The Board of Education of Jordan School District met in study, closed and special business meetings on Tuesday, November 13, 2018, beginning at 4:09 p.m. at JATC South (Board Conference Room), 12723 S. Park Avenue (2080 West), Riverton, Utah.

STUDY SESSION

Those recognized or signed-in as present:

Janice L. Voorhies, Board President
Matthew Young, Board Vice President
(Jen Atwood, Board Secretary, excused)
Bryce Dunford, Board Member
Tracy J. Miller, Board Member
Marilyn Richards, Board Member
Darrell Robinson, Board Member
Patrice A. Johnson, Superintendent of Schools
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Sandy Riesgraf, Director, Communications
Travis Hamblin, Consultant, Planning and Student Services
Jeri Clayton, Administrative Assistant
Brendan Nielson, AV Maintenance
Majid Ganom, AV Maintenance
Vicki Olsen, President, Jordan Education Association
Dawn Ramsey, Mayor, South Jordan City
Johnathan Ward, Zions Public Finance
Ryan Bjerke, Chapman and Cutler

President Voorhies presided and conducted. She excused Mrs. Atwood from the meeting. The Board of Education met in a study session to discuss the following:

A. Discussion on Taxing Entity Committee Upcoming Meetings

Mr. Dunford, chair of the Board Finance Committee, reviewed for the Board two tax increment projects.

Mr. Dunford reported that years ago Merit Medical and the South Jordan City Redevelopment Agency presented and received approval for a tax increment plan for development of Merit Medical’s current South Jordan facility. The end of that plan is approaching and they are asking for an extension for the purpose of adding on to the existing campus which will increase the value of the property and eventually bring more tax proceeds to the District. Mr. Dunford said several meetings have been held with Merit Medical personnel to discuss the extension and the Finance Committee worked to develop a plan that they feel comfortable recommending for approval. He said the Committee is recommending that the Board’s two TEC representatives vote “yes” on this project.

Mr. Dunford reported that the Finance Committee was also approached by the West Jordan Redevelopment Agency regarding a tax increment project. He said the Fairchild plant has been vacant
for a number of years and is being renovated and developed as a data center for companies to lease
space. He noted that the tax increment proposal is not from the owner of the building, but rather a future
tenant, PayPal. Mr. Dunford stated that after discussions and a review of the project, the Finance
Committee is comfortable with recommending approval of this project by the Board’s TEC
representatives.

Mr. John Larsen reviewed specific facts of the two Redevelopment Agency projects and how each
project meets the Board’s tax increment consideration criteria. He added that the Utah Taxpayers
Association, the Governor’s Office of Economic Development, the Utah State Board of Education, and
South Jordan City have expressed support for the Merit Medical EDA project.

Board Comment

Mr. Robinson stated that he supports the West Jordan/PayPal tax increment project but is struggling
with granting support for the Merit Medical extension and asked to have someone provide him with more
information. Mr. Larsen agreed to meet with him.

Mr. Young said he wanted to make it clear that he is supportive of both tax increment projects and will
be voting “yes” to approve them, and that he wanted to express appreciation for the efforts of the
Finance Committee; however, because he feels passionate about the subject of tax increment financing
he wanted to read the following prepared public statement:

"I have taken the unusual step in preparing a written public statement because I feel
passionately about the subject of tax increment financing and I do not want my passion to
cloud my message. I want it clear that what I say in the next few minutes is in no way to
disparage either of the companies that are seeking tax increment relief from us today. In fact,
I would say that as far as tax increment requests go both of these appear to be as good as
they get in today’s tax increment environment. That being said, "as good as they get" is not a
very high bar for a system that allows for the wealthiest and most well connected among us
to avoid paying property tax. In short, I do not speak out against any one business or
development company who takes advantage of a system designed to provide them those
advantages but I speak out against the very system itself.

I speak out against those of us (and I include myself) who have created, enlarged, and
unleashed such a disproportionate system of crony capitalism on our fellow taxpayers. I
include elected officials at every level of government city, school, county, and state for at the
very least being complicit in perpetuating such a system. I include employees of city and
state economic development teams who are trapped in the perpetual cycle of “fear of missing
out” that they gladly offer up education dollars to lure the next great business into their
borders. I include individual business and community leaders who in one breath decry the
lack of funding for public education and consequential lack of quality work force. While at the
same time pushing their companies to seek the best rate of return on the backs of that same
public education system.

