

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SALT LAKE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board Meeting Minutes

March 19, 2024

The Board of Education of Salt Lake City School District met in a Board Meeting in the Board Room at 5:03 p.m. on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at 465 South 400 East, Suite 300, Salt Lake City, Utah.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: President Nate Salazar, Vice President Bryce Williams, Jenny Sika, Ashley Anderson, Mohamed Baayd, Kristi Swett, and student member, Jaziayah Evans.

Members Excused: Bryan Jensen

Also Present: Elizabeth Grant, Superintendent; Alan Kearsley, Business Administrator; Isaac Astill, Executive Director of Auxiliary 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 19, 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 CONVENES

A. OPENING ITEMS

1. Welcome

President Salazar welcomed everyone to the meeting. He recognized Linda Lesue representing the Salt Lake Association of School Administrators (“SLASA”), James Tobler, Mike Harmon, and Becky Bissegger 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.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Director of the Salt Lake Education Foundation James Yapias led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

3. Recognitions

The recognition of the 2024-25 Student Board Member and 2024-25 Alternate Student Board Member was postponed to a later date.

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W Withdrawn	*Unanimous Approval			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

B. CONSENT AGENDA

*(1) A motion was made that the Board approve the 16 items on the Consent Agenda as listed below. The motion was approved unanimously.

** (Swett and Baayd)

1. Purchases/Accounting Reports
 - a. Increase-Eide Bailly
 - b. Increase-Rocky Mountain Power
 - c. Increase-Utah Department of Workforce Services
 - d. Custodial Supplies-Hyko
 - e. Lego Sets-Lego Education
 - f. Pavilion-Sonntag
 - g. Tynker Program-Tynker
 - h. Under 50K Change Orders and POs; Under 50K POs (Excel)
2. Minutes for the Board Meeting-March 6, 2024
3. Human Resource Services Report
4. Safe Schools Cases #24-070
5. Appointment of 2024-25 Student Board Member
6. 2024-25 Student Overnight Travel
7. Athletics Program Supervisor Position Proposal
8. LEA Specific License Request
9. Board Calendar Update

C. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public Hearing on the Draft 2024-2025 Student Fee Schedules
 - 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. A written comment was received and is attached to the minutes.

D. Reports

1. 2024-25 Preliminary Property Tax Rates

Business Administrator Alan Kearsley reviewed the current assessed valuation, certified tax rate, and tax rate history. He reported that the district does not plan to ask for a change in the certified tax rate for the upcoming year. Kearsley also indicated the steps remaining to finalize the 2024-25 budget.

2. Utah Transit Authority (UTA) Bus Pass Use

James Yapias and UTA Fare Strategy Manager Kensey Kunkel presented data on student, guardian, and staff use of UTA bus passes. They also highlighted that UTA passes are provided to students, a guardian, and staff of the district through a partnership with Salt Lake City, Salt Lake Education Foundation, and the UTA.

3. School Closure and Boundary Adjustment Transition Activities Update

Superintendent Elizabeth Grant provided an update on transition activities including data and timelines related to open enrollment. She thanked the Teaching and Learning department, Buildings and Grounds division, and the excellent team that has been working to support families at the YWCA. Dr. Grant reported that schools are planning spring events for families and the community. She stated, the transition offers “a moment to do something different and better in our schools.”

E. STUDY SESSION:

1. Early Childhood/Pre-K Education

Executive Director of Teaching and Learning Dr. Tiffany Hall, Director of Early Childhood Audrey Powell, and Early Childhood Coordinator Robin Johnson presented on the district’s early childhood/Pre-K education programs, which included information on optimal learning windows, developmentally appropriate practices, kindergarten readiness, and available Pre-K classes for the 2024-25 school year.

F. ACTION AGENDA

1. 2024-25 Student Fee Schedule and Board Policy S-10 Student Fees and Fee Waivers

*(2) A motion was made for the Board to approve Board Policy S-10: Student Fees and Fee Waivers, the S-10: Administrative Procedures, and the proposed Student Fee Schedules for the 2024-25 school year.

The motion was approved unanimously.

** (Swett and Sika)

F. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Grant thanked the Board for approving the virtual Board meeting on April 1 at 6:30 p.m.

G. BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS

Board Member Anderson encouraged parent-teacher organizations to apply for the Artist in the Classroom grant. She congratulated the 2023-24 Visual Art Show, Best in Show winner, Foss Goodwin.

Board Member Swett encouraged Board members to attend and participate in the Joint Legislative Committee meeting on April 17th and May 15th.

Board President Salazar offered condolences to the Bryant Middle School community on the recent passing of a student. He shared his enjoyment in attending the Clayton Middle School play and announced the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the West High School Clinic.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by President Salazar at 8:07 p.m.

Alan Kearsley
Business Administrator

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**Salt Lake City School District
Addition to the Minutes of the Board Meeting 03/19/2024**

*The Official Minutes of the Board Meeting held on March 19, 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:

[Written public comment–Russell Askren](#)