

Board Work Meeting Agenda

Date: February 11, 2025 **Time:** 5:30 p.m.

Location: Wayne High School Room # 119

Attendance: Liz Torgerson, Jim Lamb, Curtis Whipple, Shawn Davis, Charlene VanDyke, Randy Shelley, Cory Anderson. Not Attending: Russell VanDyke

Meeting Purpose:

To discuss construction plans for the new elementary school and the new district office in Wayne County. Meeting will include prioritization of building needs, review of proposed changes, cost evaluations, and allocation of available district funds.

1. Call to Order - Liz Torgerson

- a. Pledge
- b. Reverence by Curtis Whipple

Statement of Meeting's Purpose - Liz stated the purpose of this work meeting is to discuss construction plans for the new elementary school and the new district office in Wayne County. Meeting will include prioritization of building needs, review of proposed changes, cost evaluations, and allocation of available district funds.

2. Citizen Comments

- a. Thomas Hunter - Spoke to traffic management and safety concerns and made several suggestions to address these concerns
 - b. Cathy Brian - Spoke to the benefits of physical education for students and the need for an adequately sized gymnasium to facilitate PE
 - c. Tacey Wood - Thanked the board for their work in providing new facilities for the district, spoke to the benefits to students and the community if the gymnasium were enlarged to regulation size and asked several questions regarding the bid process for the project
 - d. April Torgerson - Spoke to the benefits of increasing the gymnasium size, suggested spending less on or postponing the district office space if it could help with the gym
 - e. Linda Dewey - Spoke to the need to get input from teachers in the design, increasing the gymnasium size and planning for costs to run and maintain the facility in the future
 - f. Jason Jackson - Spoke to the need for another gymnasium in the community
- All written comments will be added to the minutes as addenda

3. Board Member Priorities for the New Elementary School

- a. Charlene - Safety of students and faculty, upkeep and maintenance
- b. Shawn - Adequate room size, appropriate kitchen, student pick-up/drop-off zones, appropriate technology and systems
- c. Curtis - Safety, adequate gym space storage, full service kitchen
- d. Liz - Playground and outdoor space, safety, gym space, technology, copy rooms on both levels
- e. Jim - Faculty and staff safety, technology, pre-k restrooms, updating existing gym, adequate furnishings, storage for classrooms

4. Presentation from School Administration - Principal Wendy Potter

Wendy thanked the citizens for their comments then presented priorities from the elementary staff which include:

- a. Teacher desks in the classroom
- b. Cubbies and coat reaches in the classrooms
- c. Pre-K and kindergarten storage
- d. 2 toilets in the pre-k and kindergarten restrooms
- e. Remove open walkway in between pre-k and kindergarten rooms
- f. Copy machines on both floors
- g. Staff restrooms, men's and women's
- h. Multi-purpose room storage
- i. Multi-purpose room steps recessed
- j. Full size kitchen
- k. Full size gymnasium
- l. Quiet room hallway access
- m. Adequate funding to furnish

5. Review of Proposed Changes to Drafted Construction Plans

Superintendent Shelley gave a history of funding process then presented plans for new elementary and district office space with proposed changes addressing public concerns.

6. Cost Analysis & Construction Budget Review

Cory Anderson and Superintendent Shelley presented a cost analysis of the proposed projects and budget review of where the district stands financially for capital projects. Highlights are as follows:

- a. New elementary 45,000 sq. ft.
- b. With proposed changes, cost of elementary estimated at just over \$23 million
- c. District office estimated at \$3.6 million
- d. Earned over \$4 million in interest while building high school
- e. Estimate earning \$1.2 million while building elementary school

f. High school auditorium upgrades estimated at \$640,000

Board was asked to individually evaluate all information presented and be prepared to take action in regular board meeting held February 12, 2025.

Meeting adjourned at 7:26pm.

