



BOARD BRIEFS

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Board approves new secondary fee schedule

Coaches, advisors, parents to follow extracurricular activity maximum

After a thorough review by the fee committee and myriad changes, the school fee schedule was adopted by the Board of Education of the Davis School District.

One of the biggest changes is a truer reflection of the cost for participation in extracurricular activities. Board members asked the fee committee — made up of administrators, parents and coaches — to establish a maximum cost.

District Secondary Director Dr. Dan Linford said a \$1,000 maximum is listed for cheerleading and drill team. The maximum for athletics is \$700. Those maximums include clinics, spirit packs, participation fees and transportation fees. The fees will vary from school to school and activity to activity, he said, depending on the clinics, uniforms and other variables.

During an earlier discussion of the fee schedule, Board Vice President Mona Andrus said she felt it was important to indicate that the cap in fees was the total which could be spent, including parent-initiated expenditures.

Linford said that idea could be difficult to enforce. For instance, he said, a parent may initiate a yard sign program for parents to show support for their child's extracurricular program. He asked if the coach would then have to deduct that cost from his maximum and cut something else that was planned.

"I share your concern," Linford said. "The problem is policing that. It's hard for a coach to oversee that and

then minus that from the budget."

Board President John Robison said there will have to be some amount of policing and that may have to fall to the principal. The board's intent, he said, is to get better control over fees, which will keep increasing if not regulated. Those increasing costs make it difficult for some students to participate in the extracurricular activities.

"I think as a board, I think it's a consensus that we don't want to see that ceiling grow and grow, because there are multiple families in our district that can't afford to participate," Robison said. "And I think we owe it to them to run effective and competitive programs and allow our coaches and allow our advisors to do that, but let them know that at some point in time enough is enough and we've got to allow this to be affordable."

It was suggested that the school fee committee also include more parents in the future.

Robison said the board will be interested to see what the report is in a year.

Board members noted that a hotline is in place for parents to report any programs that are not in compliance.

In other business the board approved:

- A change to the policy outlining graduation requirements. An alteration to state board rule allows students to retake a course to improve their grade. The district policy instructs the curriculum director to establish a list of comparable courses that will meet the district's standards

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New principals, assistants named for 2018-19 school year

There will be a few new faces at the helms of some of Davis School District's schools in the 2018-19 school year.

Superintendent Reid Newey announced the appointments of new principals during the Board of Education meeting on Tuesday. Six new elementary school principals and two new junior high principals were identified.

The new school principals and

the school they will oversee are as follows:

- Susan Andrews, Kay's Creek Elementary. Andrews is currently an administrative intern at South Weber Elementary. She replaces Julie Larsen, who was recently named the director of Special Education.

- Lisa Larkin, Holt Elementary. Larkin is currently serving as the interim principal at Holt Elementary.

- Hilaree Lowry, Burton Elementary. Lowry is currently the ad-

ministrative intern at King Elementary. She replaces Denece Johnson, who is retiring.

- Mike Page, Oak Hills Elementary. Page currently serves as the administrative intern at Woods Cross and Hill Field elementary schools. He replaces Ruthanne Keller, who is moving to Heritage Elementary.

- Jodi Rees, Sunset Elementary. Rees is the administrative intern

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at Vae View Elementary. She replaces Laura Bond who is retiring.

- Scott Richardson, Muir Elementary.

Richardson currently serves as an administrative intern at Muir and Bountiful Elementary schools. He replaces Marilyn Merkle, who is moving to serve as principal at Syracuse Elementary.

- Lori Hawthorne, Central Davis Junior High. Hawthorne is the current principal of Crestview Elementary. She replaces TJ Barker who will open Junior High #17 in 2019.

- Tyler Poll, North Davis Junior High. Poll currently serves as an assistant principal at Northridge High School. He replaces Steve Poll, who has taken a principal position outside the school district.

