

# Davis County School Board Meeting

May 5, 2015

Mr. Eckersley, opens meeting and welcomes.

Mrs. Julie Tanner gives reverence. Community values democratic progress. All important part of one body. Then she prayed.

The board then went into closed session til 4:12.

Back to work meeting

Janeal Vanderburg (not sure how to spell her name) speaks on start times for students.

Gave handout. See handout from Aap located here:

<http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/early/2014/08/19/peds.2014-1697.full.pdf+html>

The report says we could be causing the problems of obesity, depression, and behavioral issues by making students be to school as early as we do. Yes there will be logistical problems. Lots of districts have said this is a priority. These are the facts. We will deal with the problems when they come. Cost benefits. Test score gains. It will reduce tardiness and absences meaning increased fed dollars. If we do this we can be sure our dollars are being better spent.

Mr. Eckersley thanks Janeal. He says there are challengers to doing this. Buses, athletics. He said my feeling is that it might be more challenging, but improvement in rest of the student body would be worth it. Just a half hour makes a difference in their readiness. He said he taught teen students for 30 years. He said when he was 12 he wondered why can't I go to sleep.

Janeall reads from extended report saying even a 25 minute delay has given marked results.

Ms. Bone says we have to think of the entire system, we didn't want elementary school students going to school in the dark.

Mr. Eckersley says his proposal is that we shift everyone back half an hour.

Mrs. Lowe asks Mr. Bowles if Park City is thinking of making this change. He wasn't sure. Janeal says yes they are. Mrs. Lowe says we are so interconnected on the wasatch front that we all would need to do it. If it were a statewide thing it would be easier. I don't mind studying this but we need input from parents. She thinks high school students would be missing the last period of the day. If they cut seminary, as a parent, I would be offended by that. We need input from community councils.

Activities is a consideration.

Mr. Eckersley says athletics is a small portion of the student body.

Mr. Smith says seeing this is an issue and realizing that adderall and energy drinks are being used. It's worse for girls. They spend a lot of time on hair.

Mrs. Lowe says her education is in high school. Having kids come in late and groggy is hard.

Mrs. Andrus says, In our house we are good at bedtime.

Mrs. Lowe says what are the unintended consequences.

Mrs. Bone says kids would be on buses in dark.

Dr. Bowles says: Sometimes parents want older child home before the little ones get home. I think it would be irresponsible to not look into this. We have been saying yea yea too long.

Mrs. Lowe says we ought to talk to Utah high school activities association. Wouldn't it be great if they could say this is a problem.

Mrs. Andrus says we should have a plan and intended consequences to put forward.

Take it to the community councils.

Mr. Eckersley says we should talk to the bus people. He said not as many high school kids ride the bus.

Mrs. Smith says we have to offer the buses even if they don't ride them.

Dr. Bowles says what are all the pieces we need to consider. What are the details.

We should have a task force that can research and come up with plan and what consequences we may see.

Janeal says she presented to the State School Board two weeks ago. Mrs. Castle says that yea this has been on the radar for a while,. She also said if Davis County gives support to this it will help.

Also, if parents could know what the study says it would help. Also, Janeal has sent info to the Clipper and Deseret News and the Salt Lake Tribune.

Dr Bowles says I think we should look at it.

Mrs. Smith said I would like to see the discussion framed in this U.S. What we want to do and how do we make this work. All community stuff will adapt.

Dr. Bowles says he has never known enough about it. So he just nods and walks away.

Mrs. Lowe says it would be hard to implement it by Sept but by middle of next year we maybe could. By middle of school year we should be able to say this is what we will do next year. By January we should say, next Sept we are starting at these times.

Mrs. Andrus says we have the fall with new community councils.

Mrs. Smith says the ripple effect will be huge so we need to get data out telling why we are

considering it.

Mrs. Lowe says Davis should lead out. Mr. Eckersley says who should be on task force? They would need to go to cities.

