

INTERLOCAL COMMITTEE MEETING  
June 16, 2008  
SANDY CITY HALL  
CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM

Attendance:

Mayor Cullimore, Mayor Smith, Mayor Dolan, Mayor Seghini, Board Member Kim Horiuchi, Board Member Tracy Cowdell, Board Member Sherril Taylor, Josh Ewing, Korban Lee, John Hiskey, John Bennion, Rickie McCandless, Sandra Petersen, Liane Stillman, Linda Bullough, Pat Casaday, Steve Chambers – School Board Candidate District 7

3:12 p.m. Mayor Cullimore called the meeting to order

1. Tracy Cowdell brought up a number of legal issues which the new board may want to have legal opinions issued for, such as whether a board member can sit on the new board and not on the school board for the existing school district, or whether or not the school board has the ability to hire personnel other than the superintendent, or whether employees who leave the Jordan School District to work for the new school district can just have a lateral transfer or need to be hired as new employees. Pat Casaday discussed the challenges associated with the Interlocal Committee hiring an attorney to represent the interests of the future school board. Pat was assigned to work on the issue of how to retain an attorney to review these issues.
2. Mayor Cullimore turned the time over to the Education Transition Team.
3. Dr. Bennion distributed a document (Handout #1) showing a summary of the twelve candidates who have applied for the position of superintendent. Three applicants are in-state, three are from New York, and no applicants are currently employees of the Jordan School District.
4. Dr. Bennion reported that he met Margaret Hunt who is working on a grant to fund arts specialists positions for some schools in the state, including the Jordan School District. These positions will be funded for four years. Dr. Bennion will follow up with Ms. Hunt to see if there may be a possibility of getting some of the specialists for the new school district.

5. Dr. Bennion reviewed with the Interlocal Committee the timeline school districts are facing if they want to apply for a portion of the \$20 million the state has set aside for performance pay grants among school districts. The Education Transition team is looking into applying for some grant money to use during the planning year to plan for a performance pay structure for the new school district. Kim Horiuchi reported that a grant application from the Jordan School District is on the agenda for the JSD School Board to consider tomorrow. Dr. Bennion is going to see what happens at the School Board Meeting before determining whether or not the Education Transition Team will put together an application.

6. Dr. Bennion reviewed with the Interlocal Committee the meeting the Education Transition Team held with the east side principals and administrators. About 35 administrators came to the meeting and there was a lively discussion and an opportunity to correct some of the misunderstandings that have been perpetuated. Dr. Bennion also reported that at the second teachers' meeting, about 25 teachers showed up. Korban was asked to put on the agenda for next week a follow up discussion about addressing and fixing some of the rumors.

7. Rickie McCandless reported on the further contacts the Education Transition Team has made with the Utah State Retirement System. URS has stated they are comfortable setting up the account for the new school district as long as they have the official creation documents for the new school district. Korban is working on getting those documents from the Lt. Governor's Office. URS will also use a name as a place holder until the new school board determines a name for the new school district, at which time, URS will complete a name upgrade.

8. Mayor Cullimore reviewed the list of action items for the week and removed several items, including the need to follow up with the Governor's Office regarding a special session and the need to follow up with the state retirement system regarding their requirement to name the new school district. Mayor Cullimore noted that Pat Casaday was assigned to work on the issue of retaining an attorney for the new school district.

9. While reviewing the action items, Tracy Cowdell reported on the need to talk with bond counsel regarding bond liability reapportionment. Mr. Cowdell noted that he has met with representatives from George K. Baum and Associates and Ballard Spahr and discussed with them how bond

liabilities might legally be reapportioned. He explained that bond counsel said that there are essentially three ways bond liabilities could be reapportioned, (1) reapportioning the debt by interlocal agreement between the two entities involved, (2) completing a restructure or refinancing of all the debt issued, and (3) if all parties are in agreement, you can go to the legislature and request them to make a statutory exception. Mayor Cullimore and Tracy Cowdell discussed the pros and cons of some of the options.

10. Mayor Cullimore noted that the KSL Editorial Board is set to meet with representatives from the Interlocal Committee tomorrow at 1:30 p.m. Mayor Cullimore asked if this meeting could be moved to the following week due to the limited availability of the Mayors. Josh Ewing called KSL and made the arrangements to move the meeting to the following Tuesday, 6/24/08 at 1:30 p.m.

11. Linda Bullough reported that by next week, the Asset Transition Team will have an estimated budget and plan for arbitration.

12. Mayor Dolan made a motion to approve the minutes for the 6/2/08 and 6/9/08 Interlocal Committee Meetings. Mayor Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

13. Josh Ewing took a few minutes to explain to the Interlocal Committee what to expect when meeting with the KSL Editorial Board. He noted that the presentation portion of the meeting by the mayors should be kept to no more than 10-15 minutes at the most. Mayor Cullimore asked everyone to review the talking points from the previous meeting with the Deseret News Editorial Board and see if they can draw out of those talking points the main highlights which should be discussed with KSL.

14. Mayor Smith made a motion to adjourn. Mayor Seghini seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 4:06 p.m.