From: Bill Barrett bbarrett84775@gmail.com
Subject: Comment Re: Elementary School building
Date: Feb 11, 2025 at 15:44:22
To: board@waynesd.org

I am unable to be at the meeting tonight regarding the programming for the new elementary school building in Bicknell. But I would like to submit a comment:

You've just opened a new highschool/middle school in 2024 and will likely open a new middle school in 2026. This is helpful in one sense; almost everything will be new and thus will require less immediate maintenance or repair. Unfortunately, because both buildings will be of roughly the same age, various parts of these two new buildings - such as HVAC, roofs, windows, and much more - will start failing or need replacement on roughly the same schedule.

I think it would be smart to immediately establish a replacement "sinking fund" to pay for these expensive repairs 15 to 30 years from now. If the school district starts now, the annual contribution to the fund will not be burdensome, while paying for a new roof all at once in 25 years could be a big hit to the annual budget.

Just a suggestion. Best regards, Bill Barrett, Torrey

I don't have a whole bunch to say, But I did want to express some concern over a few things.

#1 I feel like some effort on the part of the school board should have been made to discuss the plans for the gym with PE teachers especially those who will be utilizing the every day. I know that this is the first year that I have taught PE in our elementary school but there is a lot of input that I could give to the school board members. I know that the plans are being discussed and that building a bigger gymnasium is being considered according to funds etc. but, according to the plans now, the gym that the plans propose is smaller than the one we currently have. It shows no storage closet for any equipment, no drinking fountains. I seriously hope that we slow down for just a second and look at a few details that need to be considered despite how insignificant they may seem.

#2 Physical activity is not something that should be considered insignificant. Studies show that kids who lack in the amount of physical activity they get suffer in the classroom especially in reading and math.

I am aware that you all know that or at least are aware that physical activity is vital to academic success as well as physical health' My main concern is that the weather and elevation of our county is not such that we can simply fence off a nice grassy piece of land and throw a bunch of jump ropes and balls out and expect that we are supplying what our kids need to benefit them overall. As it is right now the gym that we have in the elementary school doesn't even come close to providing what we need to raise healthy intelligent children. Right now they each get 30 minutes of PE once a week if they're lucky. On average at least one class a week misses PE because of other activities that need to take place in our gym, not to mention that we have to share the gym with lunch and breakfast time. The lunchroom tables are down 5 out of the seven hours of each school day.

We need to do better for our kids. When the weathers bad we take our children who have been sitting at a desk most of the day and the only option we have to give them other than going outside into the freezing weather or storm is to sit down again and watch a movie. And we all know that there are a lot of days that the weather keeps the kids indoors

In just 5 short months I have seen some major benefits that come from a PE class Kids have learned to own their mistakes. They have learned to call themselves out. They have felt the honor of being honest they've received pats on the back and high fives for being able to graciously get out at kickball or foursquare or dodge ball. They've learned that tantrums don't get them anything out of life, that the only thing to do is to get up and get back into the game or they miss out. So many good things come from what a full sized gym has to offer. Please, please !think long and hard about this decision. Lets do it for the kids.

Dear Wayne School District School Board,

We would like to begin by expressing our collective gratitude for your hard work and commitment in planning the new elementary school. The entire community is excited about the positive impact this new facility will have on our students, staff, and the broader community. We appreciate the progress that has been made, and we are optimistic about the future of our educational system.

However, many members of the community have raised concerns regarding the size of the gymnasium in the new school design. Specifically, we understand that the current plan includes a gym that is smaller than our current elementary school gym. While we understand there may be budgetary constraints, we kindly request that the board reconsider increasing the gym size to meet the needs of our growing student body and to better serve our students.

A regulation-sized gym would have a significant long-term impact, both academically and socially. As a growing community, we need to consider the future of our students and provide them with the best possible opportunities. A larger gym would accommodate physical education classes, parent and community events, sports programs, and allow for more flexibility in scheduling and activities. Many students currently face challenges due to the lack of gym space, such as early morning and late evening practices for sports teams, which affect their rest and academic performance. A larger gym would alleviate these scheduling conflicts and ensure our students are better prepared for their education.