I use as a classic example of this absurdity our recent ballot question 1 relating to raising the
gas tax by 10 cents to ultimately infuse our public education system with $120 million dollars.
The leading advocate for question 1 was a group called Our Schools Now. Our Schools Now
lists as one of its Co-Chairs and one of the members of its Steering Committee two
gentlemen who sit on the Board of Directors for the very company that is here requesting that
we as a district forgo over $23 million dollars in property tax revenue over the next 15 years.
The same amount annually that Bingham High, South Jordan Middle, Elk Ridge Middle,
South Jordan, Elk Meadows, Jordan Ridge, Monte Vista, and Daybreak elementary schools
would have received had question 1 passed. Lest you feel these two gentlemen are unique I
invite you to review the names of the Our Schools Now Co Chair and Steering Committee list.
The leadership of Our Schools Now is full of individuals who support raising other people’s
taxes for education while allowing their businesses to raid individual school district’s property
tax funds 10 fold. Perhaps I am the only one that sees the grand irony in these competing positions.

I understand that there are those that are far more sophisticated and enlightened than this simple school board member from Riverton. If given the time they could expound upon all of the virtuous long term benefits of communities “investing” in businesses and development. To those I would say you miss my point. I will not argue that ever since California introduced the Tax Increment system in 1952 the rules for incentivizing businesses have ratcheted up to a cut throat level. Communities are pitted against one another to see who can sell their taxpayers’ soul for the ever coveted and always promised “high paying job” and future tax revenue. I understand those are the rules of economic development today. What I am pleading with everyone in this system is to quit playing the game on the backs of our students and our future.

The graduating class of 2019, our seniors, were in 1st grade the year our original agreement with the South Jordan RDA began. The School Board at that time agreed to forgo the students’ right to the increased property tax funding in the hope that a future generation would benefit from increased funds. That future generation is now in the first grade and I am voting to forego yet another generation’s public education dollars. I can only look these students in the eye and tell them I at least secured some agreements that may allow them to benefit by the time they reach high school. Hopefully, I have ensured that a third generation will not be asked to forego their right to these dollars. At the end of the day I will have to look myself in the mirror and acknowledge that I am part of a broken system.

I have been told that when the law was changed to give school districts a voice in the giving away of property tax dollars legislators hoped that districts would have the courage and wherewithal to stand up to deals that were bad for students. That is a noble and significant responsibility to place on school districts. One that if taken by school districts on a frequent basis would earn them the disdain of city, state, and business leaders. We would be painted as the fools who stand in the way of economic development. Cities would blame us for their community’s lack of a tax base. I have heard the subtle and oft times not so subtle threat of the dreaded high density home development in place of the golden project. Cities have the power to leave a school district if we do not “play nice”. At a state level we have been approached by people indicating that the Governor or other influential state leaders are “very interested” in seeing a project come to fruition. Why is it that we who are in the business of educating students are asked to be the one to hold our finger in the dike and hold back the powerful economic development tide? School districts should not be in the economic development business.

I call on leaders at every level city, school, county, state, and business to find a better way to incentivize businesses and development to our great state and communities. If we need to change the rules by which businesses play let us have the courage to do that. Let us debate that on Capitol Hill and in the city council chambers. Let’s do it in the open in the light of day where elected officials can declare to their constituents why they believe businesses should play by different rules. Let’s end this charade that the property tax rules are set and applied to everyone evenly. Let’s end the closed door negotiations that allow cities, schools, counties, and the state to pick winners and losers.

Most of all let us find a way to quit incentivizing businesses on the backs of today’s students for the elusive promise of an uncertain future. We can all do better.”

B. **Discussion on Bond Delegating Authority Resolution**

Mr. Bryce Dunford, chair of the Board Finance Committee, stated that it is now time for the Board to approve the issuance of another series of bonds in an amount up to $85,000,000 of the original $245,000,000 bond that voters approved for Jordan District to build six new schools. He said the
District’s financial advisors with Zions Bank are recommending an alternate way to issue the bonds and asked Mr. Larsen to provide an explanation.

