



# BOARD BRIEFS

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## Board approves CRA agreement with Clearfield City

### Tax increment keeps Lifetime Products expansion in Davis County

**L**ifetime Products — the makers of blow-molded polyethylene folding chairs and tables, sheds and kayaks among other things — wants to expand in Clearfield.

City officials told the Davis Board of Education that the expansion won't happen unless the board holds off on collecting a portion of taxes it will receive from the company for the next 15 years. The company would use the monies to expand, and after 15 years, the property would bring in more than \$350,000 in additional tax revenue annually to the school district than it currently collects.

The school board unanimously agreed Tuesday to enter into an agreement with the city's Community Reinvestment Agency to bring the plans to fruition.

Jason Burningham, a representative for Lewis Young Robertson & Burningham, Inc., an independent financial consulting firm, said Lifetime Products has been a good community partner and employer. The company is committed to staying in Davis County, but had to negotiate with the Freeport Center to purchase the 37-40 acres of land. Typically, the Freeport Center owners only lease land.

Lifetime had a few less costly options in Brigham City and Knoxville, Tenn. Clearfield City approached Lifetime with the idea of creating the community reinvestment area (CRA) to offset some of the higher property costs. The tax increment will be used to help with infrastructure improvements and other related costs with the expansion.

The expansion should add 125-150 new jobs.

"This will keep many of those jobs here," Burningham said. "They (Lifetime Products) want to be here long term."

Clearfield Mayor Mark Shepherd said the project is crucial to his city. He commended the company for choosing to stay in Clearfield.

"Lifetime Products is the largest employer in Clearfield," Shepherd said. "In fact it is one of the largest employers in the county. They are working class jobs. Anything we can do to help Lifetime products and keep them in Clearfield and Davis County is huge for us."

The agreement would continue for 15 years or until the cap amount for the school district of \$2.2 million is reached.

In other business the Board approved:

- The sale of small pieces of property for Utah Transit Authority bus stops in Kaysville. UTA will pay the district \$9,000 for the land.

- A change to the student travel policy to allow for the use of public transportation for a field trip or competition. The supervision would be the same as on buses.

- Hughes General Contractors as the construction manager for a new elementary to be built in West Layton.

- Hogan and Associates Construction as the construction manager for the Northridge High sports turf installation.

- A bid of \$509,700 from North Face Contracting

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## Career pathways and concurrent enrollment prepare students

**C**areer Technical Education (CTE) courses and concurrent enrollment are preparing students for futures beyond high school.

Jay Welk, director of CTE, told board members the Aerospace Pathway program, which began in 2015, continues to expand. This year 35 district students signed up with industry partners for externships. That is up from 20 students last year.

Other pathways are also being

established in the district. Students can participate in the medical innovations pathway, instructional technology pathway and most recently diesel tech pathway.

"Traditionally education has been a binary relationship — it's been the student and the teacher," Welk said. "We really see it as we want the world ... we want it triangular. We're trying to give our students as many experiences with industry, government, higher education as they possibly can

have."

Holly Handy, who supervises concurrent enrollment (CE) courses, said district students make up 15 percent of the concurrent enrollment participants in the state.

"That's pretty cool. We also as a district outpace any district or charter school with credits earned."

Handy said high schools in the district have been thoughtful in hiring faculty qualified to teach college-level

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# District addresses social, emotional learning

Davis School District is taking a proactive approach to making sure every student feels safe when they come to school.

Assistant Superintendent John Zurbuchen said social and emotional learning is an integral part of every student's education in the district. The Student and Family Services department is moving forward with a program that emphasizes prevention rather than remediation.

Those steps include:

- Redefining student success to prioritize educating the whole child;
- Transforming learning settings so they are safe and effective for all students;
- Teaching social and emotional cognitive skills;
- Embedding those skills in academics and schoolwide practices.
- Building adult expertise in

child development;

- Aligning with resources in the community to address the whole child;

Moving forward, the district recently hired Kathleen Chronister as the director of social and emotional learning. In the future, the district wants a counselor in every elementary and more family service workers.

"This is a significant heavy lift," Zurbuchen said.

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for the partial roof replacement at Northridge High.

- Commercial Mechanical for the HVAC Renovation at Cook Elementary. The low bid was just over \$1 million.
- A wheelchair lift for Layton High's gymnasium. The project bid from Wasatch West Contracting was \$87,138.
- Merrill Sheriff Construction for a \$569,275 window

replacement of Building F3 at the Freeport Center.

The board also gave initial approval to an amendment governing the administration of medication to students. Four medications — a seizure rescue medication, glucagon for diabetes, epinephrine for severe allergic reactions and an emergency opiate antagonist for overdoses — can be kept in the office and administered in an emergency.

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courses or encouraging current teachers to get the credentials needed to teach at that level.

Students who take CE courses have saved more than \$13 million just this past year in credits earned. The district's biggest partner is Weber State University, but in the state, all concurrent enrollment credits transfer. Handy said even Brigham Young University is starting to accept some concurrent enrollment credits.

Traditionally CE courses were taught face to face in a classroom. Now, however, some of the courses are being broadcast into classrooms throughout the district so students have an equal opportunity no matter which high school they are attending.

Handy reviewed some facts about CE. Math, she said, is

the most popular class. More boys than girls are enrolled in CE classes and enrollment rates are similar for all ethnicities.

"It's a growing program. It's exciting. It's giving our kids what they need," she said. "They get the rigors of college."

Additionally, students who get 12 CE credits and maintain a GPA of 3.0 or higher, qualify for an Edge scholarship which pays half their tuition.

In other workshop presentations, the board:

- Learned more about the Evaluate Davis process including the upcoming evaluation procedures for Superintendent Reid Newey and Business Administrator Craig Carter.
- Trained on open meetings laws.

## Board honors



Melanie Wilcox, Sunset Junior High choir teacher, was recognized by the Utah Music Educator Association as the Jr. High Music Educator of the Year.



Brek Mangleson, Farmington High band teacher, received the Utah Music Educator Association's Superior Accomplishment Award.



Jenn Tullis, Centennial Junior High science teacher, was recognized as the National Science Teachers Association and Northrup Grumman Foundation Teacher Fellow for 2019.