

From Board Meeting

Report on Board Meeting of June 7, 2005

Action:

Overnight and Extended Trips for 2005-06

Assistant to the Superintendent Kathleen Christy gave Board members a list of the overnight and extended student trips planned for the 2005-06 school year. All of the trip requests have been reviewed by each school's principal, school community council, and school improvement council. They have also been reviewed by district staff to ensure they follow Board policy.

After discussing the matter, the Board of Education voted to move the 2005-06 trip requests to the action agenda and subsequently approved them.

School Improvement Plans and Land Trust Plans

Assistants to the Superintendent Kathleen Christy and Patrick Garcia presented the 2005-06 School Improvement Plans and Land Trust Plans to the Board of Education. The School Improvement Plans have been reviewed by each school's school improvement council and school community council. Every plan was required to address the Essentials of the Student Achievement Plan, and plans requesting resources from the Eccles Salt Lake School Improvement Challenge will be forwarded to the Governing Board for review.

The Land Trust Plans identify key areas of improvement for each school and are tied to the School Improvement Plans. The Land Trust Plans will be submitted to the Utah State Office of Education, and the funds will be released to the district after July 1, 2005.

The Board of Education voted to move the School Improvement Plans and Land Trust Plans to the action agenda and then approved them.

Discussion:

Washington Elementary School Design

Amy Lindsay, a member of the Washington Elementary School Improvement Council, reported on the design of the new Washington Elementary. She was joined by two students and a representative from VCBO Architecture. They explained the challenges in designing the new school, including a steep slope on the back of the property and making sure the building design complimented the historic neighborhood. They presented drawings of the new school, including floor plans and 3-D computer renderings.

The school is designed so the classroom areas can be locked and the school can serve as a community center after school hours. The design also includes small alcoves outside each classroom that can be used by volunteers when they tutor students. Ms. Lindsay said the school staff and community are pleased with the design.

2005-06 Budget

Financial Services Director Janet Roberts gave Board members a brief review of the proposed 2005-06 budget. She said the budget includes an estimate that property tax revenue will increase slightly in 2005-06 but enrollment will decrease slightly. The format of the budget has changed a bit this year, and it now includes school performance measurements, such as test scores.

The Board of Education will hold a Budget Hearing on June 21. Notice of the Budget Hearing will be published in the newspaper, and the public will be invited to comment on the proposed budget.

Reports:

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent McKell Withers asked Curriculum Executive Director Shauna Carl to report on the implementation of a district elementary report card. During the past year, nine schools participated in a pilot program to implement a standard elementary report card. Ms. Carl said surveys were conducted to gather feedback about the report card from teachers and parents. She said the majority of the feedback was positive. Parents liked the new report card because it provided more information about their students' work and progress.

Ms. Carl said the district is ready to use these report cards in every elementary school in the 2005-06 year. She believes using the same report card in each elementary school will be a great benefit to the district. She also thanked the employees who have worked with her on the elementary report card committee for the past two years.

Other Items:

Recognition

The Board of Education recognized Terri Croft for her three years of service as Region 4 PTA and PTSA President and welcomed Chris Haynes as the new Region 4 President.

Consent Agenda

The Board of Education reviewed and approved the consent agenda, consisting of the Purchasing/Accounting Report; the Human Resources Department Report; minutes from the Board Business Meeting on May 3, 2005 and the Board Study Session on May 17, 2005; revisions to Policy JN; a student trip request from Bryant Intermediate School; and a recommendation to hire Stacey Enterprises, Inc. as the general contractor for Highland Park Elementary.