Additionally, a full-sized gym would provide ample space for parent involvement activities, student showcases, and community events that currently feel cramped. Events like art showcases, assemblies, and other activities often require more space to ensure participation from families and community members. A larger gym would not only support school activities but could also host tournaments and local events that benefit both our schools and local businesses.

We understand that funding is always a consideration in any large project, but we believe the additional investment in a regulation-size gym will have a positive financial impact in the long run. Larger facilities can generate revenue through hosting regional tournaments, sports events, and other community gatherings. This could help offset some of the initial construction costs, while providing long-term benefits to our schools, students and the local economy. In addition, a gym of this size would reduce the financial strain of having to expand or build new facilities in the future, making it a prudent and forward-thinking decision.

Our community has waited for this new school for many years, and we hope that the school's facilities will serve us for decades to come. Investing in a full-sized gym will provide space for physical fitness, sports events, and extracurricular activities.

We are excited for the future and grateful for your consideration of this request. We hope you will consider the long-term impact of this decision and provide the space our children and community truly need. We won't have the opportunity to build another school or have funding like this for decades. Let's do this right the first time and not have to fix it later.

We also have a few questions concerning the bid process. If these can be addressed later in this meeting that would be helpful.

1. Will the school be put out for bid for a general contractor considering the old bid is over 2 years old?
2. If not, why? Aren't we required to re-bid with newly allocated public funds?

3. How will you guarantee that we are getting the best pricing if we don't have current bids to compare to?
4. Will the bid or bids be available to the public?

Thank you for your time and dedication to our children's education.

Sincerely,

Concerned parents and community members of Wayne County

Wayne School Board Work Meeting. 02/11/2025 5:30 PM

SUBJECT: Public Comments RE: Traffic Safety Considerations for the New Elementary School-Bicknell, UT

According to the latest data available from the US Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, “from 2013 to 2022 there were 976 fatal school-transportation-related traffic crashes, and 1,082 people of all ages were killed in those crashes—an average of 108 fatalities per year.” Source: <https://crashstats.nhtsa.dot.gov/Api/Public/ViewPublication/813600> (hardcopy provided)

Bottom Line Up Front: Traffic safety in school zones can be a matter of life and death. Tragedy can strike in an instant. On the brighter side, adequate planning for traffic safety measures, education and enforcement goes a long way to mitigate the risk of serious injury for students, parents and faculty. As we celebrate the plans for our New Elementary School in Bicknell, please consider the following recommendations for improving traffic safety as well:

(1). Develop route plans to minimize congestion during peak times on Center Street, 100 North and 100 West

- Student drop-off (7:45-8:15 AM) & Student pick-up (3:15-3:45 PM)
- After hours school activities and events

(2). Include Traffic Safety Planning and NEW signage to include:

- Designated ingress and egress routes for school bus (only) traffic.
- Designated ingress and egress routes for all other automobile traffic.
- Where possible, select designated routes that mitigate crossing oncoming traffic lanes.
- Ensure compliance with UDOT Safe Routes (<https://saferoutes.utah.gov>) for elementary students who walk or bike to school.
- Consider use of Crossing Guards during peak traffic times.
- Plan for adequate parking areas to minimize roadway parking.
- Conduct annual traffic safety instruction/refreshers for students and provide “Back-to School” information brochures for parents and carpools.
- Publish routes and plans on the school district websites, social media, and local newspapers.

(3). Consider roadway surface improvements and new lane markings to include crosswalks, traffic controls and school zone signage for the key intersections in Bicknell.

- Center Street & UT 24 (Main)
- 100 West & UT 24 (Main)
- Reduced speed restrictions and traffic warning signals (7:45-8:15 AM and 3:15-3:35 PM)
- Increased speed limit enforcement on US 24 (Main) during peak traffic times.

Comments submitted to Wayne County School Board and Bicknell Town in advance, via email.

Kind Regards,

Thomas E. Hunter
Bicknell resident
Cell: 913.680.9777
thunter@clearcreeklimited.com