Lawyer Michelle says that the task force should check with other entities ...buses, etc.

Mrs. Lowe says we should wait for the report from the task force. I don't think it would be appropriate for us to serve on that task force. Mr. Bowles says but they would need to report to us.

Mrs. Andrus do you think it would be possible to have the task force have their report done by sept.

Mrs. Lowe says September or October. The task force would be looking at solutions.

Michelle Beus says the task force would need to be done before Oct because we need something to hand to parents that educates them on the basics.

Mrs. Lowe says as a board we would need to vote by middle of jan at the latest.

Dr. Bowles and Mr. Eckersley meet Friday and will discuss this.

Mrs. Lowe: Basic bones of plan should be done by task force. Particulars by athletic departments, ETC.

At 5:08 p.m. it was moved that we adjourn til 5:30.

5:30 Board of Education Meeting.

Welcome and introductions. Mr. Eckersley

Pledge Mrs. Andrus

Board recognition: Davis High School VEX Robotics Club World Championship Award

Presenter: Mr. Neil Hancey who supervises some CTE, Pre-engineering curriculum in all our high schools.

Mr. Latham from Davis high school reported on the World Championship and said there were 12000 other high schools only 450 of which were invited to attend. You have to win state championship or one award at state championship. They were tournament champs for state championship.

Had to beat 450 high school teams to be world champs.

Isaac Froiland, head of the robotics team, first took introduction to engineering design.

Also national merit finalist. Presidential scholarship to USU.

Mrs. Julie Tanner awards the boys and tells them she is excited to meet such famous people because she saw them in the paper.



**Consent items** unanimously pass:

1. Board Minutes (exhibit)

Presenter: Mr. Craig Carter

2. Personnel Report (exhibit)

Presenter: Mr. Craig Poll

3. Board Calendar (exhibit)

Presenter: Pres. Gordon Eckersley

4. Head Start/Early Head Start Report (exhibit)

Presenter: Ms. Kathie Bone

5. November 3, 2015, Board Meeting Location Change (exhibit)

Presenter: Supt. Bryan Bowles

Centennial jr high will be location for Board meeting instead of Kaysville Jr. for Nov 3, 2015 passes

**Public comments.**

Mr. McDonald. Doug. Chief economist for tax administration for several years. Is budget analyst and economist. Retired in 2006 and started an economics firm. He looked at school finances going back

20 years. He was blown away by systemic cuts that legislature has taken.. Tax cuts since 1992 Utahns tax burden at lowest level in 20 years but net effect is that it has all come out of public education.

In Davis we've kept a high standard but we've seen our test scores drop into top 30 instead of 15. Recently a Utah tax policy.org. Economists started group. Mr. Steve Cruz came and talked. Also representing Davis alliance for public education. Chairman Jon Pitt.

**Business items:**

1. Negotiated Agreement with Davis Education Association, Pending Association Ratification

Presenter: Mr. Craig Poll

Mr Poll says this is the first year that we've had a good increase for our people. Insurance went up 6.3 %. Steps and lanes were included. 3% + 1% cola. Also to make beginning step more attractive first step will move up to 4% to reach same level as step. Second years no increase. Increase mileage to 50 cents to 57 cents. (For accuracy of these numbers, check audio of meeting) Pending ratification by employees. Mrs Lowe makes the motion and seconded by Mrs. Bone. Mrs Lowe says it's great to be able to increase instead of cutting like in last 7 years.

Mr. Smith comments there were a lot of hands that have gone into this who were also sending letters to legislators and personal phone calls. Legislature helped out by giving a more equitable distributions of funds. Mrs, Smith says we were able to do this because legislature freed up tax levy. Hopefully we will be able to help with class size soon. Voting passes unanimously

2. Negotiated Agreement with Davis Education Support Professionals, Pending Association Ratification

Presenter: Mr. Craig Carter

Mr. Carter: This is our classified folks. Similar to above. Steps funded difference is 1% this year + 2.75 next year. May change at meeting next night. Maximum cola of 4%. Custodians who work in buildings in non schools days get\_\_\_\_\_

Mrs. Lowe moves to change that cola not exceed 4% also pending ratification.