Mr. Larsen explained that the 2017 and 2018 bond issuances were sold in a public market arena and the proposal for the 2019 bond issuance is to do two bond issues, one of which (Series 2019B) would be very similar to the prior two years and the other would be direct purchase bonds (Series 2019A). He said the hope for doing two bond issuances is to provide flexibility that will save taxpayer dollars in the long-term, as well as help the District meet IRS obligations. He noted that the sale dates and methods will be similar to the prior two years and will include a bidding process. The public market sale includes bidders from large investment firms that bid on a package of bonds and the winning bid is awarded to the firm offering the lowest interest rate. They then in turn resell the bonds or bid them out to private investors. The direct purchase method differs in that the large investment firms keep the bonds, similar to a loan process. He noted that the bond structure is similar, i.e. a long-term fixed rate, but will not have the standard seven to ten-year call protection, meaning the direct purchase bonds can be pre-paid at any time. This allows the Board the flexibility to pre-pay the bonds based on what is best for the District’s financial situation. Mr. Larsen also noted that the public market includes a bond premium and underwriter’s discount (a cost paid to the underwriter); whereas the direct purchase bonds do not. Mr. Larsen explained that direct purchase bonds provide flexibility for the Board to prepay higher rate bonds and avoid large swings in debt service tax rate; however, they generally have a higher interest rate than public market 7-10 year callable bonds. He also stated that because the 2019A bonds would not have a premium to offset the cost of issuance, it is being proposed that a portion of the premium from the 2019B bond issuance be used to cover the cost of both issues. In response to a question from Mrs. Miller about the amount for each type of bond sale, Mr. Larsen stated that the discussion was to issue approximately $20 million in direct purchase bonds and $60 million on the public market. Mr. Larsen also stated that the issuance does not raise taxes more than the $16.80 promise to taxpayers.

Mr. Young stated that this method of bond issuance is another example of Jordan District leading out in a desire to do the right thing for taxpayers. He applauded Business Administrator Larsen, Mr. Ward, financial advisor with Zions Bank, and Mr. Bjerke, bond attorney with Chapman and Cutler, for seeking to find solutions that meet the Board’s desires and philosophy.

Mr. Dunford stated that the Finance Committee is recommending the Board approve the issuance of bonds and noted that the Resolution will be presented to the Board for approval at the November 27, 2018, Board meeting.

At 5:08 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

**MOTION:** At 5:08 p.m., it was moved by Bryce Dunford and seconded by Marilyn Richards to go into closed session. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Those recognized or signed-in as present:
- Janice L. Voorhies, Board President
- Matthew Young, Board Vice President
  (Jen Atwood, Board Secretary, excused)
- 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
- Scott Thomas, Administrator of Auxiliary Services
President Voorhies 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 5:21 p.m., it was moved by Marilyn Richards and seconded by Tracy Miller to adjourn the closed session. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

**STUDY SESSION, Continued**

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- Majid Ganom, AV Maintenance
- Vicki Olsen, President, Jordan Education Association

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

C. **Review of Proposed Revisions to Administrative Policy AS93 Open Enrollment / School Choice**

President Voorhies invited Mr. Paul Van Komen, Board attorney, to review the policy revisions.

Mr. Van Komen said Dr. Godfrey has been involved in the policy revisions based on the direction given by the Board during the past several meetings. He noted that the School Permit Procedures document has been incorporated by reference in the policy so if changes are needed to the Procedures, it does not require a change to policy.

Board members discussed the policy language and made recommendations for language clarifications. The policy will be presented for approval during the Special Board Meeting.

D. **Board Reports and Comments**

1. **Utah High School Activities Association**

   Ms. Richards said a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Utah High School Activities Association will be held Thursday and the agenda includes a discussion on realignment. She said
she has been canvassing 6A regions one, two, three, and four to gather input so she can represent them regarding realignment.

2. Legislative/Community Relations Board Advisory Committee

Mrs. Miller said she had nothing new to report from the Legislative Committee but she wanted to remind Board members of the breakfast meeting with legislators on Tuesday, November 27, 2018, at Copper Hills High beginning at 7:30 a.m. She said she will send via email to each Board member a copy of the Board’s legislative priorities for review and final feedback and comments.

3. District Finance and Audit Board Advisory Committee

Mr. Dunford said the major issues of the Finance Committee have been the tax increment projects and the bond issuance and these were presented earlier to the Board. He indicated that a meeting of the Committee has been planned for next week.

