



# The Road Ahead

News from the Jordan School District Board of Education representing the citizens of Bluffdale, Copperton, Herriman, Riverton, South Jordan and West Jordan

## Keeping You Informed

We have been extremely busy since we took the oath of office in July. There is much to be done to continue the respected traditions of Jordan School District. We are honored to do our part and realize the road ahead will be filled with many new opportunities.

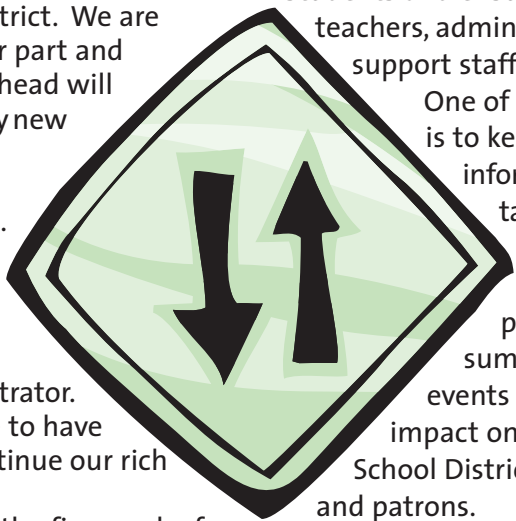
In July, we appointed Barry L. Newbold, Ed.D., as Superintendent of Schools, and D. Burke Jolley as Business Administrator. We feel fortunate to have them help us continue our rich legacy.

We appreciate the fine work of our dedicated employees and the continued efforts of parents and volunteers. You are valuable partners for our success. The coming months will require us to all work together for the good of our 48,000 students.

As a Board of Education, we are committed to providing excellent educational opportunities for all students and ensuring quality teachers, administrators and support staff.

One of our primary goals is to keep patrons informed on important events in our school district. This newsletter provides a brief summary of some key events that will have an impact on the Jordan School District students, staff, and patrons.

We thank you for your support of our students and our schools. Our role as a Board is to ensure that the education our children receive is of exceptional quality and that students and staff feel valued and successful in the process.



### Division of the Existing Jordan School District Assets

Transition teams, appointed by the east-side mayors and remaining school district last December, have been unable to come to agreement on how to divide the District's financial and physical assets. In September an arbitration panel was selected to divide current District assets. Hearings before the arbitration panel will occur Dec. 8-19. A decision on the distribution of assets is expected in January 2009.

### Services Will Not be Shared with Canyons School District

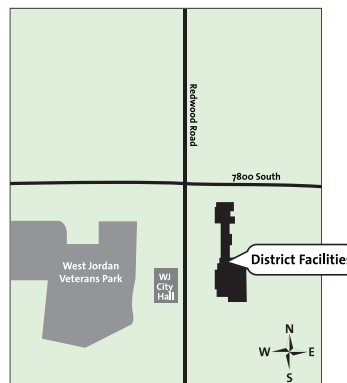
After nearly a month of proposals and counter-proposals, we have determined it is in the best interest of our students and employees to move on without sharing business services. Both the Jordan District and the Canyons District will provide independent services and district departments by July 1, 2009, for payroll, insurance, accounting, information systems, printing, testing and accountability, intra-district mail, library-media, purchasing, nutrition services, building maintenance and repair, building security, energy management, transportation, warehousing, home and hospital services, and community education. The history and copies of these proposals can be found at

[www.jordandistrict.org/division/jsd/shared/](http://www.jordandistrict.org/division/jsd/shared/).

## District Facilities to Relocate in West Jordan

We have leased office space within our District at 7800 S. Redwood Road to house District services. We plan to lease additional space to house District departments that cannot be accommodated at the Redwood location. We estimate it will take seven months to relocate the District facilities and will begin immediately to update the technology infrastructure, remodel the office space and order equipment and furnishings. By acting now, we can be ready to provide services without interruption by July 1, 2009.

In August, the Board purchased 37 acres in Riverton at 4100 W. 13000 South for future Jordan District offices. The Board does not plan to build new District offices for several years.



For up-to-the-minute District updates, please visit us at [www.jordandistrict.org/division/jsd](http://www.jordandistrict.org/division/jsd)

# About the Board

- President **Peggy Jo Kennett**, Precinct 7, was elected to the Jordan Board of Education in 1999 and is serving her third term. She previously served two terms as president and one as vice president. She currently serves as a member of the Utah School Boards Association Board of Directors.
- Vice President **Carmen R. Freeman**, Precinct 1, is an accountant and paralegal for a Salt Lake City law firm.
- **Rick Bojak**, Precinct 4, is a national motivational speaker and seminar leader for Bigger, Faster, Stronger, a company that encourages positive changes in young people through character education and sports fitness. Mr. Bojak, a retired teacher, taught for Jordan District for 28 years and for six years at state universities.
- **Randy S. Brinkerhoff**, Precinct 2, was elected to the Jordan Board of Education in 2003. He also serves as a member of the Riverton City Council and is an operations specialist for Premier Computing Technologies.
- **J. Dale Christensen**, Precinct 3, was elected to the Board of Education in 2005 and was previously appointed in February 2004. He has served as a member of the Granite School District Board of Education, superintendent of Morgan School District, an administrator in Davis School District and an elementary school principal for 16 years and a teacher for two years in Jordan School District
- **Richard S. Osborn**, Precinct 5, has been a teacher for 32 years and is currently a fourth-grade teacher in Granite School District. He retired from teaching in Jordan District after 26 years.
- **Leah Voorhies**, Precinct 6, is a licensed school psychologist who works at the Utah School for the Deaf and the Blind as director of Related Services.



Back row (from left): Rick Bojak, Randy S. Brinkerhoff, Carmen R. Freeman, Richard S. Osborn  
 Front row: Leah Voorhies, J. Dale Christensen, Peggy Jo Kennett

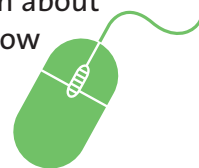
## Board Meets with Community Members, Elected Officials

The Board of Education held two community forums in November. The purposes of the forums were to identify successful programs and services that should continue in the District and to identify desired characteristics of successful schools and the school district. The Board will carefully review and consider the input provided by the community in charting the future of Jordan School District.

The Board also met in November with legislative leaders and mayors in an effort to keep them informed of the division process now underway and to enlist their help in maintaining a quality public education for all students.

## Visit Our Web Site

We encourage you to visit us at [www.jordandistrict.org/division/jsd](http://www.jordandistrict.org/division/jsd). It contains information about our Board meetings, how to contact us, and updated information about the District division. You can also offer your comments or suggestions via the Web site.



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