Mrs. Smith seconds. Mrs. Lowe says thanks to all who have worked so hard.

Passes unanimously

3. Authorization to Proceed with the November 2015 Bond

Presenter: Mr. Craig Carter

Authorization to proceed with 2015 bond. We need to move forward or put it on hold. County and cities are looking forward to decision. Mr. Carter says we'd like solution tonight. Without board support it will not be successful. Mrs. Bone motions and Mrs. Lower seconds. Comment: Mrs. Lowe. The board is not making the decision to pass the bond. We are asking tax payers to decide to have

the bond. Public needs to understand this is not something we do lightly. This will not change more than a few dollars a year in property taxes. The money isn't spent at random. We need public support for school district. It is crucial to improve our schools. Mr. Smith asks if it is appropriate to share info on thumb drive with public. Bond \$298 million includes money for high school, jr high, and one or two rebuilds of elementaries. Also a new elementary with about \$130,000,000 for renovations of existing facilities.

Mrs. Andrus: One thing I've heard over and over again is to make sure money is spent wisely. The board is also aware of the needs and the need to be wise. Make sure each time we give approval it is wise and something we can afford. Mrs. Smith says the bond authorizes the district to take care of the needs and we don't take it out until we are ready to use it. During the recession we didn't take out as much as we could because we couldn't afford it. Some projects were put off because we couldn't afford them. The need is there and we have a lot of schools hitting that 60 year mark that need renovations. I am supportive of this and hope we can meet the needs of the district from the north to the south. Bond rating is AA2. Mrs. Tanner asks that as we go around and have bondings we ask for public comment as to how public would spend the money. Mr. Eckersley says business manager has been wise. The amount increase on home in Davis County would be about cost of 2 hamburgers. We are trying to move ahead very responsibly. Mrs. Andrus says we are asking the taxpayers to make the best decision at the time and the bond goes over 10 years. Voting is unanimous in the positive.

#### 4. North Layton Junior High Parking Renovation (exhibit)

Presenter: Mr. Craig Carter

From UDOT \$388,800 for piece in front of North Layton Jr. High and we need to reconfigure their parking. Front will be bus drop off. Exit out on west side. Mona moves discussion end. Voting unanimous in positive.

#### 5. Bountiful High School Parking Renovation, Phase 2 (exhibit)

Presenter: Mr. Craig Carter

Bountiful high has been going through renovations for about 3 years now.

Last year we did phase 1 of parking and reconfigured drivers Ed range. Hughes construction will continue to oversee this. This will be final step in renovation of Bountiful high. Mr. Smith makes motion. Mrs. Smith seconds with comment how often do they come back under the not to exceed price. Mr. Carter: There are some contingencies tied into that. Almost always we come in under budget. Voting in favor unanimous

#### 6. Doxey Elementary Addition and Remodel (exhibit)

Presenter: Mr. Craig Carter

Doxey Elementary bond project, new media center, landscape outdoor, learning center remodel, kitchen and serving area to new standards. Reconfigure new loading dock. Existing media center will be new classrooms. Also complete window replacement at Sunset Elementary. Mrs Lowe moves Mona seconds. Mrs. Lowe says how old is Doxey? It was built mid-fifties. 1955. Part of past bond. Voting unanimous in favor.

### Board reports

Mrs. Lowe says this is the best time of year to be involved because of reward programs. Second event is all time favorite, Latinos in Action at Northridge. Change teachers and students have made in the last few years is remarkable. Every one of those students was dressed professionally and is going to college. It is amazing when you stop and think of the work they do they go to elementarys and become role models and help do math and reading. We are turning out tax paying citizens who will be able to take care of me in my old age. Every kid knew exactly what they were going to do. They were proud of it. I wish everybody could see the look of hope in that group of students eyes. Encouraged to become tax paying citizens. Our main goal should be student success.

