

Jordan School District  
**MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
May 26, 2026

The Board of Education of Jordan School District met in study, general, and closed sessions on Tuesday, May 26, 2026, beginning at 4:02 p.m. at JATC South (Board Conference Room), 12723 S. Park Avenue (2080 West), Riverton, Utah. The sessions were also provided electronically via YouTube.

**STUDY SESSION**

Those recognized or signed in as present:

Niki George, Board President  
Bryce Dunford, First Vice President  
Brian W. Barnett, Second Vice President  
Erin Barrow, Board Member  
Lisa Dean, Board Member  
Darrell Robinson, Board Member  
Suzanne Wood, Board Member  
Anthony Godfrey, Superintendent  
John Larsen, Business Administrator  
Michael Anderson, Associate Superintendent  
Paul Van Komen, BVKTS Law  
Scott Thomas, Administrator of Auxiliary Services  
Steven Peart, Director, Custodial/Energy Services  
Sandy Riesgraf, Director, Communications  
Ian Roberts, Director, Facility Services  
Lisa LeStarge, Administrative Assistant  
Brandon Bateman, AV Department  
Christie Leake, Lighthouse Research  
Janet Sanders, President, Jordan Education Association

President George presided and conducted. The Board of Education met in a study session to discuss the following agenda items, beginning with item 1D to accommodate a guest presenter.

**D. Discussion on Potential Bond for Field Houses**

Business Administrator John Larsen introduced Christie Leake from Lighthouse Research and invited her to present results from recent focus groups.

Ms. Leake said three focus groups were created as a follow-up from a previous survey on District field houses, and they met on May 6, 2026 at Lighthouse Research offices. About half of the participants had children in Jordan schools. Eight categories were presented: half explaining the benefits of a bond and half showing potential drawbacks.

Overall, more information and transparency was requested and after discussion about the potential benefits, fewer were supportive of a bond. There was also concern that field houses would not be inclusive for all students.

After Ms. Leake's presentation, Mr. Larsen was asked for information about the bond process. As requested by the Board, he worked with Zions Public Finance to begin the process of reviewing the numbers. He shared a draft analysis, calendar of events, and sample ballot with Board members.

He explained sample ballot disclosures regarding an increase in taxes. Mr. Larsen said his estimates were slightly higher than Zions' because they assumed:

- 1) Two separate bond issues
- 2) New growth

- 3) The amount of the bond principal was reduced by a 2% premium, trading outstanding principal with a higher interest rate

Mr. Larsen said these assumptions are reasonable, but would have to be redone as numbers will be changing with new information in June. He then reviewed the timeline for a bond election, noting he needs two board meetings for the legal documents to be reviewed and voted on.

President George indicated she was interested in knowing if there was a majority of board members in favor of moving forward.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Bryce Dunford and seconded by Suzanne Wood to direct staff to move forward with legal documents in preparation for a bond election for field houses.

Mr. Barnett said he is concerned about trying to solve a temporary space issue with a \$120 million bond. Mr. Robinson suggested the number of activities is the bigger concern for the need to build field houses.

Board members discussed trading existing practice space with space for field houses, if weather and practice hours would be affected, community use, and how field houses would be scheduled by groups.

Ms. Dean asked for sample usage scenarios and asked which groups would get scheduling priority. Dr. Godfrey said this could be examined as well as how adding field houses would change the use of school gyms and other practice space.

Erin Barrow said she is not ready for a bond. Her study of this issue has produced more questions regarding scheduling, priorities, and how it would be used by the community. Mr. Barnett added that a field house may not accommodate all types of activities based on the need for different practice surfaces.

Ms. Wood suggested waiting until the 2027 election to put the bond on a ballot. She said more information can be given to the public and it would give the Board and staff more time to prepare for a bond.

### **SUBSTITUTE**

**MOTION:** It was moved by Darrell Robinson and seconded by Brian Barnett to continue working toward a possible field house bond in the 2027 election, and the creation of committees to help prepare for this initiative.

