



# BOARD BRIEFS

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## Bond for Building Improvements to appear on Davis County Ballot Board of Education approves Bond Resolution for November 2022 election

The Davis School District Board of Education voted unanimously on a resolution that allows voters to weigh in on a proposed bond referendum during the mid-term election on Tuesday, November 8. If approved, the \$475 million bond will not increase property owners' current tax rate.

“The projects we identify and the projects that we do, certainly growth goes into it, but also the analytics that we have in our facilities department,” said Davis School District Business Administrator Craig Carter during the board meeting.

Bond money would be used to finance the construction of new facilities and remodel other schools in the district.

If approved, the district plans to use the financing to rebuild Sunset Jr. High School and Bountiful Elementary, which are among the oldest schools in the district.

A new elementary and junior high are also planned to be built in northwest Davis County to accommodate population growth in that area.

Schools slated to be remodeled in the proposal include Bountiful High and Clearfield High. They will receive upgrades to common areas, classrooms, and air conditioning systems.


“When we look at the needs of our high schools, Bountiful and Clearfield rise to the top, as far as what they need,” Carter told the board. “Those two are in need of significant help.” Layton High, Kaysville Junior High, Burton Elementary, Vae View Elementary, and Clinton Elementary will also be remodeled.

Efficient air conditioning systems would also be installed in several auditoriums and gyms at Northridge High, Woods Cross High, Bountiful High, Clearfield High, and Viewmont High School.

The district would also plan to build three track and turf fields at three junior high schools in the north, central and south areas of the district. Other projects

include HVAC upgrades, new windows, playground toys, and restrooms.

If a majority of Davis County voters approve the  
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 <b>Davis School District</b> <small>LEARNING FIRST</small>	
<b>Davis School District</b>	
2022 Bond Project List	
<b>Rebuild Projects .....</b>	<b>\$140,000,000</b>
Sunset Junior High (Sunset)	
Bountiful Elementary (Bountiful)	
<b>New School Construction .....</b>	<b>\$135,000,000</b>
New Elementary 2 (Northwest Davis County)	
New Junior High School (West Point)	
<b>Remodel Projects .....</b>	<b>\$140,000,000</b>
Bountiful High School (Bountiful)	
New entry, office, AC, football stadium, track and turf field	
Clearfield High School (Clearfield)	
Classroom upgrades, windows, south hall, commons and counseling	
Layton High School (Layton)	
Addition of new classrooms for growth	
Kaysville Junior High (Kaysville)	
Addition of new gymnasium	
Burton Elementary Remodel (Kaysville)	
Vae View Elementary Remodel (Layton)	
Clinton Elementary Remodel (Clinton)	
<b>Other Projects .....</b>	<b>\$60,000,000</b>
AC Projects in Auditoriums & Gyms	
Construction of school tracks/turf fields at three junior high schools (North, Central and South)	
Other projects concerning kitchens, windows, energy upgrades, big toys, restrooms and tracks	
Land for future school sites	
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$475,000,000</b>

# Board of Education hears proposed updates to library media policies

The Board of Education voted to table the passage of a proposed update to 4I-202 School Library Media Centers in Davis School District Policy and Procedures until the next board meeting on September 6, 2022.

The board decided to revisit library media policies in a future meeting to allow time to clarify the district's proposed policy further. Additionally, the Utah State Board of Education extended the deadline for local education agencies to submit library policies to the state until October 1, 2022.

Before sharing the draft policy language, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Logan Toone shared the results of a public comment survey with the board. Upon initial review, 14 of the 28 comments received supported a more restrictive library policy, 12 supported a less restrictive policy and two were neutral.

While survey comments represented a wide variety of sentiments, there were four common findings shared across most respondents:

- Approval of district-level process for Sensitive Material Review Requests
- Recognition of parental right

to restrict specific materials for their own child

- Agreement with the notion of "standing," meaning any person requesting a Sensitive Materials Review must have standing in the school where the review is submitted. Students have standing in schools where they are enrolled; parents and guardians have standing in schools where their students are currently enrolled and attending.
- Support efforts to maintain the anonymity of review requestors and committee members.

The district's policy review committee met multiple times to draft the proposed library media policy and incorporated feedback from community members, school administrators and school librarians.

A central point of the board's conversation centered on balancing a school librarian's professional ability to curate a library's offerings with parents' freedom to make choices for their students.

"It seems like what we're doing is a diminishing thing to the librarians," said Board Member Gordon Eckersley, advocating for changes to the proposed policy's

language. "At the same time, I see the value of having a school library committee."

Dr. Toone further clarified that the new district policy includes two committees to review media center materials. The first is a five-member School Library Committee in each school to assist in selecting and maintaining school library materials. The second is a seven-member Sensitive Materials Review Committee that will review Sensitive Material Requests at the district level. A School Library Committee does not conduct sensitive material reviews.

"How can we both protect the librarian in her choices and support them in curating good collections so we don't have challenges and requests for removal?," asked Board Member Liz Mumford, noting the tension between opposing viewpoints. "We want to create guardrails but still honor the librarian's profession."

Board members had further questions about the logistics and implementation of the proposed policy. In light of the extended deadline from USBE and to allow more time for addressing concerns, the board moved to table the vote for the next board meeting.

## District bus fleet undergoes audit

A large audit of Davis School District's 'white and yellow fleet' found it is in compliance with district policy and state safety and financial requirements.

However, BDO Director of Risk Advisory Services Sonya LeVeau

recommended tighter tracking and record keeping moving forward.

"This is a more complicated audit than it first sounds because it includes transportation, finance, purchasing, HR, and risk management components," said Board

member Liz Mumford, "even though we are talking about busing and cars."

"In general, as far as safety and financial position, we are in good compliance," said Business Administrator Craig Carter.

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bond, Finance Administrator Tim Leffel said, "We are going to have to look at the priority and the timing with the different projects that we have."

Board Vice President Marie Stevenson proposed the motion which was seconded by Board Member Julie Tanner.