The Board of Education of Jordan School District met in closed and study sessions on Tuesday, March 12, 2019, beginning at 4:00 p.m. at JATC South (Board Conference Room), 12723 S. Park Avenue (2080 West), Riverton, Utah.

OPEN SESSION

Those recognized or signed-in as present:
- Bryce Dunford, Board President
- Tracy J. Miller, Board Vice President
- (Matthew Young, Board Secretary, excused)
- Jen Atwood, Board Member
- Marilyn Richards, Board Member
- Darrell Robinson, Board Member
- Janice L. Voorhies, Board Member
- Patrice A. Johnson, Superintendent of Schools
- Anthony A. Godfrey, Associate Superintendent
- John Larsen, Business Administrator
- Paul Van Komen, Burbidge & White
- Jeri Clayton, Administrative Assistant
- Mike Maughn, AV Maintenance
- Vicki Olsen, President, Jordan Education Association
- Jennifer Boehme, UniServ Director
- Jessica Dunn, UniServ Director
- Kass Harstad, Strindberg & Sholnick, LLC
- Tracey Watson, Director of Legal Services-General Counsel, Utah Education Association
- Cheryl Gibbs
- Becky Pratt

President Dunford presided and conducted. He called for a motion to go into closed session.

MOTION: At 4:02 p.m., it was moved by Janice Voorhies and seconded by Jen Atwood to go into closed session. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

CLOSED SESSION

Those recognized or signed-in as present:
- Bryce Dunford, Board President
- Tracy J. Miller, Board Vice President
- (Matthew Young, Board Secretary, excused)
- Jen Atwood, Board Member
- Marilyn Richards, Board Member
- Darrell Robinson, Board Member
- Janice L. Voorhies, Board Member
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- Cheryl Gibbs
- Becky Pratt
President Dunford presided and conducted. The Board of Education met in a closed session to discuss personnel and potential litigation. The closed session discussion was recorded and archived.

**MOTION:** At 5:01 p.m., it was moved by Marilyn Richards and seconded by Janice Voorhies to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

**STUDY SESSION**

Those recognized or signed-in as present:
- Bryce Dunford, Board President
- Tracy J. Miller, Board Vice President
- Matthew Young, Board Secretary
- Jen Atwood, Board Member
- Marilyn Richards, Board Member
- Darrell Robinson, Board Member
- Janice L. Voorhies, 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
- Brad Sorensen, Administrator of Schools
- Doree Strauss, Administrator of Schools
- Jeri Clayton, Administrative Assistant
- Mike Maughn, AV Maintenance
- Vicki Olsen, President, Jordan Education Association
- Dawn Ramsey, Mayor, South Jordan City

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

**A. Board Policy Review**

1. **BSC202 Accountability of the Superintendent**

   President Dunford reported that he and Superintendent Johnson met to review and revise policy BSC202 so it more accurately reflects current District culture and practice. He presented the revised policy to Board members for review and discussion. Board members provided input about the revisions and will approve the policy at an upcoming general session Board meeting.

2. **BSC203 Delegation to the Superintendent**

   President Dunford invited Board members to discuss policy BSC203 and provide recommendations for revisions, noting that the policy needs to reflect the current culture and practice of the District. Board members and Mr. Van Komen, Board attorney, provided suggestions for language clarifications and revisions. The policy will be approved at an upcoming general session Board meeting.

3. **BSC204 Monitoring Superintendent Performance**

   President Dunford led a discussion about how to revise policy BSC204 so it meets the needs of the Board and provides for monitoring superintendent performance. As a result of the discussion, President Dunford agreed to gather examples of superintendent evaluation tools used by other school districts and USBA and to research other available resources to assist in revising the policy. This policy will be brought back for further discussion at an upcoming study session.
B. Superintendent Search

Mrs. Tracy Miller reported that USBA sent out the superintendent vacancy announcements and the opening has been posted on the USBA and District websites. She noted for the Board’s information that paying for superintendent candidate travel in the past was limited to finalists and suggested continuing this practice. She also noted that travel for finalist candidates will be governed by the District’s travel policy.

Mrs. Miller led a discussion about the Stakeholder Committee and invited Board members to submit names. The Committee will consist of 21 members to include parents, employees, government representatives, and representatives from JEA, JESPAN, and PTA. She noted that Stakeholder Committee members will be asked to sign a confidentiality agreement prior to reviewing and evaluating the applications. The applications will be available for Committee member review on April 10, 11, and 12 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. in the Executive Conference Room at the District Office. Board members discussed keeping the Committee member’s names confidential until after the review and also discussed making the public aware of the formation of the Stakeholder Committee. Mrs. Miller will work with Ms. Riesgraf, director of Communications, on this announcement.