Mr. Larsen said the bond must be on a general election ballot in November. Dr. Godfrey recommended a shorter campaign to be more effective and a greater time lapse between this bond and a potential bond to build schools so they don't impact each other.

Mr. Robinson said he wants to look at the possibility of private investors and the architectural design of a field house.

Ms. Wood added the importance of considering the time it takes to build these structures. Scott Thomas said it would take approximately 26 months to build all six field houses at the same time.

President George called for a vote on the substitute motion. The motion passed with a vote of five to two. Ms. George and Mr. Dunford cast the dissenting votes.

#### **A. West Jordan High School Remodel Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) with Options**

Scott Thomas, Administrator of Auxiliary Services, said this item was discussed at a recent study session, during which the Board asked for pricing and a justification letter. He invited Ian Roberts, Director of Facility Services, to explain the requested documents shared with the Board.

Mr. Roberts said the bid consists of a base bid and alternates and was put out to over 2100 sub contractors. After vetting all bids, the guaranteed maximum price (GMP) for the work was set at \$78,727,212, with additional funds for alternates and fees. He explained the four alternates in consideration:

- 1) Addition of five classroom (9000 square feet) - \$1,494,331 or \$166 per square foot
- 2) Update to media center for flow, security, and ADA compliance - \$204,536
- 3) Update to auditorium, including catwalk and rigging - \$293,298
- 4) Installation of a resilient floor finish to extend life of flooring - \$461,863

Mr. Roberts said if all four alternates were accepted, the total project would be \$88,858,093, which includes all costs associated with the project.

Board members noted the low cost per square foot and the savings by completing this remodel rather than building a new school.

Ms. George asked Finance Committee Chair Bryce Dunford if there would be ample reserves to accommodate the remodel. Mr. Dunford said it would bring the reserves below target by \$5.3 million next year, but there would still be enough to build an elementary school. He recommended completing the West Jordan project with all the alternates.

Mr. Robinson said he is concerned with space at the school if the Board later decides to add ninth grade students and asked if the Board could vote on alternates separately. Mr. Dunford said any Board member could make that motion if they wish, but a decision must be made in tonight's business meeting.

## **B. Review of District Water Conservations Efforts**

Scott Thomas, Administrator of Auxiliary Services invited Steve Peart, Director of Custodial and Energy Services, to discuss Jordan's water conservation efforts.

Mr. Thomas said the District works with three groups on water usage: 1) Facility Services, 2) Custodial and Energy, and 3) schools and custodial staff. He said Energy Services sent out emails in March and May 2026 with water conservation guidelines:

- No daytime watering between 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.
- Optimal watering times and limited frequency
- Avoiding waste water
- Additional tips: raising mower heights, watering priorities for practice fields versus decorative areas

He explained efforts with xeriscaping in eliminating "stupid grass" include routinely replacing areas around schools where grass is not really utilized with rock. Although the State has not sent water regulations to the District at this point, Jordan has installed 38 schools with weather tracking clocks and software. Energy Services has also designated a full time electrician to take care of all sprinkler needs.

Mr. Thomas said clocks can be adjusted if restrictions are received from the County and the District tries to comply with instructions from the Governor while maintaining usability.

Mr. Dean asked about the care of trees and Mr. Thomas said newer trees are given more care, while established trees are resilient during times of drought.

Ms. George asked the following questions and received these answers from Mr. Peart and Mr. Roberts:

- 1) Are rebates available for installing smart controls – some were purchased at a reduced price.

- 2) What is the cost associated with smart control upgrades – about \$239,000 to install controls in all remaining schools, with the software service cost of \$10,000 per year for current units.
- 3) How recent was the last xeriscape project – in the past 5 years, 56 sites had areas where “stupid grass” was replaced. When requested or concerning areas are observed, xeriscaping is installed.
- 4) Is there an alternative to grass in retention basins - many are used for play areas, but hardscape is an option utilized more recently.

