



BOARD BRIEFS

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Construction moves forward on three DSD building projects

First projects of the 2022 Building Generations Bond to commence

After successful passage of the 2022 Building Generations Bond by Davis County voters, the Davis School District is eager to move forward with construction projects.

Finance & Accounting Administrator Tim Leffel presented the following items regarding construction, all of which were approved unanimously by the Board of Education:

- Jr. High #18 in West Point will have a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) of \$103.35 million. The bid by Hogan & Associates Construction incorporates a portion of \$8.75 million from West Point City to go towards the school's double-gym, resulting in a GMP of \$94.95 million for the Davis School

District.

- The architect contracted for the remodel of Clinton Elementary will be FFKR Architects of Salt Lake City. The District Professional Services Selection Committee evaluated proposals and interviewed several architectural firms for the project, with FFKR scoring highest in the evaluation criteria. Design work will begin immediately with construction to follow.
- Davis School District will sell the first group of bonds approved in the 2022 Building Generations bond election. The board grants authority to the district to sell an amount not to exceed \$110 million on the open market.

Board gives kudos to schools and programs throughout the district

Through board recognition and individual reports, members of the school board celebrated good things happening in Davis School District from the dais.

Board President Liz Mumford commended Jed Johansen (Clearfield High) and Travis Warnick (Syracuse Jr.), who were both nominated and selected for Outstanding Administrator of the Year Awards from the Utah Music Educators Association.

“It is unusual for two administrators from the same district to win in the same year,” said Mumford, noting the recognitions represent outstanding contributions for long-term support of school music programs.

Superintendent Dr. Dan Linford highlighted the work of students who exhibited work at the Davis Arts Council Student Art Showcase and Northern Utah High School Art Competition.

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Rhythm, Music & Science



Students at Windridge Elementary in Kaysville have been working on music and science integration by studying aquaponics and applying what they've learned to the musical concepts of body percussion.

Mrs. Jessica Payne's 3rd grade class created and performed an *ostinato* (short, repeated musical phrase) for the Board of Education. For this piece, students used vocabulary from their science studies and rhythmic clapping, snapping and stomping to help them remember key points about aquaponics.

Superintendent applauds excellence in energy use

Superintendent Dr. Dan Linford shared an experience he had with a prominent environmental consulting firm that helps organizations optimize their energy costs.

Declining to divulge the name of the company, Linford explained the firm had helped other districts in Utah cut their energy consumption, resulting in millions of dollars in energy cost savings.

After evaluating the district's overall energy footprint and consumption at specific buildings, the company reported that there was nothing its consultants could do to help Davis School District because its high level of energy efficiency is outperforming the firm's best clients.

Linford told this story because he wanted to "brag about" the district's Utilities Services Department and the employees behind the district's progress in energy use.

"We have an incredible team," said Linford. "What you do is incredible. Hats off to those guys."

The Utilities Services Team is led by Director of Utility Services and Energy Manager Doug Anderson. The district has six zero-energy schools and 36 Energy Star Schools.

Board approves fee schedule on first reading for '23-24 school year

After a committee of 25 individuals, including parents, administrators and members of the district's curriculum department created a draft fee schedule for the '23-24 school year, Secondary Director Dave Tanner presented the proposed plan to the Board of Education.

The proposed fee schedule simplifies the language from previous years, turning a five-page document into four pages. It also incorporates cost increase to \$2,000 for secondary trips to allow for inflationary changes and to reduce the number of students sharing a single hotel room.

The recommendations follow surveys of parents and administrators from Fall of 2022, cost/benefit analyses from the district's accounting department and research of neighboring districts' fee schedules.

The board unanimously approves the fee schedule on a first reading. Tanner says an email will be sent to parents to invite them to the March board meeting to voice their feedback prior to the second reading.

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"Davis School District has always celebrated the arts," said Linford. The Superintendent gave his congratulations to all students who stretched and challenged themselves to create art for the exhibitions.

Linford also mentioned the efforts of students at Hill Field Elementary in Layton to create the Patriot Closet, a store of warm clothing for students moving into the district when their parents are stationed at Hill Air Force Base. The closet was made possible with contributions from Oak Hills, Windridge, Buffalo Point, Heritage and Kay's Creek elementary schools.

Board Member Emily Price gave an update on the efforts of the Davis Education Foundation, expressing gratitude to live in a

community that takes great care of children.

During the holiday season, the Foundation served more than 4,000 students, collected \$450,000 worth of donated cash and goods, and distributed 2,100 hygiene kits and pantry packs. Some of the contributing organizations include The Salvation Army, Larry H. Miller Family Foundation and KSL Quarters for Christmas.

Price then reported on the opening of the Woods Cross High Teen Wellness Center, the sixth of its kind opened by the Foundation in Davis School District. She also took a tour of Canyon Heights Adult Learning Center to learn more about how the district serves adult and English language learners.

Student Board Member

Patrick Neal congratulated all Davis School District seniors who qualified for the regional level of the Sterling Scholar competition and wishes them luck in their upcoming interviews.

"There's been a lot going on, especially for us newbies" said Board Member Kristen Hogan. She and other board members in the newly-elected cohort have enjoyed touring schools and departments throughout the district. "I miss elementary school!" she remarked when describing a visit to Ellison Park Elementary in Layton.

Hogan's enthusiasm is shared by Board Members Derek Lamb and Julie Powell, who visited Nutrition Services at the Freeport Center, Heritage Elementary, Northridge High, North Layton Jr and Layton Elementary.