4. Facilities Board Advisory Committee

President Voorhies stated that Mrs. Atwood’s Facilities Committee concerns were addressed during the closed session meeting.

5. District/Community Council Board Advisory Committee

Mr. Robinson reported that the final School Community Council training will be held tomorrow night at Copper Hills High and said Mrs. Doree Strauss has done a wonderful job of organizing these training meetings. He reported that Parent University will be held on Thursday, November 15, and Brian King, program specialist for the Special Education Department, will be speaking about adolescent behavior and why children act the way they do. He said this should be an interesting and informative meeting. He reported that February 7, 2019, the Parent University topic will be a discussion with legislators and tentatively, the April 11, 2019, Parent University topic will be mental health. Mr. Robinson said he serves on the Real Salt Lake High School Board and he was elected to serve as Board president.

6. Innovations in Education Board Advisory Committee

Mr. Young said a summary of the IB Program was placed on BoardDocs for Board members to review and provide input. Board members expressed support for Marilyn Richards to serve on the selection committee that will choose the high school to host the IB program. Mr. Young expressed appreciation to the high school administrators that submitted applications and appreciation for those that considered applying but chose not to do so.

Mr. Young said it was his understanding that the Finance Committee was tasked with discussing the availability of funds for the Innovations in Education Subcommittee and asked for an update. Mr. Dunford indicated that this topic is on the agenda for the next Committee meeting. Mr. Young said it was also his understanding that Superintendent Johnson and Cabinet members were going to discuss how a digital learning coach would fit into the strategy to accomplish Board Ends policies and asked for an update. Superintendent Johnson reported that this has been discussed in Cabinet and asked for clarification on the Innovations Committee’s definition of a digital learning coach.

Due to time constraints, Mr. Young said he would continue this discussion in the study session following the special Board meeting.

At 6:15 p.m., the meeting adjourned. The Board convened in a Special Board meeting.

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
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Chad Margetts, Web Manager, Communications
Brendan Nielson, AV Maintenance
Majid Ganom, AV Maintenance
Vicki Olsen, President, Jordan Education Association

Jana Stephens
Maria McCurdy
Marian Furst
Leesa Leonard
Camille Jensen
Laurie Childs
Robert Horsley
Heather Reich
Sarah Keppner
Marriette Barton
Melissa Smith
Deanna Hawkins
Krystyl Perschon
Dale Watson

Oscar Mena
Ava Louviere
Alisa Bodily
Mel Bodily
Rob Summers
Natalie Gardner
Amy Jesson (sp?)
Amy Martz
Tina Lyon
Jane Rawlins
Jamee Roth
Brent Messell (sp?)
Emily S. (unintelligible)

President Voorhies presided and conducted. She welcomed those present.

I. **Special Business**

A. **Recommendation to Approve Revisions to Administrative Policy AS93 Open Enrollment / School Choice**

Dr. Anthony Godfrey, associate superintendent, reviewed the changes to Policy AS93 and said this policy has been discussed over the past several months and it incorporates the School Permit Procedures document which outlines the Board’s priorities for awarding permits in accordance with State law.
Mrs. Miller said on several occasions she has expressed concerns about ALPS students and lengthy discussions have been held on this topic. She said she feels that it is time to move forward with approving the policy and she will be voting to approve the revisions.

Mr. Robinson said he received information from Facilities Services that the District has a total of 260 portables which equates to 8.6 elementary schools and the cost to replace the portables with elementary schools would be $172 million plus the cost of land. He said many Board decisions are a result of struggling to get money to build schools and he wanted the public to be aware of this when it is time for the Board to have another bond election. Mr. Robinson said he would rather not make this policy but there is no other choice and it wouldn’t be needed if there were room in the schools.

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

A copy of Administrative Policy AS93 Open Enrollment / School Choice is attached at the conclusion of these minutes. (Attachment 1)

**MOTION:** It was moved by Matt Young and seconded by Marilyn Richards to approve the revisions to Administrative Policy AS93 Open Enrollment / School Choice. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

B. Consideration to Approve Proposed Boundaries for Schools within Jordan School District as a Result of Opening Two New Elementary Schools, Two New Middle Schools and One New High School for the 2019-20 School Year; and a Transition Plan for Fort Herriman Middle, Oquirrh Hills Middle, South Hills Middle and South Jordan Middle Schools for the 2019-20 School Year until an Additional Middle School Opens in 2020-21

Dr. Anthony Godfrey, associate superintendent, reported the survey results for the Option C boundary proposals, noting that of the 7,350 responses received, 78 percent were from parents, and 12 percent were from students. The number of patron comments received was 2,910. Dr. Godfrey presented the following results for Option C:

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Board members reviewed the proposed boundaries and based on additional community input, made recommendations for changes to some of the Option C boundary lines prior to the vote to approve them. Dr. Godfrey noted that the Board’s revisions will be referred to as Boundary Option D.

