

**MINUTES**  
**NEW SCHOOL DISTRICT TRANSITION TEAM**  
 Sandy City Hall – 10000 Centennial Parkway Sandy, Utah 84070

**JULY 28, 2008**

Meeting commenced at 4:13 p.m.—East Conference Room

**PRESENT**

**New School District Transition Team (NSDTT) Members:** Chair Steve Newton, Bob Day, LaMont Smith, and Michael Petersen. Mike Shelton arrived at 4:32 p.m.

**Others in Attendance:** Legal Counsel Jeff Shields, NSDTT Support Staff Linda Bullough, Valley Journals Reporter Marie Mischel, and New District Board Members Tracy Cowdell, Sherill Taylor, and Paul McCarty.

**Members Excused:** Vice-Chair Devon Sanderson and Jason Burningham

**WELCOME**—Chair Newton welcomed those in attendance

NSDTT members discussed their belief that the transition teams have statutory responsibility to continue working with the process until a division agreement has been reached, either through negotiation or through arbitration. It was also suggested that the NSDTT should interface regularly with the members of the New District Board of Education.

New District Board President Tracy Cowdell reported that at the July 15, 2008 board meeting, the Board acknowledged and agreed the NSDTT should remain autonomous and apolitical. The Board also passed a motion to either appoint the Board President, Board Vice-President or another board member to serve as Board liaison to the NSDTT. Mr. Cowdell, Mr. Taylor, and Mr. McCarty all felt it was important for the Board and the Transition Team to communicate on a regular basis.

Legal Counsel Jeff Shields reviewed items he needs assistance from board members on.

*Member Shelton arrived at 4:32 p.m.*

**Motion:** Member Petersen moved to approve the NSDTT's 07-21-08 meeting minutes.

**Second:** Member Smith

**Vote/Motion Approved:** Unanimous vote in favor of the motion.

**Motion:** Member Smith moved to go to closed session to discuss issues relating to imminent litigation with Legal Counsel.

**Second:** Member Day

**Vote/Motion Approved:** Unanimous vote in favor of the motion.

Closed session began at 4:33 p.m.

*Mr. Cowdell, Mr. Taylor, and Mr. McCarty left at 5:24 p.m.  
NSDTT members took a dinner break at 5:24 p.m.*

Closed session recommenced at 5:45 p.m.

*Jeff Shields left at 7:45 p.m.*

Open session commenced at 10:07 p.m.

Chair Newton noted the next meeting of the NSDTT will be Thursday, July 31, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. at Sandy City Hall.

Team members indicated the statute specifically states Transition Team's Written Reports are due to the board members of the Existing, New, and Remaining Districts before August 1, 2008. Further changes to the report draft should be finished as quickly as possible and forwarded to Chair Newton.

**Motion:** Member Day moved to adjourn the meeting.

**Second:** Member Smith

**Vote/Motion Approved:** Unanimous vote in favor of the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

*This document, along with the digital recording, shall constitute the complete meeting minutes for the New School District Transition Team meeting.*

*The digital recording of the closed session of this meeting was prepared in accordance with provisions outlined under Utah Code Section 52-4-206, but is not available to the public.*

Minutes submitted by Linda Bullough