Mr. Robinson said it would be helpful to get statistics showing the total cost savings from conservation efforts over the past five to ten years.

Ms. Barrow asked about a more systematic way of replacing “stupid grass.” Dr. Godfrey noted there is an established budget that is being used for this, which Board members could increase if they choose.

Board members asked about the cost and timeline to finish xeriscaping all schools. It was estimated about \$230,000 would be needed and it would take about one season to finish the project. It was noted this could be covered with the amount saved from snow removal this year.

The Finance Committee agreed to look at the current budget in regards to xeriscaping needs at their next meeting.

#### **C. Continued Discussion on Changes to Social Studies Graduation Credits**

Due to time constraints, President George asked how Board members wanted to proceed in regards to this agenda item. As there was discussion about Social Studies Credits in previous meetings, Board members agreed that the item could be voted on or tabled in the business meeting following another brief discussion.

At 6:21 p.m., the meeting adjourned. The general session started at 6:35 p.m.

#### **GENERAL SESSION**

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Suzanne Wood, Board Member  
Anthony Godfrey, Superintendent  
John Larsen, Business Administrator  
Michael Anderson, Associate Superintendent  
Paul Van Komen, BVKTS Law  
Scott Thomas, Administrator of Auxiliary Services  
April Gaydosh, Administrator of Human Resources  
Paul Bergera, Director, Transportation Services  
Mike Haynes, Director, Jordan Education Foundation  
Ben Jameson, Director, Evaluation, Research & Accountability  
Steven Peart, Director, Custodial/Energy Services  
Kurt Prusse, Director, Purchasing  
Sandy Riesgraf, Director, Communications  
Ian Roberts, Director, Facility Services  
Lisa LeStarge, Administrative Assistant  
Brandon Bateman, AV Contractor  
Janet Sanders, President, Jordan Education Association

Janet Blackmer  
Trina Christensen  
EmmaLee Haight  
Jessica Knorr  
Elisabeth Monson  
Andra Roundy  
Tyler Steiner

President George presided and conducted. She welcomed those present. Carson Davis, Mireya Acuna Aranda, and Adam Scott of Riverton High School conducted a flag ceremony and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. Reverence was given by Sariah Adams, Student Body Officer of Riverton High School.

### **Celebrating Riverton High School**

Seth Christensen, Student Body President of Riverton High School, presented information to the Board about the good things happening at this school and reviewed some of the programs and activities in which students and faculty members participate.

### **Resolutions of Appreciation**

Lisa Dean read a Resolution of Appreciation for the following former Jordan District employees who recently passed away:

DeWayne Boyd Glazier – employed by Jordan District from 1988 to 2015  
Kreig B. Kelley – employed by Jordan District from 1969 to 2000  
Daniel Max May – employed by Jordan District from 1973 to 2004 and 2006 to 2009  
Angelina Miola Padjen – employed by Jordan District from 1973 to 1994  
Thomas Steven Pearson – employed by Jordan District from 1982 to 2012  
Ruth Ann Robbins – employed by Jordan District from 1969 to 1974

### **Jordan Education Foundation Outstanding Education Support Professionals**

Mike Haynes, Director of the Jordan Education Foundation, presented awards for Jordan Outstanding Education Support Professionals for 2025-26. They presented the following recipients with a plaque, small gift, and check for \$1000:

- Rosa Tecalco, Community Outreach Liaison, Majestic Elementary Arts Academy
- Mandy Shaw, Senior Transportation Router, JSD Transportation
- John Hawkins, Head Custodian, Blackridge Elementary School
- Shelia Rapp, Administrative Assistant, Heartland Elementary School
- Italina Schuhmacher, DLI/ML Assistant, Bluffdale Elementary School
- Stacy Ulch, Registrar, JATC
- Evalyn Najarro, In-house Substitute, Ridge View Elementary School
- Tonya Hodges, Senior Buyer, Purchasing Department
- Erica Williams, Administrative Assistant – Attendance Office, Mountain Creek Middle School
- Brandon Anderson, Systems Administrator, Information Systems
- JoLynn Snelgrove, WIDA ACCESS Testing Coordinator, Assessment, Research & Accountability
- Debra Miller, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Aide, Rocky Peak Virtual Elementary School
- Abby Ampil, Child Development Center, Award of Excellence

