

**THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SALT LAKE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

March 6, 2024

The Board of Education of Salt Lake City School District met in a Board Meeting and Closed Executive Session at 5:03 p.m. on Wednesday, March 6, 2024, in the Board Room of the Administration Building at 465 South 400 East, Suite 300, Salt Lake City, Utah.

**ROLL CALL**

Members Present: President Nate Salazar (remote), Vice President Bryce Williams, Ashley Anderson, Mohamed Baayd (remote), Bryan Jensen, Kristi Swett (remote, arrived at 5:54 p.m.), and student member, Jaziayah Evans.

Members Excused: Jenny Sika

Also Present: Elizabeth Grant, Superintendent; Alan Kearsley, Business Administrator; Isaac Astill, Executive Director of Auxiliary Services; Sandra Buendia, Executive Director of Educational Equity and Student Services; Yándary Chatwin, Executive Director of Communications and Community Relations; Logan Hall, Executive Director of Human Resource Services; Tiffany Hall, Executive Director of Teaching and Learning; Kristina Kindl, General Counsel; Leeson Taylor, Chief Officer of School Leadership and Performance; Sam Quantz, Chief Information Officer; Christy Hart, Director of Finance; April Johnson, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent; and others.

In accordance with the agenda prepared for the Board Meeting on March 6, 2024, two motions were made. Items are reported as listed on the agenda and not necessarily in the order they were considered.

1. **BOARD MEETING OPENS**

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Williams, who presided.

2. **CLOSED SESSION**

At 5:03 p.m. the motion was made:

\*(1) That the Board meet in closed session for a strategy session to discuss collective bargaining. The motion was approved unanimously.

\*\* (Jensen and Anderson)

Present for the closed session were President Salazar, Vice President Williams, Ashley Anderson, Mohamed Baayd, Bryan Jensen, Elizabeth Grant, Alan Kearsley, and Logan Hall.

3. PUBLIC MEETING CONVENES

A. OPENING ITEMS

1. Welcome

Vice President Williams welcomed everyone to the meeting. He recognized Bri Deleon and Adrienne Lobato representing the Salt Lake Association of School Administrators (“SLASA”), James Tobler and Mike Harmon representing the Salt Lake Education Association (“SLEA”), Chris Krogh representing the Salt Lake Transportation Association, Elia Ocampo representing the Buildings and Grounds Association, and Tonya Slaughter representing Child Nutrition.

VOTE RECORD	AYE	ABSTAIN	NAY	ABSENT
WILLIAMS	1,2			
SIKA				X
ANDERSON	1,2			
SALAZAR	1,2			
BAAYD	1,2			
JENSEN	1,2			
SWETT	2			1
A Absent	Ab Abstention	F Failed		
N "No" Vote	NA No Action	T Tabled		
W Withdrawn	*Unanimous Approval			
**Members Making Motion				

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Business Administrator Alan Kearsley led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

3. West High School Report on Black History Historical Site Visits.

West High Assistant Principal Kenny Auld, Black Student Union advisor Denny Aldridge, and West High School students spoke of their experiences on a four-day tour of black history historical sites in Atlanta, Georgia sponsored by Delta Airlines, the Utah Jazz, and the Close Up Foundation.

B. CONSENT AGENDA

\*(2) A motion was made that the Board approve the 11 items on the Consent Agenda as listed below. The motion was approved unanimously.

\*\* (Anderson and Jensen)

1. Purchases/Accounting Reports

- a. Increase-Alpine Cleaning
- b. Increase-Peterson Plumbing
- c. Under 50K Change Orders and POs; Under 50K POs (Excel)
- d. Budget Report
- e. Payment Voucher Report

- f. School Financial Reports
- g. Administrative Stipend Report
- 2. Minutes for the Board Meeting, February 20, 2024
- 3. Human Resource Services Report
- 4. Recommendations for Overnight Travel
- 5. Safe Schools Case #24-052

C. REQUEST TO SPEAK

Jenny Makosky expressed thanks for the changes to staff allocations. Her daughter Nora presented her idea for the Hawthorne campus to become a community center and orchard.

