



BOARD BRIEFS

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Davis Learns Together Plan outlines remote learning Board of Education hears plans for engagement and grading in fourth term

Helping students and teachers be successful with remote learning continues to be a focus in the Davis School District.

Superintendent Reid Newey updated the Board of Education with some of the most recent areas that have been addressed, including attendance and grading. Associated with that is the district release of its Davis Learns Together plan to all parents.

“One of the things I like about that plan is it is flexible,” Newey said, adding that no matter what happens through the end of the year, the plan is designed to be adaptable.

Engagement and grading procedures were shared with communities by school principals and teachers. Newey said on the secondary level, students can choose to take a letter grade or change it to Passing/Incomplete. No student will receive an F in the fourth quarter term. Students who do not complete the work will instead receive an incomplete and be given time to remediate that mark.

“We want to really hold the innocent victims in this whole thing, the students, harmless,” he said. “Not that we aren’t having an expectation and requirement for learning,

we can’t just cash it in so to speak. We’ve got to do all we can to help students progress.

“This is a 100-year event,” he said, “and we want to treat it as such with the pressure we are putting on families.”

Board Vice President Liz Mumford voiced concerns about the impact grading procedures may have on sports eligibility and scholarships for students.

Newey said parents can request a Pass/Incomplete grade for their secondary students on May 11. Students can then choose to remediate that grade to convert it to a letter grade through Sept. 29.

Additionally, the district’s Technology Services has adapted the attendance record to reflect engagement rather than attendance in the fourth quarter. Principals will follow up to ensure that schools are engaging with every student. Newey said the engagement record should indicate the student has connected with the teacher at least once during the week.

“We can’t have 25 to 50 percent of our students go through this crisis and not engage with teachers, not engage with school personnel,” he said. “We’re going to repeatedly

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New administrators approved for 2020-21 school year

The Board of Education of the Davis School District approved the appointment of new administrators for the 2020-21 school year during its regular meeting.

The new appointments are as follows:

- District administrators: Ryck Astle, secondary director, previously served as Layton High principal for 10 years, and Stephanie Mouritsen, Davis Connect Online School Administrator, formerly assistant principal at North Layton Junior High.

New secondary principals: Chadli Bodily, Layton High, formerly Legacy Jr. High

principal for four years; Travis Warnick, Syracuse Junior High, served as Bountiful High School assistant principal for one year; Brad Chapple, Millcreek Junior High, previously Davis High School assistant principal for five years; and TJ Strain, Legacy Junior High, was a Clearfield High School assistant principal for two years.

- New elementary principals: Julie Ferreira, Canyon Creek Elementary, served as administrative intern at Canyon Creek Elementary for two years; Brian Nash, Odyssey Elementary, was an assistant principal at Legacy Junior High for two years; TJ Naylor, Stewart Elementary, served as

an administrative intern at Buffalo Point for two years; Melissa Pendergast, Layton Elementary, previously was an administrative intern at Holt Elementary for one year.

- New assistant principals have been appointed at the secondary level. Those appointments include: Tim Allen at Clearfield High; Tami Oliver at Bountiful High; Amanda Keller at Davis High; Steve Loveland at Kaysville Junior High; Terri Hall at Legacy Junior High; Mylei Zachman at North Layton Junior High; Jessika Christensen at South Davis Junior High; and Shon Feller at Bountiful

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amp up our efforts.”

Those efforts will include personnel within the school making contact with families to ensure students have the help they need.

Newey said the district is also finalizing end of year closure procedures, which will look different from other years. Those procedures include how books and devices will be returned.

Board member Cheryl Phipps also asked how the district is addressing the mental health for students during this health crisis. Newey explained that Social Emotional Learning Director Kathleen Chronister is working with others in Student and Family Resources to release messages to help students and parents cope and provide tips for stress management. Additionally, the SafeUT App continues to serve as a good alert system for students who reach out and need help.

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Junior High.

- New administrative interns have been appointed for secondary schools. Those appointments include: Erin Stumo, Northridge High; Jeff Wyant, Clearfield High; Holly Hoyt, Bountiful High; Justin Brooks, Viewmont High; Brandt Shaw, Layton High; and Jeff Christensen, Bountiful Junior High.

- New administrative interns have been appointed for elementary schools. Those appointments include: Alissa Clark at Wasatch Elementary; Suzanne Clayton at Holt Elementary; Denice Maedgen at Sunset Elementary; Erika Muirbrook at West Bountiful Elementary; Amy Neal at Knowlton & Stewart Elementary; Christine Nesheiwat at West Clinton Elementary; Emmi Novotorov-Robinson at Sand Springs Elementary; and Chad Sanders at Lincoln Elementary.

- In addition to the above appointments, these administrators moved to a different school:

Secondary — Mark Jolley, assistant principal at Syracuse High moves to Davis High; Ross Harris, assistant principal at Davis High moves to Syracuse High; Melissa Fox, assistant principal at Clearfield High moves to Woods Cross High; Muriel Mann, assistant principal at Fairfield Junior High moves to Cen-

terville Junior High; Rick Miller, assistant principal at Fairfield Junior High moves to Centennial Junior High; Cheryl May, assistant principal at Centerville Junior High moves to Fairfield Junior High; Wilson McConkie, assistant principal at Shoreline Junior High moves to Fairfield Junior High; Adam King, assistant principal at West Point Junior High, moves to Mueller Park Junior High; Hayden Call, assistant principal at Mueller Park Junior High moves to North Davis Junior High; Lorrie Barber, assistant principal at Centennial Junior High moves to Shoreline Junior High; and Kevin Green, assistant principal at Kaysville Junior High moves to West Point Junior High.

Elementary — Debbie Marshall, principal at Ellison Park moves to West Point; Chris Laypath, principal at Taylor moves to Vae View; David Pendergast, principal at Vae View moves to Ellison Park; Loren Clark, principal at West Point moves to Holbrook; Neesha Killpack, principal at Holbrook moves to Valley View; Kim Johnston, principal at Valley View moves to Sand Springs; Diane Hammer, principal at Layton moves to Syracuse; and Julie Peters, principal at Odyssey moves to Taylor.

Work continues on elementary rebuild

The rebuild of West Bountiful Elementary will be completed in time for the 2020-21 school year, but drop off and pick up of students may have to adapt a little for the first month or so.

Business Administrator Craig Carter said construction on the building has been delayed during the past few months and the district is now working with Nicholson Management to complete the project.

In other business, the board also approved:

- The sale of a small southwest corner of property at Canyon Creek Elementary to the Utah Department of Transportation. Carter said the purchase of .14 of an acre is for the West Davis Corridor. The purchase price is \$25,900.

- The guaranteed maximum price of \$1,207,250 for installation of turf by General Contractor Hogan & Associates for Syracuse High School. Additionally, the maximum price for the turf came in at \$376,381.

- A renewed interlocal agreement with Kaysville City. Agreements with each municipality are being reviewed and need approval by the board.

- Language changes to the school fees policy. The changes are to mirror language used in state policy.

In a previous meeting, Secondary Schools Director Dr. Dan Linford said training on the fee schedule will be crucial for administrators, activity advisors and other district staff who work with parents and students.

Changes to the fee schedule occur every year. However, this time adjustments were more substantial as the district aligns fees with new state rules implemented during the last legislative session.

The district's school fees committee — made up of parents, students, educators and administrators — worked on the changes, which set a maximum fee amount for co-curricular and extracurricular activities, as well as a total aggregate amount for students involved in multiple programs.