### **Recognitions – Region 6 PTA Awards**

PTA Region Committee Chair Jessica Navarro said Utah PTA Awards are given to individuals who work hard to make a difference in local schools and communities. She and Sonja Delaney, Region Committee Member, recognized the following Region 6 PTA Award recipients for 2025-26:

State PTA Winners

|                              |                |                              |
|------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------|
| Fox Hollow Elementary School | Erik Lindblom  | Den Dad Program              |
|                              | Jessica Santos | Multicultural Week and event |

Region Winners

|                                |                        |  |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|--|
| Mountain Ridge High School     | Heather Tester         | Outstanding Secondary Educator Award   |
| Riverton High School           | Marcus Dickson         | Outstanding Secondary Educator Award   |
| Foothills Elementary School    | Marguerite Christensen | Outstanding Support Staff Award        |
| Riverside Elementary School    | Bill Flint             | Outstanding Support Staff Award        |
| Westland Elementary School     | Hillary Moser          | Outstanding Volunteer Award            |
| Riverside Elementary School    | Amber Nelson           | Outstanding Volunteer Award            |
| Herriman High School           | Niccolo Pestana        | Outstanding Volunteer Award            |
| Foothills Elementary School    | Kimber Probst          | Outstanding Volunteer Award            |
| Jordan Ridge Elementary School | Cindy Epperson         | Outstanding Elementary Educator Award  |
| Foothills Elementary School    | Gina Schvaneveldt      | Outstanding Elementary Educator Award  |
| Fox Hollow Elementary School   | Danielle Gough         | Spirit of PTA Award                    |
| Foothills Elementary School    | Dana Miller            | Spirit of PTA Award                    |
| Foothills Elementary School    | Jayme Gandara          | Outstanding School Administrator Award |

**Recognitions - Utah State PTA Reflections Award Winners**

Utah PTA Committee Chair Jessica Navarro and Region Committee Member Sonja Delaney recognized Jordan District students who received awards at the State-level Reflections competition. The following students were recognized:

Award of Excellence – These students advance to the National level

|                   |        |                            |
|-------------------|--------|----------------------------|
| Madison Lundquist | 3D Art | Bingham High School        |
| Sloan Caplette    | Dance  | Westland Elementary School |

Award of Merit

|                 |        |                               |
|-----------------|--------|-------------------------------|
| Evan Tallerico  | 2D Art | Daybreak Elementary School    |
| Olivia Nelson   | Dance  | Welby Elementary School       |
| Russell Jenkins | Film   | Welby Elementary School       |
| Arianna Shamy   | Music  | Mountain Ridge High School    |
| Morey Cameron   | Music  | Riverton High School          |
| Nya Namanny     | Music  | Elk Meadows Elementary School |

Honorable Mention

|                   |             |                              |
|-------------------|-------------|------------------------------|
| Samantha Da Silva | 3D Art      | Bluffdale Elementary School  |
| Cora LaMunyon     | 3D Art      | Elk Ridge Middle School      |
| Elsie Petersen    | Dance       | Daybreak Elementary School   |
| Bella Bland       | Dance       | Rose Creek Elementary School |
| Deziree Graham    | Film        | Riverton High School         |
| Carlos Torres     | Film        | Fox Hollow Elementary School |
| Eleanor Hatfield  | Literature  | Majestic Arts Academy        |
| Naisha Shrestha   | Photography | Elk Ridge Middle School      |

**Board Member Recognitions**

Niki George recognized Mark Sanderson, a teacher at West Hills Middle School, for his extensive “Candy Bomber” 8<sup>th</sup> grade cross-curriculum experience. It included research and writing projects, student innovation, and a culminating event involving students from Berlin, Germany. Ms. George attended a Leadership Development dinner at Fox Hollow Elementary School and Unified track and golf events. She said she enjoyed the production of “Shrek” at Elk Meadows Elementary School and the Native Community Senior Night. She also attended a plant sale at Copper Hills High School and the Spring Fling musical production at Kauri Sue Hamilton School.

