both proposals have her children attending Mountain Shadows and 75 percent of her neighborhood will attend Hayden Peak. She said this affects about 28 children and asked the Board to reconsider because she doesn’t want her children separated from the rest of their neighborhood. She also expressed concern about children having to cross 5600 West and concerns about carpool options as a working parent.

Rachel Hurst, representing Sienna Vista community in West Jordan, spoke about the proposal to move their community to Mountain Shadows from Falcon Ridge. She said 226 people took the survey and results showed they were not happy about the proposal. She said currently their children can safety walk less than half mile on a sidewalk to Falcon Ridge but the move to Mountain Shadows will require 210 children to cross
5600 West which is now used as a commuter road because Mountain View Corridor doesn’t go through yet. She provided video of peak hours and the unsafe conditions and said students would have to cross 7000 South twice because there are no sidewalks. She said she felt the solution was a band-aid on the problem and asked the Board to reconsider and keep their children at Falcon Ridge.

Rae Hoffman, representing the Bluff subdivision (292 homes) in the Falcon Ridge area from 6635 South to 7000 South and 5820 West to 5600 West, said the area is fully developed and they have concerns about safe walking routes and separation of their community. She said both options move their children to Mountain Shadows which requires them to cross a five-lane highway as well as walk on a very steep hill that has had many cars in the winter lose control and slide onto the sidewalk. She added that the sidewalks on the north side are not maintained in the winter. She expressed concern about the additional traffic congestion by having to drive children to school and said the solution does not appear to be long-term. She also said when Falcon Ridge was built they promised their kids would have a safe walking path to school but moving them to Mountain Shadows does not provide a safe route.

Maria McCurdy, also representing the Bluff subdivision, said she would speaking to the middle and high school concerns. She said their students are being moved from Sunset Ridge Middle to either Joel P Jensen or West Jordan Middle and while they understand that Sunset Ridge is overcrowded they believe there is room at West Hills for their students and this would be a long-lasting boundary. She said the proposed boundary line should have been drawn at 5600 West not 5820 West because this area is part of their neighborhood and they should not have to be leap-frogs across West Jordan to attend one of the two proposed middle schools. She said their neighborhood currently attends Copper Hills and the proposed options move them to West Jordan High which is a drastic change and will leave empty seats at Copper Hills. She asked for a more conservative approach and for their students to remain at CHHS because this is their community school.

Mike Headrick, representing the neighborhood south of 11400 South and east of Redwood Road, said they are currently in South Jordan Elementary boundaries and would like it to stay that way. He explained that there are 42 elementary students in their area being moved to Rosamond and these students would not move with other Rosamond students to Riverton High but to South Jordan Middle and Bingham High so it makes sense to leave them at South Jordan Elementary so they can be with their peers at all three levels. He said if the boundaries change then many parents may move children to a charter school to keep them in the neighborhood. He also suggested using a modified traditional schedule to accommodate more students at South Jordan Elementary. He asked the Board to reconsider this decision and leave their students at South Jordan Elementary.

Darla Thomas said she has a son in sixth grade at Eastlake in the DL1 program and she is also a staff member. She said the boundary change does not affect her personally but she is speaking on behalf of the community she loves. She said the school is very crowded and continues to grow and about 150 students need to leave Eastlake to make it a comfortable school. She said after last year’s discussion about a boundary change the community is divided and some members of the community now don’t talk to each other. She said her interest is in knowing that enough students will be taken from Eastlake to free up space to eliminate overcrowding.

Sheri Elder, living at approximately 2900 West on the north side of 10400 South, said her children attend Jordan Ridge Elementary and asked the Board to consider removing permit students because it is not fair to remove boundary students to accommodate permit students from other areas.

Tammi Parish, resident of Bluffdale, addressed the Board about the proposed boundaries for Riverton High. She said she and her neighbors live in an isolated area and the boundary line has removed them from the rest of their community and sends their kids to the new high school. She said it doesn’t make sense to cut off their community because a canal separates the cities and there are no safe walking routes to the proposed schools. She asked to have her community moved back to Riverton High.