Brady Tanner, Diane Crim, Brittany Dame, and Sydney Stringham spoke about current challenges facing middle schools and asked the district to consider how to best alleviate these challenges in the future.

Terry Marasco discussed the challenges created by students using cell phones in classrooms.

D. REPORTS

1. Debt Service Fund Budget

Alan Kearsley reviewed the debt service fund budget, including payments, revenue, rates, and balances. He gave the timeline for the 2024-2025 budget process.

2. School Closure and Boundary Adjustment Transition Activities Update

Superintendent Dr. Elizabeth Grant provided an update about open enrollment, staffing allocations, and enrollment timelines. She indicated that district staff are meeting with community leaders to create safe walking and biking routes, and the Salt Lake Education Foundation is working with community groups to ensure a smooth transition of services. She thanked school administrators, teachers, and school community council (SCC) chairs for their efforts in building new communities through the transition process.

3. Strategic Plan Implementation Update

Executive Director of Educational Equity and Student Support Dr. Sandra Buendia highlighted accomplishments with the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Student Achievement. Dr. Buendia indicated that the plan will be updated based on feedback the district receives from the Board and the Strategic Plan Advisory Council.

4. Legislative Session Recap

Executive Director of Communications and Community Relations Yándary Chatwin gave an update on the 2024 legislative session, in which she reviewed new legislation

affecting the district. Superintendent Grant reiterated that the district will always be welcoming and inclusive to all students and their families.

E. DISCUSSION AGENDA

1. Annual Training for 2024-2025 LAND Trust Plans

Area Directors Lisa Young and Tracy Vandeventer provided the annual training to the Board on the School LAND Trust program. They reviewed the responsibilities and processes the Board and school community council must follow for reviewing LAND Trust and school improvement plans.

F. PUBLIC HEARING ON THE Draft 2024-2025 STUDENT FEE SCHEDULE

1. Request to speak on the Draft 2024-2025 Student Fee Schedule
  - a. Pre-K, Elementary, and Middle School Fees Schedule
  - b. High School Fees Schedule
  - c. UHSAA High School Fees Schedule

No members of the public chose to speak on the draft 2024-2025 student fee schedules.

G. ACTION AGENDA

No items were moved to the action agenda.

H. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Grant encouraged everyone to attend the district's Secondary Visual Art Show at Salt Lake Community College next week. She provided updates on full-day kindergarten, middle school history fairs, Battle of the Books, and WIDA testing. She congratulated National STEM winners Alex Hernandez Juarez, Sanskriti Negri and Nina Zhu from West High School, the Math Educator of the Month Sammie Hansen.

I. BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS

Board Member Baayd wished everyone a happy Women's Month.

Board Member Jensen thanked Board members for advocating for education during the legislative session and highlighted the Utah School Boards Association (USBA) regional meetings on March 7<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and 13<sup>th</sup>. He also indicated that he would be serving as a representative on the USBA Executive Committee.

Board Member Anderson informed everyone that various West High School student clubs had planned a vigil for Nex Benedict on Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, and invited everyone to attend. She congratulated students who participated in the University of Utah Science and Engineering Fair, and gave an update from the finance committee that the district internal audit has begun.

Student Board Member Evans wished everyone a happy Women's History Month.

Vice President Williams offered condolences to Mont Millerberg's family and the Canyons School District.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Vice President Williams at 8:05 p.m.

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Alan Kearsley  
Business Administrator

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**Salt Lake City School District  
Addition to the Minutes of the Board Meeting 3/6/2024**

\*The Official Minutes of the Board Meeting held on March 6, 2024, will be posted upon approval by the Board of Education.

**OFFICIAL EXHIBITS OF BOARD MEETING**

Official exhibits provided to the Board and made available to the public as part of the meeting agenda can be found [here](#).

**ADDITION TO THE MINUTES**

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The following information was distributed in the public meeting of the Board, and has been included in the minutes at the request of the Board member(s): None

Additions to the minutes:

[2024 Bill Tracking](#)

[2024 Legislative Session Recap](#)

[Public Comment Handout-Brady Tanner](#)