Erin Barrow attended the Candy Bomber event at West Hills Middle School and the Native American Senior Night, as well as the District America 250 student awards ceremony. She enjoyed the CTE Choice Awards night and three Unified sporting events held at Copper Hills High School and The Ballpark at America First Square.

Lisa Dean thanked the PTA for all the work that went into Teacher Appreciation Week. She enjoyed the Family Engagement Center certification recognition event and the recent Majestic Elementary Arts Academy Spring Soiree.

Suzanne Wood attended the Kauri Sue Hamilton School Spring Fling musical production and she gave a shoutout to the Riverton High School girls lacrosse team for winning the state championship.

### **Superintendent's Recognitions**

Dr. Godfrey recognized those receiving PTA or Education Support Professional awards in tonight's business meeting, expressing appreciation for all they do to provide a great education for students. He thanked all District employees for working so hard to get students across the finish line at the end of the school year.

#### **I. Public Comments**

##### **A. Public Comments Regarding Non-Agenda Items**

Janet Blackmer, a patron, expressed concern over the lighting and sound system at Copper Hills High School in the field area. She said the excessive sound is negatively impacting neighborhood residents and requested a change in speaker placement and installation.

Janet Sanders, JEA President, thanked the Board for the opportunity of working with them during her term. She specifically expressed gratitude for their support and work in negotiations.

Trina Christensen, a patron, said she is running for State School Board in District 8 and wanted the Board to know of her support for Jordan School District.

Jessica Knorr, a parent, advocated for the Chinese Dual Language Immersion program at Southland Elementary School, which has been a great benefit to her children.

Tyler Steiner, a parent, expressed concern about the continuation of Southland Elementary School's DLI program and the reassignment of Principal Garrett York who helped the program succeed.

Elisabeth Monson, a parent, said she is concerned about the reassignment of Principal York at Southland Elementary School. As he has done so much to build morale at the school, she asked the Board to retain him as principal.

President George invited Mr. Larsen, business administrator, to read comments submitted to [boardcomments@jordandistrict.org](mailto:boardcomments@jordandistrict.org). Mr. Larsen mentioned there were only two emailed comments about non-agenda items, and as they were each about character and competence of an individual, they will be forwarded to all Board members.

President George asked for a change to the agenda so that those in attendance who had signed up to speak about the Social Studies Special Business item could immediately do so. All agreed.

##### **F. Recommendation to Approve Social Studies Graduation Requirements**

President George explained that a change in Utah law requires increasing a class that was formerly half a credit to a full year credit. The District has determined that if all classes remain the

same, graduation credits would then be increased one semester beyond the USBE social studies requirement. The District is looking at ways to align with this new requirement, which could potentially affect social studies courses.

#### Public Comment

Janet Sanders, an employee, said she has seen how social studies standards have changed over time. A recent informal survey of 81 Jordan teachers show 68% want no change in social studies credits and 65% wanted to cut an elective. She asked the Board not to decrease social studies credits for students.

Andrea Roundy, an employee, said she is worried about writing and reading skills students learn in social studies classes, particularly World History. She said AP classes would be adversely affected and asked that academics take priority over electives.

EmmaLee Haight, an employee and parent, said she appreciates a previous Board that worked to keep World History as a full year credit. She said relationships are enhanced, and speaking and studying skills developed in social studies classes.

