



BOARD BRIEFS

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Davis Board reappoints Superintendent of Schools Newey to serve another two-year term with Davis School District

The Board of Education of the Davis School District approved the reappointment of Superintendent Reid Newey for another two-year term.

“We appreciate what he’s done for the district,” said Board Member Gordon Eckersley. “The level of work, education and respect around the state and even the nation has been increased with Superintendent Newey.”

Board President

John Robison agreed, saying “During the legislative session, many key leaders from the Legislature, leaders from other districts, leaders from the Utah School Board Association, our State School Superintendent Sydnee Dickson, and others, have expressed to me the quality of superintendent who we have, which adds to what we feel individually.”

During the recent changes to school learning, Board Vice President Liz Mumford highlighted the positive efforts made by Newey.

“Our recent experiences during the pandemic and COVID-19 really highlighted some of the extensive preparation and work that the superintendent has done to bring us to this point,” Mumford said.

“We appreciate that work and look forward to a bright future in Davis School District.”

In other business,

the board approved:

- The district audit plan for the 2020-21 school year, which will include three to four audits per year performed by an independent auditor.
- School Land Trust Plans and School TSSA plans submitted by each school in the district.

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District outlines preliminary results from districtwide survey

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Logan Toone presented the preliminary results of a remote learning survey to the Board of Education.

Parents and staff in the district participated in the surveys, which focused on how the district responded to the “soft closure” caused by COVID-19 and how a reopening of school might look this fall.

Parents were asked how successful their students were during remote learning. Toone said over 90 percent of responding parents reported their students had some success in the remote learning environment, with 60 percent reporting their students were successful almost all the time.

Parents were asked: “If nothing were to change relative to the

health situation this fall, would they consider a fully online experience, as opposed to sending them back to a brick and mortar building.”

About 20 percent of respondents said they would seriously consider the online option, while 29 percent said they either wouldn’t consider it or were uncertain.

“We may have a group of students who will not show up in the fall and we need to be prepared to have an online learning opportunity for them so that they can continue to make progress relative to the standards,” Toone said.

Regarding school opening in the fall, preliminary results indicate that a large majority of both staff and parent respondents would like school to open as normal.

However, if a traditional open-

ing is not possible, nearly 46 percent of parents would prefer an alternating full-day schedule, with the remaining respondents split on the options between a morning or afternoon option, early or late start or a fully remote experience.

“Knowing that the alternating-day schedule is the most preferred among our community members is an important consideration as a board and administration,” Toone said.

Referencing the survey, Superintendent Reid Newey said, “We wanted to present options that we feel are doable so that, particularly our staff, can prepare and wrap their minds around some of the options.”

Newey said the district continues to meet regularly with the Davis County Health Department as it puts together plans for what school may look like this fall.