**Public Comment**

President Voorhies invited members of the audience who signed up to speak about the boundary proposals to address the Board. She also invited members of the audience who didn’t sign up to speak but wished to address the Board after hearing the boundary revisions to do so. The following is a brief synopsis of the patron comments:
Maria McCurdy said the way the boundary was redrawn, a small section of the Falcon Ridge boundary that is south of 7000 South would be the only group from that neighborhood going to West Hills and while there is no one from that area at the meeting, she believes that they would want to go to Sunset Ridge with the students who are north of 7000 South.

Marian Furst said in checking demographics she found that West Jordan 40 percent of the District population and has a higher percentage of minority students. She said a Supreme Court case found it unconstitutional that a Denver school district was maintaining racially segregated schools and wonders why there has been no discussion of moving students north/south particularly between South Jordan and West Jordan.

Leesa Leonard representing residents from 11400 and 11800 South between 3200 and 3600 West, expressed appreciation to the Board for listening to their concerns and leaving their children in their current school and the feeder system intact.

Camille Jensen, speaking on behalf of 122 residents living between 11800 and 12600 South and west of Bangerter, said their neighborhood strongly favored option B to remain at Riverton High and when they learned that their neighborhood could be moved to one of three schools they conducted their own survey of residents and found that parents preferred to attend Oquirrh Hills Middle and stay at Riverton High. She expressed concern about student safety crossing 12600, traveling Mountain View Corridor, and crossing Bangerter Highway if students are sent to the new high school and added that if students can remain at Oquirrh Hills and Riverton High, they can travel under Bangerter on 11800 South and cross no major roads.

Laurie Childs thanked the Board for leaving her students at South Jordan Elementary School.

Robert Horsley said his second grade daughter goes to Jordan Ridge but they live in the Heartland boundary and expressed concern about where she will attend school next year if her permit is revoked.

Heather Reich, teacher at Majestic Elementary, thanked the Board for delaying the closing of Majestic Elementary and said she is looking forward to working with the Board and District to problem-solve and create a smooth transition. She thanked the Board for listening to teachers and staff and committing to create a policy to address school closures. She said she is committed to doing right by the students, families, and co-workers in the event of a closure, but will take the next 12 months to convince the Board to keep the school open.

Sarah Keppner thanked the Board for trying to even out the numbers between Eastlake and Daybreak. She expressed concern about the new growth coming and fears that a year from now more boundary changes will be needed.

Marriette Barton, speaking on behalf of neighbors and friends, said they have tried to understand the proposed boundary changes and emailed a petition signed by 219 people expressing the desire to remain at Oquirrh Hills Middle. She said their neighborhood is east of the canal and west of Redwood Road and students can safely walk to Oquirrh Hills Middle; however, option C moves them to the new middle school in Bluffdale and requires students to be bused. She suggested that there are other neighborhoods that could be bused to the new middle school. She asked the Board to reconsider moving their neighborhood to the new middle school in Bluffdale and leave them at Oquirrh Hills.

Krystyl Perschon presented 1,300 thank you notes from their Oquirrh Shadows neighborhood.

Ava Louviere, a student living in the “pan handle” area thanked the Board for keeping them at their current schools.
Alisa Bodily thanked the Board for moving Jordan Ridge to traditional and expressed concern about continued capacity and overcrowding problems.

Mel Bodily said he agreed with his wife’s comments and didn’t have anything more to add. He thanked the Board for their involvement in this process.

Natalie Gardner expressed concern about her child that attends Jordan Ridge but is not in the ALPS program like her other siblings and where she will attend school next year if she cannot get a permit. She said her family lives in the area that was in the Eastlake boundary but is now in the Daybreak boundary and it is unsafe for her daughter to walk to Daybreak and she cannot be in two places at once. She said when she filled out her survey she asked to be contacted but has not heard from anyone.

