

## **Jordan School District Transition Team**

Ralph J. Haws, Chair

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9:00 a.m.

1. **Review of Responsibility for Allocation of Liabilities between the New and the Remaining School Districts (Letter from John Robson, Fabian and Clendenin)**  
Legal counsel determined that the Transition Teams are to fairly and equitably divide both assets and liabilities. “The teams cannot fulfill their duty to consider relevant factors to arrive at a fair and equitable allocation without taking into consideration the allocation of the liabilities”. Otherwise, the process would not be complete.
2. **Review of Principles of Operation and Decision Making Guidelines**  
The Team reviewed the revised Foundation and Guiding Principles document. This document was modified and refined. The Team agreed to adopt these guiding foundations and principles and to forward them to the new district transition team. The Team also agreed to release this information to the media through Melinda Colton, Communications Director and send copies to the New-district Transition Team members.
3. **Review of Letter from Mayor Cullimore and Mayor Seghini**  
It was reported that the current Jordan School District Board of Education reviewed the letter in study session. The Board will send a response to Mayor Cullimore and Mayor Seghini. It was noted that both transition teams must agree upon what their task is before moving ahead.
4. **Intellectual Property**  
The new district transition team has presented the idea that intellectual property (i.e. program issues) specifically ALPs and Special Education programs, etc. need to be part of the discussion for division along with the assets and liabilities. These programs fall under the purview of the Board of Education, not the Transition Team, for determining their status. It was determined that if an item has not been listed on the District inventory, it does not fall under the umbrella of assets. Items not included in the inventory listing should not be considered.
5. **Review of Letter and Conversation with Karen Wikstrom, Wikstrom Economic and Planning Consultants**  
Karen and her planning department have a long standing involvement in planning issues. She is presently affiliated with Professor Tom Sanchez, Chair of the Planning Department at the University of Utah College of Architecture-Planning, and a group of graduate students. They would like to offer services to the Transition Teams. This experience would be helpful to their graduate studies. The Team decided this group would be welcome to attend meetings, have access to information, and experience the process, but not be given specific assignments by the Team at this time.

6. **Message From Steve Newton to Dr. Haws dated 1/8/08**  
Dr. Haws received an e-mail from Steve Newton, Chair of the new district transition team, requesting an extension of the deadline for the completion of the Transition Teams work by a couple of months. The statute states that this work must be completed before July 1, 2008. The School Board is the only group that has the authority to extend the deadline. The consensus of the Transition Team is to stay on track and hopefully finish by March or April 1.
7. **New District Transition Team Sub Committee Assignments**  
This list touches on services. Their intent is to take a micro-look at the District. The Jordan School District has identified contact personnel for the east-side team to contact. This is completely beyond the purview of the Transition Teams' responsibilities. This is an excellent way to study the workings of the District, but is not the responsibility of the Transition Teams, but for school boards to determine.
8. **Organization of Transition Team by Committee**  
The Jordan School District team is not moving in the direction to organize by sub-committee.
9. **Distribution of Maps of School District Boundaries and School Board Precincts**  
Official maps showing new voting precincts and new district boundaries were given to the Team.
10. **Letter From Mayor Crane Regarding Law Suit**  
A letter sent to Senator Carlene M. Walker from Mayor Crane of Herriman City was reviewed. The letter was referencing the suit which Herriman filed with the 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit Federal Court. This is an information item for the Team.
11. **Other**  
The Team would like to meet with the new district transition team as soon as possible. A proposal was made to meet with them on January 16. If that date is not convenient, the Team would like to meet on January 22. It was also reiterated that these meetings are open to the public.
12. **John Taylor & Staff**  
John Taylor and his staff will be on-call and available to answer any questions the Transition Teams may have regarding facilities.