Bridget Wintle, resident of Riverton, expressed concern about the boundary changes in west Riverton and Herriman and the DL1 program. She said she is concerned about her neighborhood moving from Fort Herriman to South Hills and that no options allow the program to stay at Fort Herriman. She said her children
will have to go where the DLI program goes and this doesn’t keep neighborhood kids together. She also expressed concerns about moving to South Hills because she said according to District data it is a lower performing school.

Amber James, representing parents of Southland Elementary being moved to Riverton Elementary, expressed concerns with traffic, especially when traveling from the north. She said their neighborhood is one-half mile away from Southland and their students have been able to walk, but now their 60 students will be from 1.1 to 1.3 miles from Riverton Elementary and some of the kids will have to go over a canal and through an unfamiliar meandering neighborhood. Other students will have to travel on major roads, some without a sidewalk. She said it doesn’t seem that safety was considered and the same problems occur at the middle school level.

Laura Gaillard said Eastlake is one of the largest elementary schools and the Kiva, computer lab, and stage are used as classrooms and the school has the maximum number of portables it is allowed to have. She said kids can’t have PE time because there is no room inside or outside. She suggested making 4000 West the east boundary line to reduce the number of kids at Eastlake. Jane (no last name given), who was at the microphone with Ms. Gaillard, said they wanted to include the kids in the “peninsula” at Eastlake as well which would eliminate a bus route. She suggested that those east of 4000 West would not be inconvenienced because it was a matter of turning right or left to get to a different school. She suggested making Eastlake a walk-in school with no busing.

Deborah Ivie, representing residents living north of 7000 South and between 4800 West and 5600 West, said Options A and B place more economically disadvantaged areas into the West Jordan Feeder System and suggested it would be better to spread the diversity among other areas. She said their students are being asked to travel farther than any other neighborhood to attend middle and high school and with only a few heavily traveled east-west roads and navigating around the airport, students may end up spending over an hour travel time each day. She also said the distance from the middle school will also isolate their students from others that they attend school with making it difficult to have friendships. She said economically disadvantaged students benefit from before and after-school programs but the distance from Joel P. Jensen makes it impossible to get home after participating in these programs.

Emily Olsen, patron of Eastlake Elementary, said growing up she was bused to an elementary school and had great experiences with great teachers. She said she volunteers at Eastlake and there is not enough space with the current enrollment. She asked the Board to find a solution to decrease the school population by perhaps busing kids to another school. Camille Brinton (speaking with Ms. Olsen) said the most favorable option is B because it sends the neighborhood east of 4000 West to other schools and she knows there is room for them at other feeder schools like Monte Vista.

Mayor Dawn Ramsey, South Jordan, said she hopes the Board will look at the permit process and ripple effect from Jordan Ridge to the schools to the south. She said it is important to look at the big picture and what is best for each area. She personally feels that the residents should be able to attend their neighborhood schools which also helps with traffic and parking problems. She said there are no easy answers for Eastlake but expressed concern about safe walking routes for students that may need to cross 4000 West at 11400 South. She said she hopes the public understands that the focus of the District is providing the best education for the children.

Aaron Baker expressed appreciation for the information and transparency of the boundary process and provided a petition to the Board to keep the students in his area at Riverton High School as proposed in Option B. He said 33 percent of the respondents in favor of Option B belong to his neighborhood and they support Option B because of these reasons: it is safer for students to drive to Riverton High than Herriman High, fewer families are affected, the feeder system provides a consistent teaching technic with integrated technology and arts programs, it keeps families engaged in the legacy and traditions of Riverton High, and, if option A is chosen, then the permit program may split their neighborhood depending on who can get a permit to Riverton and who can’t.
Catharina Lance, living in the Oquirrh Shadows neighborhood, expressed concerns about moving her daughter to a school so far from their home because she has epilepsy. She said two years ago her daughter had her first seizure on the playground and she received a call that her daughter was unresponsive and she needed to come to the school. Because she was so close to the school she beat the ambulance. She stated that with the proposed boundary change her daughter’s school will be so far from home that if there is a problem she won’t be able to get there quickly, nor will she be able to be as involved in her daughter’s special needs program.