Amy Jesson said her children attend Riverton Elementary, Oquirrh Hills Middle, and Riverton High. She believed she would be safe from boundary changes living in the middle of these schools and she is not happy about being moved to the new middle school in Bluffdale because her children can walk to all three schools. She said she hasn’t heard anything about what will be done with the middle school ALPS program and is concerned with having three children at three different schools. She said she feels neglected and needs answers to her questions.

Amy Martz, parent of students attending Fox Hollow, said she wanted to comment about the area east of the area south of 7000 South and west of 5600 West going to Sunset Ridge. She attended a West Jordan council meeting and learned of a new development called Canyon Ridge where hundreds of new homes will be built and wanted the Board to be aware of this for the proposed new elementary school.

Tina Lyon said she has two children on permit at West Hills and with the changes they will now be boundary students at West Hills. She served on the School Community Council for a couple of years and said she asked her children if they felt their schools were overcrowded and her high school student did not but her West Hills students did and said the halls are crowded. She expressed concern with adding 400 students to that number and asked the Board to be careful about not making Sunset Ridge and West Hills even populations. She suggested having after-school intermural sports program at Joel P. Jensen to get their numbers up and benefit the students.

Jane Rawlins asked Mrs. Miller about the maps she sent her last night for proposed Eastlake boundaries and wanted to know why the Board chose the map they did over her proposed map. Mrs. Miller explained that Ms. Rawlins numbers did not work and she was planning to contact her tomorrow morning to discuss it.

Jamee Roth said she felt she was receiving contradicting comments about her neighborhood on 11400 South being asked to move to Daybreak because nine months ago it was a unanimous decision by the Board that this was not a safe move and now it seems it is. She said children having to cross Top View Road to get to the tunnel and is not safe, especially with traffic coming from the east of 4000 West which creates additional traffic for their children. She said she feels the safety of her child is less important than the Chinese Immersion program. She asked the Board to return to their decision of nine months ago and leave them at Eastlake where they have been for years.

Brent Messell said he appreciated the Board considering option D for Eastlake but fears it is another short-term solution. He suggested that the highest yield area in the District is the neighborhood east of 4000 West and it will continue to grow. He said he believes there are other options including breaking up that neighborhood and sending some to Daybreak by busing students if needed or adding crossing guards.
Emily S. (unintelligible) said she has children at Riverton Elementary, Oquirrh Hills Middle, and Riverton High and questioned why the Oquirrh Hills student population will go higher than all other middle schools in the District. She said she thought the purpose was to spread out the students and doesn’t think the school can handle the capacities proposed.

**Board Comment**

President Voorhies thanked all District patrons for the comments both in person, online through emails and survey responses, and phone calls. She said one of the finest things throughout this process has been the quality of examination of the proposals and depth of consideration about alternatives and this speaks highly of District patrons. She invited Board members to comment before the vote is taken.

Mr. Robinson said he is okay with Option D; however, with the added changes made he is not comfortable voting for a change in an area that didn’t have adequate notice, specifically the Daybreak/Eastlake change. He also noted that nine months ago he voted “no” on the Eastlake boundaries and has not seen information that changes his opinion.

Mrs. Miller expressed that she has been concerned with Eastlake for a year and a half and prefers to not have to move anyone from Eastlake but the change is necessary. She said this area has been surveyed multiple times and she has heard from almost everyone at the school and from probably ten of the fourteen patrons living in the “peninsula” and they support the change. She expressed that she is comfortable that patrons of this area have been given ample opportunity to provide input. She also noted that the students living in the “peninsula” are not bused to Daybreak.

Mrs. Voorhies said she recognizes the safety concerns expressed by Eastlake patrons and said further discussion on this topic could be held in the near future. She stated that she is comfortable with the boundaries as presented.

Mr. Robinson suggested voting on the Eastlake boundaries separately so that he can abstain from that vote but vote to approve the rest of the Option D boundary recommendations. He made the following motion:

**MOTION:**

It was moved by Darrell Robinson and seconded by Matthew Young to approve option D boundary recommendations except for the Eastlake boundaries. The motion failed with a vote of four to two. Mrs. Voorhies, Mr. Dunford, Mrs. Miller, and Mrs. Richards voted against the motion.

