The Board of Education of Jordan School District met in study and closed sessions on Tuesday, October 9, 2018, beginning at 4:08 p.m. at the JATC South Campus (Board Conference Room), 12723 S. Park Avenue (2080 West), Riverton, Utah.

STUDY SESSION

Those recognized or signed-in as present:

- 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
- Lisa Robinson, Administrator of Schools
- Brad Sorensen, Administrator of Schools
- Doree Strauss, Administrator of Schools
- Scott Thomas, Administrator of Auxiliary Services
- Herb Jensen, Director, Transportation Services
- Sandy Riesgraf, Director, Communications
- Paul Bergera, Staff Assistant, Auxiliary Services
- Travis Hamblin, Consultant, Planning and Student Services
- Jeri Clayton, Administrative Assistant
- Robert Conder, AV Maintenance & JESPA President
- Vicki Olsen, President, Jordan Education Association
- Michael Russell, Unified Police Department
- Gregory Gray, West Jordan Police Department
- Dawn Ramsey, Mayor, South Jordan City

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

A. **Board Review of Semi-Annual Report**

Ms. Sandra Riesgraf, director of Communications, provided Board members with draft copies of the fall 2018 semi-annual report. She stated that since the last mailer was sent the number of households has increased from approximately 74,000 to 87,265 and noted that this is an indication of how quickly the District is growing. She also reported that the cost of the mailer will be about 15 cents per household. She invited Board members to review the mailer and to contact her in the next few days for any changes or additions they would like made to the report. She indicated that if the report can be sent to the printer in the next few days, it would arrive in homes by the end of the month.

B. **Policy Governance Review**

1. **B/SC200 Global Governance-Management Connection**
2. **B/SC201 Unity of Control**

Board members reviewed and discussed the two policies and did not make any recommendations for changes.
C. **School Board Book Study**

President Voorhies suggested having the next Board book study begin in January 2019, to which Board members agreed. She asked for a Board member to volunteer to choose the book and lead the discussions. Mr. Robinson and Mrs. Miller both said they had a couple of books in mind and agreed to discuss this matter and let Board members know of the book selection and who would lead the discussions.

At 4:20 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

**MOTION:** At 4:20 p.m., it was moved by Jen Atwood and seconded by Marilyn Richards to go into closed session. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

**CLOSED SESSION**

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- John Larsen, Business Administrator
- Paul Van Komen, Burbidge & White
- Scott Thomas, Administrator of Auxiliary Services
- Lance Everill, Manager, Facility Operations
- Gregory Gray, West Jordan Police Department

President Voorhies presided and conducted. The Board of Education met in a closed session to discuss deployment of security personnel. The closed session discussion was recorded and archived.

**MOTION:** At 5:44 p.m., it was moved by Marilyn Richards and seconded by Darrell Robinson to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

**STUDY SESSION, Continued**

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- Doree Strauss, Administrator of Schools
- Scott Thomas, Administrator of Auxiliary Services
President Voorhies presided and conducted. The Board of Education continued its study session to discuss the following:

D. **Continued Board Discussion on Boundary Realignment Process**

1. **General Observations of the Boundary Realignment Process / Additional Boundary Realignment Process Overarching Questions**

   President Voorhies invited Board members to comment about the boundary process to date.

   Mr. Young said he attended open houses at Riverton and Copper Hills High Schools and has appreciated the respectful and helpful way in which parents have engaged in this emotional discussion. He has also appreciated having them share points of view that haven’t been considered. He said he looks forward to reading all of the emails and comments received from patrons and considering these as the Board moves toward completing the process.

   Mrs. Atwood commented that as patrons are looking at the boundary changes they are not seeing information about busing of students and have expressed this in emails. She assured patrons that once the changes have been made, students who qualify for busing will have it provided to them.

   Mr. Dunford said when the Board created its priority list, following natural boundaries was ranked at number five on the list, but this was his number one priority. Following natural boundaries to him meant keeping people together that should stay together and having people attend the school closest to them. He expressed concern about how to balance logical boundaries vs. overcrowded schools and how to make corrections without creating domino effects. He said Board members are sensitive to how people feel about logical boundaries, but there are overcrowded schools that need to be alleviated and balancing the desires and needs is going to be difficult.

   Mrs. Miller said she has attended two boundary open houses at Riverton and Bingham High schools and has been pleased at how respectful parents have been. She said a plan has been presented for boundary changes and now it is the Board’s job to gather input from people to find out how the changes affect them. She said if the public were to define a priority it would be to attend the school closest to them. As an example she told of a family that purchased a home four blocks from an elementary school thinking they would be attending that school. Mrs. Miller said she looks forward to further discussion on this issue and others such as safe walking routes, transportation, and permits.

   Ms. Richards said she appreciates the amount of engagement she has seen from parents and she has felt the emotion they have as they share details and specific things unique to each of the neighborhoods. She said this information helps the Board to make better choices. She expressed appreciation to District staff who have spent many hours on this issue and she said the Board will work to find a good balance between the information received from parents and what needs to be accomplished.
Mr. Robinson said he believes the vast majority of people are happy with the changes, but there are those who are not and it will be a hard choice for the Board to balance enrollments. He said the District can’t continue to have overcrowded schools and expect that students will receive a good education. He would like to find win-win situations for both the District and patrons and hopes that through working together solutions can be found to address the needs and the desires.