Jessica Navarro said she has children at Riverside Elementary and West Jordan Middle and she is an advocate for the DLI program; however, she felt the survey data was confusing and that the DLI program is being messed up. She said the highest concentration of Hispanic families are being moved from West Jordan Middle and this will hurt the DLI program and moving part of South Jordan to Riverside will not help the DLI program either. She asked the Board to leave the DLI program at West Jordan Middle because parents have supported it for nine years and are willing to continue to support the program.

Cammy Whitchurch said she has a fourth and sixth grade student attending Majestic Elementary and is currently the Majestic Elementary PTA president which allows her to see the great impact the school has on students and families. She said the school is an anchor for the community and provides stability, support, and physical needs of the students and said the Majestic employees, rather than thinking of themselves, only thought of the effect the closure would have on students and families. She asked the Board to consider the human side rather than the numbers and keep the school open.

Kevin McFarland, living in a neighborhood west and south of Rosecrest Blvd., bordered on the east by Mountain View Corridor and on the north by 13400 South, spoke regarding the middle school boundary change that moves their neighborhood to South Hills Middle which is 2.5 miles from his home. He said the parents feel the Board gave them no other option and they have concerns about students crossing Mountain View Corridor. They would like to see an option that leaves them at Fort Herriman because South Hills doubles the distance students have to travel and the route is unsafe. He asked the Board to provide a different option for their students.

Shanna Anderson said she lives within the Joel P. Jensen boundary but both Options A and B move them to West Jordan Middle. She said she can hear the bells ring at Columbia Elementary but her kids go to Oquirrh Elementary which is not the closest to them but they are still able to walk. She said from her neighborhood there are two ways to get to Redwood Road, either 7000 South or 7800 South, and with the proposed boundary change and during peak hours these roads have high school and middle school traffic and are unsafe. She said her neighborhood does not want to move from Joel P. Jensen and suggested that Options A and B don’t serve the needs of the community.

Scott Parry spoke about the proposed boundary change for Oakcrest Elementary and said currently their neighborhood is within walking distance of two elementary schools, Oakcrest and Fox Hollow, but the proposed change to Copper Canyon will have them driving down New Bingham Highway, 9000 South, crossing Mountain View Corridor and 5600 West and students will need to be bused. He said their neighborhood is geographically isolated from the Copper Canyon community by highways, open space, and an industrial park and they do not know anyone in that area because of these natural separations. He also expressed concern with the feeder school alignment and asked to have the elementary boundaries remain as they are until a new elementary is built.

Michelle Barneck, representing families that permit to Jordan Ridge, said they want to stay at the school and the boundary should be 9000 South for the safety of all the children. She said these families are invested in Jordan Ridge and have been volunteering time at the school for over 12 years.

Ryan Hoskins, representing the Tuscany Estates area around Silver Crest, said both options cut neighborhoods in half which means next door neighbors will be attending different schools. He asked to have homes east of 5600 as a natural boundary and leave kids at Silver Crest. He said this would prevent future overcrowding at Bastian and create long-lasting boundaries.
Tina Lyon, representing the Wheatland Estates neighborhood east of 4800 West between 7800 and 7400 South and west of the railroad, said she has been the School Community Council chair at Hayden Peak and now serves on the West Hills Community Council. She explained that their community is small and connected to the neighborhood west and north of them and asked the Board to not put their kids through drastic changes. She said the airport, Jordan landing, and Bangerter are natural boundaries and they are not geographically connected to the homes east of them. She asked the Board to leave their neighborhood at Hayden Peak, West Hills, and Copper Hills High which has safe walking routes already in place for children.