- Travis Lund, South Davis Junior High. Lund is an assistant principal at Woods Cross High. He replaces Jeff Jorgensen who is retiring.

Additionally, the district welcomes several new administrative interns and assistant principals. They are as follows:

Elementary: Tara Best, Doxey; Sarah Burk, King; Nancy Call; Hill Field and Adams; Lisa Gill, Vae View; Elizabeth Jacobsen, Odyssey and West Bountiful; Amber McInelly, Boulton and Kaysville; Hallie Myler, Sunset; TJ Naylor, Buffalo Point; Brooke Paras, South Weber; JoEllen Schaeffer, Woods Cross; Janie Stubbs, Holt; Shelly Truelson, Bountiful and Muir; and Natalie Vincent, Ellison Park.

Junior High: Jim Batchelor, Central Davis; Amy Williams, Farmington; Darrin Nash, Legacy; Tim Allen, North Davis; Eric Grisby, North Layton; Hadyn Call, Mueller Park; Tami Oliver, South Davis; Kim Augustin, Syracuse; and Adam King, West Point.

High School Interns: Lisa Day, Bountiful; Melissa Fox, Clearfield; Merci Rossmango, Farmington; Wilson McConkie, Northridge; Stacey Jackson, Syracuse; and Jessika Christensen, Woods Cross.

High School Assistants: Doug Hammersmidt, Bountiful; TJ Strain, Clearfield; Brett Sims, Farmington; Julie Barlow, Layton; Wendy Marland, Mountain; Joanna Richins, Northridge; James Hansen, Syracuse; and Todd Hammond, Woods Cross.

Three new directors were named as well. Ryan Hansen, the former director of Pioneer Adult Rehabilitation Center, will serve as the Digital Learning director. Julie Larsen, currently Kay's Creek Elementary principal, will serve as the Special Education director. She replaces Kathy Chisholm, who is retiring. Traci Robbins will serve as a section leader in the Teaching and Learning Department. She is currently serving as the Endeavour Elementary principal.

Five schools to receive window replacements

Safety and energy efficiency will be the byproducts of window replacements planned at five district schools.

Business administrator Craig Carter said the replacement windows can be opened from inside the classroom to allow students an exit in the case of an emergency. The windows being replaced are quite old and not energy efficient. The schools, the contractor approved for the replacement and cost are as follows:

- Adelaide Elementary, Stout Building Contractors, \$580,037

- Tolman Elementary, Grand Enterprises, \$230,873

- Whitesides Elementary, Merrill Sheriff Construction, \$974,853

- Layton High School, Stout Building Contractors, \$383,063

- Taylor Elementary, Briskey Plumbing Specialties, \$178,000.

In other business, the board honored:

- Jessica Constant, Syracuse Junior High, Vex IQ Robotics coach of the year;

- Bountiful High Senior James Madsen, delegate to the U.S. Senate Youth Program.

- Ritchey Science Fair winners: Benjamin DeVries, Woods Cross High; Harrison Brown, Woods Cross High; Ryan Pearson, Woods Cross High; Andrew Bennett, Bountiful High; Emil Geisler, Bountiful High; Makenzie Moore, Syracuse High; and Abegail Faz, Northridge High.

- Shawna Cragun as the USEA Outstanding Administrator of the Year. Additionally, the board recognized the Davis District Custodial Services' silver award as the Best New K12 Program in the nation.

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and rigor. Andrus voted against the policy because the student's transcript will not reflect that the course was retaken.

- Junior high education requirement changes. The new policy — also directed by state board rule — allows students more leeway in choosing courses by lowering the arts and PE requirements. It also allows a student to substitute a course requirement with proof of an extracurricular activity that is similar. Robison voted against the policy. Noting concerns of his own, he said he has also heard from junior high teachers who are worried about the impacts on their courses. In a year's time, he said, he hopes he can say he was wrong about his concerns.

- A fee waiver policy update. District Legal Counsel Ben Onofrio said the changes were minimal and were part of a five-year review.