Mrs. Bone says she agrees with what Tamara said.

Mrs. Julie Tanner said she was invited to community council meeting by a parent. It was composed of teachers and parents and administrators. Final issue the administrator left so they could speak freely. 1) allow people to have a voice without fear of retaliations.

2) fostering places where the democratic process can work.

Go math program brought up school scores. The Cache District that uses Go Math has the highest scores on math in the state. They would use their own funds for the program. It would be in addition to what they get from district. Every page of Go Math is listed with the standard it goes with.

Council member said, District told me Go Math does not work with standards.

For more of Mrs. Tanners excellent comments, listen to the audio found here:

<http://www.davis.k12.ut.us/site/default.aspx?PageType=3&ModuleInstanceID=91938&ViewID=E324842B-E4A3-44C3-991A-1E716D4A99E3&RenderLoc=0&FlexDataID=119024&PageID=76530>

Mrs. Andrus went to Central Davis where they put on Shrek the Musical. They did a great job.

Mrs. Smith \_\_\_\_\_ in auction. Also school community council meeting and it was wonderful to see

how they work and talked about funding sources for different things.

Mr. Smith says I gave my time to Mrs Lowe. Laughter.

Mr. Eckersley: program our district does by Nancy Fleming. Davis community learning center. Attached to Wasatch Elementary in Clearfield. Main thing they do is work with immigrants in readiness for kindergarten or first grade. Help emotionally struggling and sometimes find clothes for kids. Other title one schools who have the same needs. Applaud them for the great work they are doing.

Ms. Park talked about Davis care awards event where we recognize outstanding educators in the district. Nominated by peers, students, community at Davis conference center.

### Open Public Comment

A man who said he was the other half of McDonald (see above): Dee Burningham lives in Bountiful. Been educator for 40 year.

I have 21 grandchildren. It takes a lot of work to maintain fair adequate and equitable funding of schools. School construction bond should be much easier for you this year. We are so poor here in form of property tax per child. The money that comes from levies will be matched by the State. Look at inviting independent non partisan exec to come in and be part of your workshop. Davis district is not well off and until we have support of legislators. Davis children all need adequate supplies and adequate funding.

Vin Davery: Is a Community council chair. Moved to Fruit Heights from So. Jordan. I want to get involved in my community. Trying to make a difference. Make better for kids and teachers. There are times when I struggle to understand my role as community council chair. We want to give our teachers additional resources. We are told what to do for our kids. I appreciate Mrs. Tanners words.

Dale Hodgkin: Is the \_\_\_\_\_ President of custodians. Grateful for collaborative spirit here in Davis county. We recognize the board and administration have done everything they could this year for better compensation package.

Tracy Robinson from Bluff Ridge Elementary. Susie Jensen Principal Clearfield high school. Thanks for unitedly supporting the increase. We see it as a huge boost for teachers. Renovations makes a big difference in school culture and the community.

Don paver: President of DEA. Thanks for tonight's actions and it was unanimous it was a public vote



with our building reps. All employees will benefit from this settlement. (Answer to Mr. Smiths question from last year). Executive board will vote on supporting bond. Our concern with the toxic testing is huge and it is nationwide. It is more important to teach children than it is to teach to a test. He wants to convey to district that we don't have to be afraid to give the SAGE tests. We should just do our best to teach the curriculum

Mr. Smith moves to adjourn. Mrs. Andrus seconds.

Unanimous in affirmative.

These minutes were kept by  
Shirley M. Larsen  
of Kaysville, Utah

I have tried to be accurate, but there still many be errors. For complete events of the meeting, listen to the audio file of it here:

<http://www.davis.k12.ut.us/site/default.aspx?PageType=3&ModuleInstanceID=91938&ViewID=E324842B-E4A3-44C3-991A-1E716D4A99E3&RenderLoc=0&FlexDataID=119024&PageID=76530>