President George invited Mr. Larsen, business administrator, to read comments submitted to [boardcomments@jordandistrict.org](mailto:boardcomments@jordandistrict.org) regarding Social Studies Graduation Requirements. Mr. Larsen read a comment from the following individual, whose remarks are summarized below:

Brynlee Miller, a student, wrote that two options are possible to address the credit change: 1) splitting the current World History class into two separate classes and requiring only one of the semester-long classes for graduation, and 2) lowering the elective credit requirements by .5 and keeping World History the same. She requested the Board do the latter, noting the importance of learning history.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Lisa Dean and seconded by Erin Barrow to postpone a vote on Social Studies Graduation Requirements until the next Business meeting on June 9, 2026.

Mr. Robinson said the Board would like more time to discuss this prior to a vote. He expressed gratitude for those who reached out to him with concerns or questions about this agenda item.

President George called for a vote on the motion to postpone Social Studies Graduation Requirements. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board returned to the previously scheduled agenda items.

## II. **General Business – Consent Agenda**

### A. **Motion to Approve Consent Agenda Items**

#### 1. **Minutes**

Minutes of the Board of Education meetings held April 28, May 7, May 12, and May 19, 2026, were presented to the Board of Education for approval.

#### 2. **Contract for Superintendent of Schools**

The contract for reappointment of Dr. Anthony Godfrey, Superintendent of Schools, for a two-year term from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2028 was presented to the Board of Education for approval.

#### 3. **Contract for Business Administrator**

The contract for reappointment of John Larsen, Business Administrator, for a two-year term from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2028 was presented to the Board of Education for approval.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Lisa Dean and seconded by Suzanne Wood to approve Consent Agenda items A1 through A3, as recommended. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

President George explained that contracts were renewed for an additional two years for both the Superintendent and Business Administrator. She expressed gratitude on behalf of the Board for Dr. Godfrey and Mr. Larsen, saying they are “the best in the State.”

**B. Motion to Accept Consent Agenda Items**

**1. Expenditures**

Expenditures for the month of April 2026 were provided to the Board of Education.

**2. Financial Statement**

The financial statement through April 30, 2026, was provided to the Board of Education. A copy is attached at the conclusion of these minutes. (Attachment 1)

**3. Non-Compliance Report**

**4. Fraud Risk Assessment**

A Fraud Risk Assessment for fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, was provided to the Board of Education.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Lisa Dean and seconded by Erin Barrow to accept Consent Agenda items B1 through B4, as recommended. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

**III. Bid Recommendations**

**A. School or Department  
Bingham High School**

**Items for Bid  
Athletic Uniforms and Apparel  
Discount Incentive**

**Bidders  
Game One  
BSN**

**Amount of Bid  
\$450,000 per year**

**Purpose:** To contract with a vendor to provide athletic uniforms and apparel discount incentives for Bingham High School.

**Budget:** Individual Team’s Athletic Budget

**Recommendation:** It was recommended awarding the contract to the best value provider, Game One with Under Armour. The company complied with the specifications, terms and conditions of the RFP. This contract will cover one (1) year with four (4) additional annual renewal options.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Suzanne Wood and seconded by Erin Barrow to approve the bid for Athletic Uniforms and Apparel Discount Incentives at Bingham High School, as recommended. The motion passed unanimously.

B. School or Department  
**Facility Services**

Items for Bid  
**Theatrical Lighting Upgrade at Elk  
Ridge Middle School**

Bidders

Advanced Lighting Inc  
Arnell-West Inc

Amount of Bid

\$609,300.00

Purpose: To upgrade the existing lighting in the auditorium at Elk Ridge Middle School

Budget: Summer Capital Projects Budget

Recommendation: It was recommended awarding the contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Arnell-West Inc. The company complied with the specifications, terms, and conditions outlined in the bid documents.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Suzanne Wood and seconded by Erin Barrow to approve the bid for Theatrical Lighting Upgrade at Elk Ridge Middle School, as recommended. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. **Special Business**

A. **Recommendation to Approve 2026-27 Negotiated Agreement for Licensed Employees**

President George called for a motion.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Suzanne Wood and seconded by Lisa Dean to approve the 2026-27 Negotiated Agreement for Licensed Employees.

