



BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

92 Lodestone Way – Tooele, Utah

Tuesday, May 11, 2021

Public Session was held in the boardroom at the district office.

Board Members Present:

Robert Gowans, Julia Holt, Scott Bryan, ValaRee Shields, Melissa Rich, Alan Mouritsen

Excused: Camille Knudson

Administration Present:

Superintendent Rogers, Deb Bushek, Terry Christensen, JoAn Coon, Marie Denson, Mark Ernst, Jackie Gallegos, Jeff Hamm, Mat Jackson, Doelene Pitt, Lark Reynolds, Ian Silva, Jeff Wyatt

Excused: Dustin Nelson

President Rich conducted the meeting. Notice of the time, place, and agenda had been given to the Transcript-Bulletin and each member of the governing body more than two days before the meeting. The agenda was also published on the Utah Public Access Website. Support documentation for this meeting can be reviewed at <https://www.boarddocs.com/ut/tooelesd/Board.nsf/Public>

1. Business Meeting, 6 pm (Start of Public Meeting)

1.1 Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance

President Rich called the business meeting to order in the boardroom at 6:04 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Recognition / Good News

2.1 District Recognition for May – Stansbury Park Elementary

- Earl Tate, 3rd Grade, District Student of the Month
- Krystal White, 6th Grade Teacher, District Certified Employee of the Month
- Elizabeth Cox, Media Specialist, District Support Professional Employee of the Month
- Jennifer Shields, District Volunteer of the Month

2.2 School Presentation

Andrea Reynolds' 4th-grade class presented a PowerPoint on their Shining Star Garden.

MOTION:

Motion to take a recess.

Motion by Robert Gowans, second by Julia Holt

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Yea: Robert Gowans, Julia Holt, Scott Bryan, ValaRee Shields, Melissa Rich, Alan Mouritsen

MOTION:

Move to consider agenda items 6-Action Items and 7-Action Items-Revised Policies up to be next on the agenda.

Motion by Scott Bryan, second by Robert Gowans

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Robert Gowans, Alan Mouritsen, Melissa Rich, Julia Holt, Scott Bryan, ValaRee Shields

3. Action Items

3.1 Trustland Plans for SY2021-2022

Principals submitted Trustland plans for the 2021-2022 school year for approval.

MOTION:

Approve The Trustland plans for 2021-2022 as presented.

Motion by Scott Bryan, second by Julia Holt

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Robert Gowans, Julia Holt, Scott Bryan, ValaRee Shields, Melissa Rich, Alan Mouritsen

3.2 Sex Education Materials and Yearly Data

Chantel Cowan, Curriculum Director, presented data on the STD rates and child sexual abuse cases in Tooele County along with pornography incidences for this school year. Ms. Cowan also submitted a video clip, Labor and Vaginal Birth (Nucleus Medial Media), for approval to be used in both junior high and high school health classes.

MOTION:

It is recommended that the video Labor and Vaginal Birth be approved for use in both junior high and high school health classes.

Motion by Scott Bryan, second by ValaRee Shields.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Robert Gowans, Julia Holt, Scott Bryan, ValaRee Shields, Melissa Rich, Alan Mouritsen

3.3 New Policy, Student and Employee Data Protection, 1st Read

Alan Hansen, Information Security Officer, presented a new policy, Student and Employee Data Protection. This policy incorporates current policy 4028 and reflects the current USBE model policy.

MOTION:

Approve New Policy 8018, Student and Employee Data Protection for implementation.

Motion by Robert Gowans, second by Scott Bryan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Robert Gowans, Julia Holt, Scott Bryan, ValaRee Shields, Melissa Rich, Alan Mouritsen

3.4 Retire Policy 4028, Technology Security

Alan Hansen, Information Security Officer, stated that current policy 4028 has been incorporated into the new policy Student and Employee Data Protection and recommends retiring policy 4028.

MOTION:

Retire Policy 4028, Technology Security.

