

WEBER SCHOOL DISTRICT
5320 Adams Avenue Parkway
Ogden, UT

Study Session
April 8, 2026

The Board of Education of Weber School District held a Study Session in the Board Room at 5320 Adams Avenue, Ogden, Utah. The meeting convened at 5:00 p.m. The following Board Members and Superintendency were present:

Doug Hurst	Board Vice President
Janis Christensen	Board Member
Bruce Jardine	Board Member
Jan Burrell	Board Member
Kelly Larson	Board Member
Wyle Williams	Board Member
Gina Butters	Superintendent
Clyde Moore	Assistant Superintendent
Dave Hales	Assistant Superintendent
Brock Mitchell	Business Administrator

Board Vice President Doug Hurst welcomed everyone to the meeting and excused Board President Paul Widdison.

Board Member Janis Christensen updated the Board on the Joint Legislative Committee and the Spring Regional Meeting that was held on March 12th. The purpose of the meeting was to report back on the recent legislative session and the best way for LEA's to implement new policies. On April 17th, the JLC meeting will be held in Nebo District and in Sandy on May 15th. Pre-delegate meetings will be held on June 5th and 6th. It was noted the committee is already beginning to develop their legislative priorities for the upcoming 2027 legislative session.

Business Administrator Brock Mitchell updated the Board on the recent Finance Committee's monthly meeting. They discussed looking into where we stand with the capital budget, and how to best utilize it into our general fund. One option is to use capital funds for Chromebooks. Schools are being asked to allow the district to take on the charges and shift some of their funding in K-12 to utilize trust land funds. We will continue to look into different strategies for using general funds. Adjustments will be made to Class Wallet in the future and will possibly switch to Amazon as they do not charge a fee.

Superintendent Butters noted the policy manual is officially up to date, but will continue to update as needed with upcoming legislative sessions.

The UHSAA (Utah High School Athletic Association) recently opened the position for a new executive director after the retirement of Rob Cuff. Eight candidates were interviewed and Ryan Bishop, currently principal at Wasatch High School in Heber City was selected. They are working on new realignments on classifications, and will put together criteria based on the size of the school, and free and reduced lunch numbers will make up the competitive scores. Also,

we are trying to educate and be better advocates with legislators on the importance of athletics in our schools.

The staffing process continues due to our declining enrollment. There was a need to align staffing and enrollment and it has impacted a few of our part time employees. We are continuing to mitigate the impact by allowing part time employees to apply for positions that will open due to attrition. No outside candidates will be hired. Administrative reductions have also been made with three district level roles and three secondary administrative positions.

Superintendent Butters shared some positive happenings that include Governor Cox visiting Valley Elementary tomorrow morning. Literacy promotions continue with Book Drops that include authors attending the schools and students receive a book signed by the author. Shout out to Library Specialist Amy Hall who has helped to organize these events. South Ogden Jr. High Girls' Basketball won the district championship against Snowcrest Jr. High. Other positive happenings were listed on the agenda handout.

Facilities Director Larry Hadley updated the Board on the latest from the Capital Improvement Committee. A land and building updates handout was shared with the Board. Mr. Hadley explained that a family that owns a piece of land next to Majestic Elementary would like to donate the property to Weber School District. The estimated value of the donation is \$146,364.00 for 12,197 square feet. Foundation Executive Director Emily Oyler is completing the necessary documents for the trust name and address. The deed will then be transferred to Weber School District.

The Innovations Campus was discussed for the future Catalyst Center. Two bids will include storm water and sewer and the building design.

Roy Jr. High has two projects in the works that include options for the recently purchased church and acreage next to Roy Jr. High. It was also noted the old Roy Jr. High gym is in need of substantial repairs and continue to meet with Roy City on options to either demolish the building or make the needed repairs.

Land Development with Cole West Homes was shared and the 3,500 homes they are developing. A piece of ground for a future school site inside of their development is also being discussed.

Assistant Technology Director Casey Dalpiaz updated the Board on school safety and panic alert buttons. It was noted we began the process many years ago with the help of different funding outlets. We are currently 66.7% complete with panic alert buttons and full Audio Enhancement. HB24 introduced the requirements with a deadline of June 2026. HB40 *School Safety Amendments* added an additional requirement for direct communication with dispatch. HB44 *School Security Personnel Standards* was expanded to all specific school safety personnel. A grant was applied for and then the State went to the RFP process that has delayed any grant funds. Audio Enhancement includes a Safe+ platform and they have assured us it will be completed by this summer and supports all the standard protocols to be in touch with dispatch. There are sixteen remaining schools and they are updating the software that will allow us to put panic alert buttons in these remaining schools. The cost for just the panic alert buttons is around \$900,000 installed. HB44 also introduced new visitor management requirements. Four of our

schools (Roy High, Rocky Mountain Jr., Valley Elementary and Riverdale Elementary) will pilot with vendors; Sign In App, Raptor Technologies, Concierge Pad and Verkada.

Meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

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