Trisha Baker said she lives in Lake Village which is one block west of the Eastlake boundary but they are in the Daybreak boundary and the students in her neighborhood are bused to Daybreak but live three blocks from Eastlake. She said students should be able to attend the school that is within walking distance of their school and asked the Board to make Eastlake their boundary school.

Cristi Reed, speaking on behalf of parents living near 2700 West and 12300 South, said they live in the Southland boundary and their neighborhood is attached to the neighborhood on the north by a through street and are bound by a canal and 2700 West. Their 10-12 students are on permit to Rose Creek and asked the Board to change the boundary so their children don’t have to permit to Rose Creek and can continue to go to school with the rest of their neighborhood.

Jaimi Brewer, speaking on behalf of the Umbria Estates neighborhood, said their children currently attend Silver Crest Elementary and have a very safe and easy walking route but are being moved to Bastian Elementary where there is no safe walking route. She said their students would have to cross 12600 South which is unsafe and added that the proposed boundary line severs their community. She asked the Board to re-evaluate the decision.

Sarah Bevan, representing the Sage Estates neighborhood in Bluffdale, said they support Option A modified but wanted to point out that it is supported only for the two Bluffdale elementary schools, not the Herriman schools and the west boundary of Bluffdale is not changed in the options. She said they are east of Redwood in the triangle area and support the Option A Modified with a score of 4.82 because the population numbers keep both schools good in the long run.

Jackie Chu Shing said her family moved from Samoa to Bluffdale three years ago and while the transition has been hard, her children have friends now and are happy. She said if the boundary is 2700 West, her children will be cut off from their friends and Bluffdale Elementary. She asked to have her children remain at Bluffdale so they can move to the new middle school in Bluffdale and then to Riverton High.

Emily Blair, living in the Juniper Point neighborhood at 14713 South, said her children attend Blackridge Elementary and Fort Herriman Middle and the new boundary moves them to Foothills Elementary, South Hills Middle, and Riverton High. She advocated for year-round school at both Blackridge and Foothills and expressed support for Option A Modified and to keep middle schools kids at Fort Herriman with their peers from elementary school.

Hillary Johnson, resident of Herriman with children currently attending Blackridge, expressed concerns about the boundary change to Foothills and the safety of children crossing Mountain View Corridor and Rosecrest even if safety buses are provided. She said their neighborhood under Option A Modified is the only one that will not feed to Fort Herriman and they are part of the transition to South Hills. She asked to have her neighborhood remain at Blackridge on a year round schedule and at Fort Herriman Middle.

Shannon Perry, living in Brittany homes off of 7000 South, said her daughter walks to Mountain Shadows Elementary which is .98 miles from their home and in both boundary change options she will be 4.6 miles away. She said she will be bused past Mountain Shadows, Hayden Peak, and Columbia Elementary Schools and right now she can walk to a school in the “green.” She said the move will prevent her from participating in after-school activities and it will take her from friends at school and church. She asked the Board to reconsider moving her neighborhood.
Vivian Mathias, resident of West Jordan, said their neighborhood children currently attend Mountain Shadows and the pocket of homes from 5600 West to 4800 West is getting no choice to stay at their current schools and will be bused to Joel P. Jensen or West Jordan Middle and West Jordan High School. She said they want to stay at Sunset Ridge and Copper Hills High and do not want students taken from the peers they spent seven years forming relationships with. She asked the Board to bus students from new developments, not their established neighborhoods.

Jessica Cadena, a Majestic Elementary teacher, expressed concern about the effect closing Majestic Elementary will have on the community. She said closing the school sends a message to teachers that they are not valued or wanted. She asked the Board to reconsider and find other options for Majestic rather than closing the school.

**MOTION:** At 10:22 p.m., it was moved by Marilyn Richards and seconded by Darrell Robinson to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

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