Ms. George thanked all who were involved in negotiations for their feedback. She expressed great appreciation for licensed employees and their efforts with students.

Public Comment

Devonare Howland, an employee and member of the negotiations team, thanked the Board for its work on negotiations.

Andrea Roundy, an employee and member of the negotiations team, also expressed gratitude for the Board and all it does in working with the team to reach a positive outcome for teachers.

President George called for a vote on the motion to approve the Negotiated Agreement for Licensed Employees. The motion passed unanimously.

A copy of the 2026-27 Negotiated Agreement for Licensed Employees is attached at the conclusion of these minutes (Attachment 2)

B. **Recommendation to Approve 2026-27 Negotiated Agreement for Education Support Professionals**

Niki George called for a motion.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Darrell Robinson and seconded by Lisa Dean to approve the 2026-27 Negotiated Agreement for Education Support Professionals.

Public Comment

No patrons signed up to address the Board regarding this Special Business item and no patrons accepted the invitation to speak.

Mr. Robinson thanked members of the Jordan Education Association (JEA) and Jordan Education Support Professional Association (JESPA) for their work with the Board on negotiations. He said it is fitting that some Education Support Professionals were being celebrated in tonight's meeting and he thanked them for all they do in the District.

President George called for a vote on the motion to approve the Negotiated Agreement for Education Support Professionals. The motion passed unanimously.

A copy of the 2026-27 Negotiated Agreement for Education Support Professionals. is attached at the conclusion of these minutes (Attachment 3)

**C. Recommendation to Approve Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) Provided by Westland Construction for West Jordan High School Remodel Project.**

President George called for a motion.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Lisa Dean and seconded by Suzanne Wood to approve Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) Provided by Westland Construction for West Jordan High School Remodel Project, as well as all four bid alternate options.

Public Comment

No patrons signed up to address the Board regarding this Special Business item and no patrons accepted the invitation to speak.

Darrell Robinson requested a separate motion for the bid alternates. He expressed concern about adding classroom space at West Jordan High School if it is later decided not to add ninth graders. He preferred to remove bid option 1 from the motion.

**AMENDED**

**MOTION:** It was moved by Brian Barnett and seconded by Darrell Robinson to approve Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) Provided by Westland Construction for West Jordan High School Remodel Project including only bid alternates 2, 3 and 4.

President George called for a vote on the amended motion. The motion failed with a vote of five to two as follows:

|                  |     |
|------------------|-----|
| Lisa Dean        | No  |
| Suzanne Wood     | No  |
| Darrell Robinson | Yes |
| Erin Barrow      | No  |
| Bryce Dunford    | No  |
| Niki George      | No  |
| Brian Barnett    | Yes |

Mr. Barnett highlighted the fact that updating this high school, instead of rebuilding it, is a substantial savings for taxpayers and is evidence that the Board is being fiscally responsible in its decisions.

Mr. Robinson said he will vote no as he is opposed to bid option one. Mr. Dunford noted this option includes replacing five classrooms that were eliminated during construction.

Ms. George called for a vote on the original motion. The motion passed with a vote of six to one. Mr. Robinson cast the dissenting vote.

- D. **Recommendation to Approve Updates to Administrative Policy DP322 *Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA)***
- E. **Recommendation to Approve Updates to Administrative Policy DP380 *Postpartum Recovery/Parental Leave***

President George requested a single motion for special business items D and E.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Lisa Dean and seconded by Erin Barrow to approve Updates to Administrative Policies DP380 *Postpartum Recovery/Parental Leave* and DP322 *Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA)*.

Public Comment

No patrons signed up to address the Board regarding these Special Business items and no patrons accepted the invitation to speak.

