

Jordan School District Transition Team

Ralph J. Haws, Chair

-MINUTES-

February 28, 2008

9:00 a.m.

1. Welcome – Chair Dr. Ralph Haws, Jordan School District Transition Team  
Dr. Haws welcomed everyone to today’s meeting. He thanked Team members for their efforts in attending the Legislative sessions to give input on Senate Bill 71.
  
2. Review of Minutes
  - February 18, 2008 – Tabled for approval  
The Transition Team will hold off on approving the minutes which contain the Foundation/Guiding Principles and Rules of Governance until next Wednesday, pending decisions made by the Legislature.
  - February 21, 2008 – approved as written. These minutes will be made a matter of public record.
  - February 25, 2008 – approved as written. These minutes will be made a matter of public record.
  
3. Update of SB 71 – Second Substitute  
This Bill is still being debated in the House. Several amendments to this Bill have been suggested. The Transition Team concurs that the most critical amendment is the one in which the wording for the allocation date would change from Oct 31, 2007, to June 30, 2009, or the second year after the election, or another date agreed upon by both Transition Teams. The Jordan School District Transition Team unanimously agrees that this would be a more sensible date to use for all aspects of the division process. They stated that the further you are from the actual division date, the more the numbers are subject to change. Representatives Mascaro, Bird, and Harper are aware of the reasons for proposing the change in wording and will help to facilitate this proposal. The overall perception seems to be that members of the legislature recognize that an allocation date of 18 months after the election or June 30, 2009 makes sense. Because the New District Transition Team previously expressed their desire to have the date remain as October 31, 2007, Senator Walker has some reservations about making the change. There is also some opposition to the amendment change dealing with a change in the terms for school board members. Another proposal by legislators is to delete section “d” related to agreed value of assets.

Information was shared indicating that Representative Greg Hughes, House Sponsor, is not opposed to the Board Member term amendment or the allocation date. Senator Walker is resistant to any change to the bill that might make it controversial when it goes back to the Senate. Time is of the essence.

The Jordan School District Transition Team is not in favor of the communiqué from Dave Doty regarding the date changes.

4. Update of SB 48

If this Bill comes out of the House, it could go forward; however this does not seem likely. The Republican caucus is not supporting the funding for it; therefore, there may not be equalization legislation in place to help protect the needs of the remaining Jordan School District. This would be unfortunate because, in the beginning, there was a promise made by the legislators to help west side if SB 30 was allowed to pass.

5. Review of Monday, February 25 Informational Meeting

The Transition Team members expressed concern regarding the non-resolution of the date for figuring the division of assets and liabilities. All members of the Jordan School District Transition Team along with all but one of the members of the New District Transition Team reached consensus on using June 30, 2009. They also expressed concern that the Information Systems Department was not able to make their requested presentation. They will be invited back on March 3 to present once again. Their presentation will be followed by a tour of the Information Systems Department at the request of the New District Transition Team.

6. Draper City – Resolution

The Jordan School District Transition Team was made aware of a recent resolution passed by Draper City. Draper City is concerned that the New School District Transition Team or the existing Jordan School Board of Education will want to sell property that has been purchased as possible building sites for a new middle school and/or high school in their city.

7. Town Meetings Scheduled to Discuss Creation of New School District

Received notice that the Education Team is setting up town meetings to discuss the creation of new school district. Want to receive public input regarding what issues are important to them.

8. Database of Assets

Sterling Nielsen agreed to put together a simple database, based on information received from Burke Jolley, outlining the assets to be divided.

The Transition Team concurred that they will not schedule a meeting for Thursday, March 20 which is Spring Break for students and staff of Jordan School District. They will look at canceling a meeting on March 24 as they get closer.

**Closed Session – The Jordan School District Transition Team met in closed session to discuss the specifics of a personnel concern.**