**MOTION:**

It was moved by Matthew Young and seconded by Bryce Dunford to approve the option D boundary recommendations for schools within Jordan School District as a result of opening two new elementary schools, two new middle schools, and one new high school for the 2019-20 school year; and a transition plan for Fort Herriman Middle, Oquirrh Hills Middle, South Hills Middle and South Jordan Middle Schools for the 2019-20 school year until an additional middle school opens in 2020-21. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Mr. Robinson said he voted for the boundary recommendation but is uncomfortable that Board members did not allow him the opportunity to vote “no” for an area with which he is uncomfortable. Mrs. Voorhies said she would be happy to look at the safety issue to see of something can be done to address some of Mr. Robinson’s concerns.

Copies of the Option D 2019-20 school boundary maps are attached at the conclusion of these minutes. (Attachment 2)

At 8:50 p.m., the meeting adjourned. The Board returned to study session.

**STUDY SESSION, Continued**
President Voorhies presided and conducted. The Board of Education continued the study session to discuss the following:

D.6. **Continued Discussion on Innovations in Education**

Board members discussed the merits of having a best practices database. The Board agreed to have the Innovations Subcommittee continue its work and to begin creating this database.

Board members discussed which Jordan District schools have 1:1 technology devices and the types of training school personnel have received. They discussed creating a Digital Technology Capacity Report, noting that the State has one for all school districts. They stated their desire to have one for each Jordan District school.

**MOTION:** At 9:45 p.m., it was moved by Darrell Robinson and seconded by Marilyn Richards to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

JL/jc
Attachments
I. Board Directive

The Board subscribes to the philosophy of educational choice and enrollment options for Jordan District students within the limits of classroom space and staff availability. The Board recognizes that providing options for children and families optimizes student learning. Therefore, the Board delegates to the Administration responsibility for developing policy for management of a school choice program.

II. Administrative Policy

The Administration shall administer the open enrollment program according to the following administrative policy provisions and in accordance with Utah Code § 53G-6-402 and-403 (2018):

A. Open Enrollment/Permit Process
   1. Students who wish to attend a school other than their resident school may file a request for an open enrollment transfer (permit) at the school they desire to attend. Applications are submitted online through the District website.
   2. Permit requests will be approved subject to the conditions as outlined in the document “School Permit Procedures”. This document shall be reviewed annually by the Board of Education.

B. Accepting Permit Students

The school administrator of the requested school shall accept the transferring student subject to the conditions set forth in document “School Permit Procedures” and subject to the following:

1. Space, staff, and programs are available to accommodate the student.
2. The District shall not be required to provide any program that it has not previously provided to its own students. If the District does not offer a program that the student requires, that fact shall be considered in reviewing the student's application.
3. The student has not committed serious infractions of the law or school rules, including rules of the requested school/District.
4. The student has not been guilty of chronic misbehavior that would, if it were to continue after the student was admitted, endanger persons or property, cause serious disruptions in the school, or place unreasonable burdens on school staff.
5. The school administrator may allow provisional enrollment of a nonresident student with prior behavior problems when conditions have been set under which the student would be permitted to enroll or continue.
6. Standards may not include previous academic achievement (i.e. grades or test scores), athletic or other extra-curricular ability.
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C. Permits for Students with Disabilities
   The student may be considered for enrollment if all of the following criteria are met:
   1. The student can be served on the current staffing pattern in the Special Education Department without the addition of staff or services.
   2. The addition does not exceed the school’s existing caseload capacity.
   3. Space is available at the school and in the student’s grade level.

D. Duration of Permit
   1. Students who are granted permits shall be allowed to remain enrolled in a school subject to compliance with the same rules and standards as resident students, without renewed applications in subsequent years unless one of the following occurs:
      a. The student graduates
      b. The student is no longer a Utah resident
      c. The student is suspended or expelled from school
      d. The District determines that enrollment within the school will exceed the school’s open enrollment threshold.
   2. Students who are granted transfer requests are obligated to remain at the requested school for at least one school year.

E. Transportation
   The parent(s)/guardian(s) of the student shall arrange for the student’s transportation to and from school.

F. Appeals
   The parents(s)/legal guardian(s) shall be notified of the right to appeal the decision of the school administrator to the Board of Education.

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2019-20 School Boundaries

Option D
Note: School boundaries in grey did not change.