Motion by Scott Bryan, second by Robert Gowans

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Robert Gowans, Julia Holt, Scott Bryan, ValaRee Shields, Melissa Rich, Alan Mouritsen

3.5 New Policy, Education and Family Privacy, 1st Read

Mat Jackson, Special Education Director, presented the new policy Education and Family Privacy. Mr. Jackson stated this is a new policy that provides privacy for students and families.

MOTION:

Approve new policy, Education and Family Privacy for a 2nd Read.

Motion by Julia Holt, second by Robert Gowans

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Robert Gowans, Julia Holt, Scott Bryan, ValaRee Shields, Melissa Rich, Alan Mouritsen

3.6 New Policies for 3000 Business Section of the Policy Manual

Lark Reynolds, Business Administrator, presented the next section of policies in the section 3000 policy redo. The section presented tonight is the procurement section.

MOTION:

Approve new policies 3009-3017 as presented for implementation.

Motion by Scott Bryan, second by ValaRee Shields.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Robert Gowans, Julia Holt, Scott Bryan, ValaRee Shields, Melissa Rich, Alan Mouritsen

3.7 Election for Delegates at Large

Superintendent Rogers stated the Board needed to elect alternates to the Delegate Assembly.

MOTION:

Designate ValaRee Shields and Melissa Rich as alternates to the Delegate Assembly.

Motion by Scott Bryan, second by Alan Mouritsen

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Robert Gowans, Julia Holt, Scott Bryan, ValaRee Shields, Melissa Rich, Alan Mouritsen

4. Action Items—Revised Policies

4.1 Revised Policy 5035, Homeless Students, 1st Read

Marianne Oborn, Director of Social Services and Counseling, presented revised policy 5035, Homeless Students for a 1st Read. The policy had minor revisions to reflect the current Utah Code and USBE model policy.

MOTION:

Approve Revised Policy 5035, Homeless Students for implementation.

Motion by ValaRee Shields, second by Julia Holt

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Robert Gowans, Julia Holt, Scott Bryan, ValaRee Shields, Melissa Rich, Alan Mouritsen

MOTION:

Move to consider section 4-Consent Items and 5-Information, Discussion, or Calendar Items next on the agenda.

Motion by Scott Bryan, second by Alan Mouritsen

5. Consent Items (Routine items not requiring public discussion by the Board may be adopted by one single motion. A Board member may request to remove an item from the consent agenda for individual discussion and consideration.)

5.1 Minutes

5.2 Expenditure Report

5.3 Revenue Reports

5.4 Disbursements

5.5 Personnel Decisions

5.6 Amended Trustland Plans

5.7 150 Mile Contests (Pulled from consent items)

5.8 Surplus

5.9 Vote on Consent Items

MOTION:

Pull item 4.7-150 mile contest from the consent items and approve.

Motion by Julia Holt, second by Alan Mouritsen

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Robert Gowans, Julia Holt, Scott Bryan, ValaRee Shields, Melissa Rich, Alan Mouritsen

5.10 150 Mile Contests (Pulled from consent items)

Member Bryan asked for 150 Mile Contests to be pulled from the consent items for the individual discussion and consideration due to his concern about two out-of-state trips for Tooele High School DECA.

MOTION:

Approve 150-contests as presented except for the two DECA trips from Tooele High

Motion by Robert Gowans, second by Julia Holt

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Julia Holt, Melissa Rich, Alan Mouritsen, ValaRee Shields, Robert Gowans

Nay: Scott Bryan

6. Information, Discussion, or Calendar Items

6.1 Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Rogers briefed the Board on the Cognia System Accreditation Process and how we will use the process to align our District's Strategic Plan and Board Goals with School Improvement. Dr. Rogers also went over the current organizational chart and proposed changes.

6.2 Counselor and Social Services Report

Marianne Oborn, Director of Counseling and Social Services, briefed the Board of Education on school counselor training and counselor projects completed in 2020. Ms. Oborn also presented information regarding the Tooele Family Resource Center and the services that are offered.