Mrs. Voorhies said she hopes that patrons recognize that what they have said or will say matters to Board members. Board members have listened to them at open houses, comments made in surveys and emails, etc. and will consider all of the input. She said what Mr. Robinson said is true, students cannot continue to attend overcrowded schools. She finds it interesting that patrons approved the bond so the District could build schools to alleviate overcrowding and now that boundary changes are needed, the Board is hearing some patrons say they are happy with their schools and they don’t want change.

2. Discussion and Questions Regarding State and District Transportation Assessments / Ineligible Busing Guidelines

Mr. Paul Bergera, staff assistant for Auxiliary Services, and Mr. Herb Jensen, director of Transportation, presented comprehensive information to the Board about laws that govern student transportation, eligibility requirements for elementary and secondary students, how distance is measured, routing software and processes used by the Transportation Department in measuring eligibility boundaries, definition of approved bus routes and stops, busing differences between regular education and special education students, and space available guidelines. They also discussed safe walking routes and SNAP plans, and discussed the roles of School Community Councils, cities, and the District in assuring student safety.

Mr. Robinson asked Board members to consider funding hazardous routes and expressed concern about the boundary proposals that require 2,500 students to cross dangerous roads, specifically U-111, Mountain View Corridor and Bangerter Highway. He also said he contacted the Utah Department of Transportation about constructing walking bridges over these roads and they expressed a willingness to work with the District on this. He suggested that in the meantime as walking bridges are being constructed, the District should consider providing a safe bus shuttle for kids required to cross these roads.

President Voorhies asked Dr. Godfrey, Mr. Jensen and Mr. Bergera to look into costs associated with providing a safe shuttle, bridges, and hazardous routes and to bring this information to the next study session for review by the Board. Dr. Godfrey was also asked to look at safe walking routes for specific schools that Board members will identify for him via email.

Mr. Jensen invited Board members to visit the Transportation Department for a first-hand look to broaden their understanding of transporting students.

3. Discussion and Questions Regarding State Law as it Relates to Permits and Board Prioritization of Permits

Dr. Godfrey led a discussion about State law that governs the issuance of permits. He noted that if a school is under capacity then the District is required to accept permits up to 90 percent of capacity. He noted that capacity does not include portables or accommodating a year-round calendar.

Mrs. Miller expressed a concern that at Jordan Ridge Elementary there are 226 kids on permit and the proposed boundary change would remove students from Jordan Ridge that live only a few blocks away. She said it seems that students on permit are being given priority over students that live a short distance from the school.
Board members discussed Mrs. Miller’s concerns and the need to review this issue on a District-wide basis. Dr. Godfrey said he could be prepared at the next study session to bring information back to the Board on this issue.

Board members discussed criteria for allowing students to permit to the new schools and suggested specific criteria for allowing permits at the elementary, middle, and high school level. They then ranked each according to the level of importance they felt it should be given. Mr. Young asked to have the permit priority criteria placed on the boundary change website for public information.

Board members also discussed the need to insure that those who are granted permits understand that the permit is conditional and can be revoked when growth exceeds 90 percent of capacity.

Mr. Dunford said the criteria developed by the Board will necessitate amending the language in policy AS93 Open Enrollment/School Choice. Dr. Godfrey stated that he will make revisions to policy AS93 based on the discussion of the Board and provide a draft for review at the next study session.

4. **Discussion and Questions Regarding Housing of Special Programs**

   Board members began discussions on this item but decided to postpone the discussion until after Dr. Godfrey has had an opportunity to provide them with information related to permits and boundary adjustments.

5. **Discussion on Additional Information, Board Direction and/or Clarification for Staff**

   Dr. Anthony Godfrey stated that he was comfortable with the direction given by the Board and will be ready with information for review at the next study session to be held on October 16, 2018.

6. **Discussion on Any Possible Revisions to Boundary Process Timeline**

   Board members did not recommend any revisions to the current timeline.

E. **Board Reports and Comments**

   President Voorhies suggested (due to the late hour) foregoing Board reports and comments unless someone had an issue of importance to discuss.

   Mr. Robinson stated that he would have Calendar Committee member recommendations for Board members to review on October 16, 2018.

At 10:38 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

**MOTION:** At 10:38 p.m., it was moved by Marilyn Richards and seconded by Darrell Robinson to go into closed session. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

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Patrice A. Johnson, Superintendent of Schools  
Anthony A. Godfrey, Associate Superintendent  
John Larsen, Business Administrator  
Paul Van Komen, Burbidge & White

President Voorhies 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 11:34 p.m., it was moved by Jen Atwood and seconded by Marilyn Richards to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

**STUDY SESSION, Continued**

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

**F. Continued Board Discussion on Boundary Realignment Process**

Board members continued the discussion related to permit priorities.

**MOTION:** At 11:55 p.m., it was moved by Bryce Dunford to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

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