Board members reviewed the Confidentiality Agreement, evaluation tool, and updated timeline and provided suggestions for changes.

C. Discussion on Naming of New Schools

President Dunford stated that the public was invited to submit names for four of the six new schools that will open for the 2019-20 school year. After receiving input from the public about school names, the Board member that represents the new school, along with the respective administrator of schools and principal, narrowed the list of suggested school names to five or six in preparation for surveying the public again. He invited the respective Board members to present the school name recommendations. President Dunford also noted that the new Mountain Ridge High School was named several months ago and West Jordan Middle will retain the same name for their new building.

1. New Middle School in South Jordan

   Mr. Dunford said this new middle school is located in Daybreak and although the survey included a reminder to the respondents that the Board will not consider names that are specific to an area, several suggestions were received asking to name it Daybreak Middle School. He said there are students that do not live in Daybreak that will attend this new school and he doesn’t want them to feel alienated or to feel that in some way this is not their school and for this reason, the name will not be considered. Mr. Dunford presented the following five names for the new middle school: Golden Heights, Mountain Creek, Prospector Creek, Sunrise, and West Mountain.

2. New Middle School in Bluffdale

   Mr. Young stated that when he became a member of the Board of Education he toured several properties the District owned. During the tour they drove down a small country road in Bluffdale and when they arrived at the property his impression was that it was one of the most beautiful places he had seen in the Valley and it was truly a hidden gem. He said he is sure that this property has significance to many people and he feels that as the District contributes to the changes that occur with growth, he hopes the names that are chosen for both the middle and elementary schools in Bluffdale will be a bridge to honor the past and connect it to the future. Mr. Young presented the following five names for the new middle school in Bluffdale: Crystal Springs, Hidden Valley, Jordan Narrows, Mountain View, and River Bend.

3. New Elementary School in Bluffdale
Mr. Matt Young stated for the benefit of disclosure, that the survey results showed that “Independence Elementary” was the most popular name submitted for consideration; however, this name will not be included in the top five names for the same reason expressed by Mr. Dunford. He said while Independence is a wonderful area and the residents should take great pride in where they live, the name is not inclusive of all the students that will attend this elementary school. Mr. Young presented the following five names for the new elementary school in Bluffdale: Heritage Hills, Hidden Valley, Jordan Trail, Mountain Point, and Silicon Slopes.

4. New Elementary School in Herriman

Mr. Darrell Robinson presented the following five names for the new elementary school in Herriman: Mountain Crest, Ridge View, Step Mountain, Sentinel Hills, and Wasatch View.

Mrs. Strauss, administrator of schools, reported that the next step in the naming process is to send out a survey to the patrons of each of the schools and ask respondents to rank order the five name choices. The survey will be available for one week, after which the results will be tabulated and provided to Board members.

D. Discussion on Timeline for 2019-20 Student Fee Schedule

Mr. Brad Sorensen, administrator of schools, made a request on behalf of secondary school principals to extend the Board’s approval of the 2019-20 Schedule of School Fees from March 26 to April 23 in order to provide an additional month for principals to complete the individual school fee schedules. Mr. Sorensen stated that an April 23 approval date would provide time to prepare registration materials. Board members agreed to Mr. Sorensen’s request.

E. Board of Education Meeting Schedule for 2019-20

Mr. Bryce Dunford invited Board member input on the proposed 2019-20 schedule of Board meetings. Board members made some minor adjustments to the schedule and added a full day summer retreat study session to be held July 18, 2019.

F. Professional Development Board Book Study

Mr. Robinson led a discussion about chapters four through seven of the book “What School Could Be” by Ted Dintersmith. He invited Board members to share insights and comments about the information contained in these chapters. Mr. Robinson invited Board members to read chapters eight through ten in preparation for the final discussion on April 9 and to come up with one or two ideas from the book that can be implemented in Jordan District.

President Dunford suggested the Board choose its next book so the first discussion can be held in May. Board members agreed and will read the book Outliers by Malcolm Gladwell. Mr. Dunford will lead the discussions.

M. Board Reports and Comments

1. Community Outreach Board Advisory Committee

Mrs. Atwood, Committee chair, reported that a Committee meeting was held March 5 and there were several items discussed at the meeting about which she would like to make the Board aware and to get input. Mrs. Atwood reviewed the check-off list for the school Land Trust plans and said a copy will be included with each of the plans and that, as in the past, two Board members will evaluate each plan.

Mrs. Atwood reviewed upcoming celebrations and activities in which the Board will participate:
• The retirement dinner is scheduled for Tuesday, May 21, at 6:00 p.m. at Gardner Village. She asked that Board members arrive by 5:30 p.m. to greet the retirees.
• A retirement celebration will be held for Superintendent Johnson on Wednesday, May 22, at JATC South from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.
• Plans are being made for five school dedications, one ground-breaking ceremony, and possibly a pipe-breaking ceremony at Bingham High for the start of the five-year summer project upgrades that are planned for that school.