6.3 My Tech High/Blue Peak Online Report

Hal Strain, Director of Online Education, and Matt Bowman, CEO of My Tech High, presented the different options our online education program offers and how online education meets our students' needs. Some of the highlights were:

- 7 Adult Education students have completed graduation requirements this year.
- 40 K-12 students have completed graduation requirements as of May 4.
- Fall Semester 2021-nearly 2,000 college credits were earned by 273 students.
- Several students completed their full Associate degree and have started on their Bachelor's Degree, 100% paid for by the DEC-MTH Program.

6.4 2021-2022 Weekly School Schedule

Superintendent Rogers stated that after consulting with his cabinet and looking at data, he recommends we return to face-to-face instruction five days a week for the 2021 - 2022 school year. One of those days is an early release day. Superintendent Rogers also recommended keeping the early release day on Friday for secondary schools as it works better with our educational partners of Utah State University and Tooele Technical College and moving the early release day for grades k-6 back to Wednesday.

Member Bryan expressed concern that splitting the early release day between two different days will create a hardship for some parents. Rick Harrison, President of the Tooele Education Association, stated that when TEA surveyed teachers, elementary

teachers overwhelmingly wanted to return to Wednesday early that day while secondary teachers were somewhat split.

MOTION:

Move to Agenda Item 3.1 Patron Comments

Motion by ValaRee Shields, second by Julia Holt

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Julia Holt, ValaRee Shields, Melissa Rich, Robert Gowans, Alan Mouritsen, Scott Bryan

(Patron comments were heard at this point in the meeting—see agenda item 7 and then returned to discussion of item 6.4)

Board members discussed bringing the 2021-2022 weekly schedule as an action item to the June Board meeting. Member Gowans stated he felt waiting for the June Board meeting would be too late as schools are already starting to work on their schedules for next year.

MOTION:

Move the 2021-2022 weekly schedule to an action item.

Motion by Robert Gowans, second by ValaRee Shields

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Robert Gowans, Melissa Rich, Julia Holt, ValaRee Shields

Nay: Scott Bryan, Alan Mouritsen

MOTION:

Approve the recommendation of returning to 5-day face-to-face instruction for the 2021-2022 school year and move early out day for elementary schools to Wednesday and secondary schools early release date remain on Friday.

Motion by Robert Gowans, second by ValaRee Shields

DISCUSSION:

Member Mouritsen stated that his nay vote was more procedural. He felt the public should have been apprised that the item was an action item and that moving the early release day to Wednesday was up for consideration. Member Bryan stated he didn't know that they were discussing the option of splitting early release days.

Member Shields stated she was comfortable with the recommendation as she had heard from many patrons and felt they have been paying attention to the schedule next year and had voiced their opinions on the matter.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Robert Gowans, Melissa Rich, Julia Holt, ValaRee Shields

Nay: Scott Bryan, Alan Mouritsen

6.5 Tooele Education Foundation Bi-Annual Report

Tooele Education Foundation Executive Director Linda Clegg presented their Bi-annual report to the Board of Education. Ms. Clegg highlighted many of the great things the foundation has been able to do, such as:

- 60 scholarships
- \$50,500.00 in scholarships
- 24 Innovative Education Grants for a total of \$9173.00
- Five Culture and Climate Grants with a value of \$12,529.00

Ms. Clegg also briefed the Board on the Ophir Education Center and what we need to make this a reality.

The foundation's focus is service and assistance to the students and staff of Tooele County School District. Everything they do is to enhance and enrich education for students.

6.6 Board of Education Committee Reports

President Rich stated she sits on the negotiation committee, and they had begun negotiations with the Tooele Education Association.

Member Holt stated they had a Student Body Officer meeting last month and decided a student advisor to the Board from the high schools would take turns attending the Board meetings and would be able to ask questions or make comments. Ms. Holt stated they had also come up with great ideas concerning student mental health.

