



# BOARD BRIEFS

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## Board considers proposed changes to fees

### Elimination of all curricular fees contingent upon new state legislation

Secondary school textbook fees will go away in school year 2022-23 under a proposal presented to the Board of Education of the Davis School District during Tuesday's regular meeting.

District Secondary Schools Director Dr. Dan Linford said the proposal is the final part of an ongoing district effort to keep school fees at a minimum and implements the final phase of a legislative audit on school fees.

The district has created a line item in the budget that will cover the textbook fees.

Linford said the fee schedule proposal also includes a second draft which would eliminate all curricular fees and most co-curricular fees if House Bill 211 passes in the Legislature.

State funding provided from HB211, if it passes, would cover those other fees.

Board Member Julie Tanner asked about the proposed removal of locker fees. Linford explained that part of the legislative audit required schools to not charge more than the actual cost of the school equipment use.

"That's been in discussion in our fee committee for a number of years about how that money is used to upgrade

lockers, especially where students are tending to use them less," Linford said. "It's been a priority of our business administrator to help eliminate school fees."

The maximum travel budget could also be increased from \$1,000 to \$1,200. Linford said that amount has stood for about 15 years and the requests have been to double that amount to help cover the inflation costs of travel.

"We are hoping the \$200 will allow them (students)

some of the things they used to do when they travel," Linford said.

Tanner said she has received input from parents, teachers and administrators about the tight travel budget.

"It seems a shame to spend all that money to get

there and then not be able to do anything," she said.

Public input on the proposal will be considered by the Board of Education when the fee schedule comes up for final adoption during the regular meeting on Tuesday, March 1. Both proposals can be read in full at <https://www.davis.k12.ut.us/district/administration/policy-manual>.

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## Calendar for 2022-23 school year receives final approval

The Board of Education of the Davis School District gave final approval to the 2022-23 school year calendar during its regular meeting.

The calendar includes a start date of Monday, Aug. 22 and end date of Friday, May 26. The calendar also schedules a two-day fall break Oct. 13-14, a two-week winter recess Dec. 21-Jan. 3 and a week-long spring break from April 3-7.

District Elementary School Director Ruthanne Keller said more

than 780 comments were received from the public and staff. The original proposal was sent to all parents for comment and included a winter recess return on the federal holiday Jan. 2. An amended calendar with a change to winter recess was later sent out for comment as well.

Keller said another change made to the calendar includes the end of first term date. The original proposal ended first term on Oct. 27 with the professional day on Oct. 28. After

receiving input from parents and staff, the end of term date was moved to Oct. 31 with the professional day scheduled on Nov. 1.

"I wanted to thank Ms. Keller for all the work you put in along with the calendar committee, because this is a difficult job," said Board Member Brigit Gerrard. "I appreciate the fact that you gathered input from community members and faculty and parents. I appreciate all of the input that you considered."

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In other business items, the Board of Education:

- Approved the purchase of the O'Reilly Parts building, 1566 S. 2000 West, Syracuse, for \$1.65 million. The building, which is near Syracuse Junior High will be used for physical education classes initially and eventually be converted for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) and health science classes. District Business Administrator Craig Carter indicated the space can also be used by Syracuse Elementary students.
- Approved refunding and paying off the 2013 issued general obligation bonds. Carter said it will generate

about \$1.7 million in savings.

- OK'd changes to the policy governing donations, fund raising and commercialism. Changes include a clarification that donations to schools over \$250 must go through the Davis Education Foundation. It further outlines that raised funds must be distributed equitably and that outside crowdfunding sources, such as GoFundMe cannot be used.
- Welcomed members of the Safeguarding Group, who will be consulting with the district in its work on the Department of Justice settlement.

### Board honor



Following a virtual performance from students at Fremont Elementary, the Board of Education honored those who have helped in the creation of district arts programs. Pictured from left: Superintendent Reid Newey; Tamara Goldbogen, Weber State; Shanda Stenger, District Fine Arts Specialist; Bethany Struthers, District BTS Arts Instructional Coach; Kelly Bruce Glynn, USBE Arts Education Specialist; Lisa Cluff, Artwork for Kids Foundation; Cathy Jensen, USBME Arts Education Specialist; and Board President John Robison.