Mrs. Atwood invited Board input about who should take charge for planning the celebrations. It was decided to have the Board member, along with the school principal and/or School Community Council, oversee the school celebrations and to have the Committee provide sample programs and assist with public relations information, suggested timelines, etc. Mr. Young suggested extending invitations to dignitaries and school board members in other districts for the Mountain Ridge High School open house and dedication.

Mrs. Atwood reviewed dates for four Parent University events that will be held during the 2019-20 school year and noted that locations and topics will be decided upon later. She said a list of topic recommendations will be provided for Board review next month and invited Board members to contact her with any recommendations they have for discussion topics. Mrs. Atwood stated that the next Parent University for the current year will be held April 11 at 7:00 p.m. at South Hills Middle School and the topic is: New Schools, New Adventures, presented by McKinley Withers.

Mrs. Atwood stated that her Committee has defined its purpose which is simply: Board Community Connections. She also indicated that her Committee is beginning to submit applications for upcoming city parades and she will provide Board members with more information when it is available.

2. Facilities Board Advisory Committee

Mrs. Miller, Committee chair, stated that the Committee has not met since she last reported; however, she wanted to provide an update about current Committee activities. They are continuing to meet with high school principals and will be holding a Committee meeting on Friday, March 15, to work on the Projected Building Plan (formerly known as the 5-Year Building Plan) and will bring the Plan for Board review at the next Board meeting.

3. District Finance and Audit Board Advisory Committee

Mr. Young, Committee chair, reported that the Finance Committee has a meeting scheduled for March 18 and at this meeting they will begin the process of determining the amount of funds available for the coming year and will provide this information to the Board at the next study session. They will also be analyzing the District portion of the standard student registration fee with the intent to see if the amount is at an appropriate level and whether the Committee should make a recommendation to change the amount.

4. Government Relations Board Advisory Committee

Ms. Richards, Committee chair, invited Mr. Anderson to update Board members on the current legislative session. Mr. Anderson reviewed House Bills 441, 118, 385, 260 and 250, Senate Bill 177, and Senate Joint Resolution 3.

Ms. Richards reported that Mrs. Atwood and Mrs. Voorhies attended a recent West Jordan Council meeting and invited Mrs. Atwood to provide information about development of the City Center. Mrs. Atwood said the West Jordan City planners were seeking approval from the Council to work with UTA on the City’s 30-year comprehensive plan. She noted that within the first ten years they will likely address the ASB property on Redwood Road. Board members discussed
inviting West Jordan Council members to tour the ASB building. Ms. Richards noted that she will have the Government Relations Committee pursue this recommendation.

Ms. Richards offered the Committee’s help to Mr. Robinson for the Mountain Ridge High School open house and dedication and said they would like to participate in inviting dignitaries to tour the building. She also invited discussion about Board member availability for attending City Council meetings to introduce the principals of the new schools.

Mr. Young asked whether the Government Relations Committee has reached out to mayors with regards to the weekly mayor’s meeting at the Capitol. Mrs. Voorhies responded that she spoke with Mayors Ramsey and Riding and for now they would prefer to continue with their group, but indicated that their timeline includes inviting Board members to their meetings at a later date. Mr. Young said he is aware that they have been discussing a large southwest valley growth study and wondered if it would be prudent to ask to be part of that study.

5. **Innovations in Education Board Advisory Committee**

Mr. Robinson, Committee chair, provided Board members with information Mr. Ross Menlove prepared about the professional development activity which replaced the snow make-up day for teachers. He said to date, 705 licensed employees have accessed the course, 3,716 pages have been viewed, and 1,237 teachers have contributed to discussion posts. He said teachers are sharing great information and working together. Mr. Robinson asked whether the Board would like to have a formal presentation on this matter. Board members agreed they would like a review after the end of the school year and asked Mr. Robinson to oversee the planning and scheduling of the review.

Mr. Robinson reported that his Committee is making preparations to present to the Board the items they have been working on related to innovative learning.

6. **Executive Committee**

President Dunford stated that as president of the Board he is required by Utah Law to insure that each year Board members receive training related to the School Land Trust program. He noted that a link to a 15-minute training video has been placed on the GroupMe account and asked Board members to let him know once they have viewed the video so he can be assured the Board is in compliance with the law.

At 9:25 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

**MOTION:** At 9:25 p.m., it was moved by Jen Atwood and seconded by Marilyn Richards to go into closed session. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

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

**MOTION:** At 10:09 p.m., it was moved by Jen Atwood and seconded by Janice Voorhies to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

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