Member Bryan stated they would be getting a new auditor as the current one we have been working with has left the firm.

Member Shields stated that she had discussed the Ophir Education Center with the foundation and asked Business Administrator Lark Reynolds to look at finances and present possibilities of helping.

7. Open Forum (Limited to three minutes per individual and a total of 30 minutes for all comments. To speak, sign up at the clerk's desk prior to the start of the open forum.)

7.1 Patron Comments

- Mitzi Belverstone, Transportation Department~ She addressed the Transportation Department and the need to offer benefits to Bus Drivers
- Rebekah Bennion, Parent~Addressed the Board on the effects of students wearing masks and asked the Board to honor parents' rights.
- Jamie Jensen, Parent~ Addressed the Board on the mask requirement and honor parents' rights and freedom of choice.
- Kori Park, Grandparent~Ms. Park stated she had initially signed up to address the Board on parental rights, the Constitution, and Critical Race Theory. Instead, she addressed the Board's behavior at tonight's meeting.
- Jason Markham, Parent ~ Addressed the Board on giving rights back to parents and letting them decide for their children.
- Greg Briggs, Parent ~ Addressed the Board on Critical Race Theory.
- Truston Moulton, Parent ~ Addressed the Board on upholding parental rights.

- Rebeca Bates, Math Teacher at Tooele High.~Addressed the Board on recommending students return to face-to-face instruction five days per week.
- Gene Buell~ addressed the Board on the right for students and parents to have the choice regarding masks.
- Kim Truesdale, Parent~ Addressed the Board on honoring parental rights.
- Tana Taylor, Parent ~ addresses the Board on honoring parental rights and lack of respect by the Board

MOTION:

Enter executive session at 9:23 pm in the boardroom at the district office to discuss:

- Character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual,
- Pending or reasonably imminent litigation,
- Purchase, Exchange, or Lease of Real Property, and
- Collective Bargaining

Motion by ValaRee Shields, second by Robert Gowans

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Vote by Name:

Yea Robert Gowans
Yea Julia Holt
Yea Scott Bryan
Yea ValaRee Shields
Yea Melissa Rich
Yea Alan Mouritsen

8. Executive Session, (Closed to the Public)

8.1 Personnel / Negotiations / Property / Litigation

President Rich called the executive session to order at 9:27 pm in the boardroom.

MOTION:

Adjourn Executive Session and Reconvene Open Session immediately.

Motion by Alan Mouritsen, second by Scott Bryan

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Vote by Name:

Yea Robert Gowans
Yea ValaRee Shields
Yea Camille Knudson
Yea Melissa Rich
Yea Alan Mouritsen

9. Adjourn (10 pm Curfew)

9.1 Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:48 pm.

MOTION:

Adjourn

Motion by Scott Bryan, second by Robert Gowans.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Robert Gowans, ValaRee Shields, Melissa Rich, Alan Mouritsen, Julia Holt,
Scott Bryan

OPEN FORUM SIGN-UP SHEET

Date: May 11, 2021

IF YOU DESIRE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF EDUCATION DURING OPEN FORUM,
PLEASE SIGN UP BELOW PRIOR TO THE START OF OPEN FORUM.

Each patron is allowed three minutes for a total of **30** minutes for open forum.

PRINT NAME	PHONE NUMBER	BRIEFLY EXPLAIN YOUR TOPIC
Mitzi Belverstone		Transportation Department.
REBEKAH BENNION		PARENT
Jamie Jensen		Parent
Kori Park		Grandparent
Jason Markham		Parent
Greg Briggs		Parent
Truxton Moulton		Parent
Rebecca Bates		Teacher
Gene Bruce		Mask's Thanks 😊

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PRINT NAME	PHONE NUMBER	BRIEFLY EXPLAIN YOUR TOPIC
Kimi Truesdell		parental Rights
Tana Taylor		respect & parental concerns