President George called for a vote on the motion to approve Updates to Administrative Policies DP380 and DP322. The motion passed unanimously.

A copy of Policies DP380 and DP322 are attached at the conclusion of these minutes (Attachment 4 & 5)

- F. **Recommendation to Approve Social Studies Graduation Requirements**

This item was addressed earlier in the meeting.

- G. **Consideration of Sensitive Material Review Appeals**

President George said the Board of Education is reviewing an appeal and voting tonight on the outcome of a sensitive book called *Queer*. The previous decision by the Review Committee resulted in removal of the book on the objective classification in policy and state law.

She requested a motion regarding the book.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Niki George and seconded by Brian Barnett to uphold the Review Committee's decision for the removal of the book *Queer* from Jordan libraries.

Public Comment

No patrons signed up to address the Board regarding this Special Business item and no patrons accepted the invitation to speak.

Mr. Barnett read a prepared statement that is summarized as follows:

Mr. Barnett believes the book *Queer* by Kathy Belge and Marke Bleschke contains material that falls within Utah's definition of objective sensitive material under Utah Code 53G-10-103 including standards incorporated in 76-5-207. He said retaining this book on public school library shelves would be inconsistent with Utah law. He spoke to those that may have differing views, noting that the book can be obtained elsewhere if they choose. He stated the issue "is not whether the book may exist or be read, but whether it is appropriate for inclusion in a public school setting for minors."

Ms. George thanked Mr. Barnett for his statement and added that the book does not comply with USBE rule and curriculum guidance on sex education and is inappropriate for school libraries.

President George called for a vote on the motion regarding the book *Queer*. The motion passed unanimously.

V. **Information Items**

A. **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Godfrey thanked the Board of Education for renewing his contract for another two years. He said he loves his job and never takes it for granted.

VI. **Discussion Items**

A. **Committee Reports and Comments by Board Members**

Lisa Dean reported on the success of the Jordan Education Foundation Challenge Run and expressed appreciation for the Foundation. She highlighted the STEM scholarship banquet and explained the scholarship opportunity related to the "My 529" program. Ms. Dean attended the senior recognition event sponsored by Language and Cultural Services and thanked the Jordan Education Access Committee for helping all students feel included. She also reported on Salt Lake County Parks and Rec, which is initiating a bond and recently appointed a new Board chair. She announced the grand opening of the Heartland bridge on May 28, 2026.

President George gave a reminder about USBA's Pre-delegate and Delegate Assembly on June 5 and 6, 2026. She said three priorities will be presented: 1) special education funding, 2) early literacy, and 3) at-risk funding.

B. **Topics for *Bulletin Board***

Board members suggested the following topics for a future *Bulletin Board* newsletter:

- Congratulations to graduates
- Update on the West Jordan High School remodel
- Water conservation report

President George brought up graduation ceremony procedures and said she has been asked occasionally by elected officials or former Board members if they can present their child his/her diploma. It was decided to grant only former Board members, not elected officials, this privilege.

**MOTION:** At 9:06 p.m., it was moved by Lisa Dean and seconded by Brian Barnett to move into a closed session; after which, the meeting would be adjourned. The motion passed with a unanimous roll-call vote.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Those recognized or signed-in as present:

Niki George, Board President  
Bryce Dunford, First Vice President  
Brian W. Barnett, Second Vice President  
Erin Barrow, Board Member  
Lisa Dean, Board Member  
Darrell Robinson, Board Member  
Suzanne Wood, Board Member

Anthony Godfrey, Superintendent  
John Larsen, Business Administrator  
Michael Anderson, Associate Superintendent  
Paul Van Komen, BVKTS Law

President George presided and conducted. The Board of Education met in a closed session to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual; property, potential litigation, negotiations, and security measures. The closed session discussion was recorded and archived.

At 10:16 p.m., President George declared the meeting adjourned.

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Attachments