

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SALT LAKE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Special Board Meeting
and Closed Executive Session

April 25, 2016

The Board of Education of Salt Lake City School District met in a Special Board Meeting and Closed Executive Session at 6:06 p.m. on Monday, April 25, 2016, in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 440 East 100 South, Salt Lake City, Utah.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: President Heather Bennett, Vice President Tiffany Sandberg, J. Michael Clára, Melissa Ford, Katherine Kennedy, and Kristi Swett.

Members Excused: Rosemary Emery, and Cristian Cortes, Student Member.

Also Present: Michael Williams, Director of Development and External Relations; Kim Knettles, Interim Title I Director/Family and School Collaboration; Jared Wright, Dilworth Elementary School Principal; Ana Park, Vice President, Salt Lake Education Association; Jason Olsen, Public Information Officer; Allison Sisam, Business Administration Office; and others in the audience.

In accordance with the agenda prepared for the Special Board Meeting of Monday, April 25, 2016, three motions were made. Items are reported as listed in the agenda and not necessarily in the order they were considered.

1. BOARD CONVENES

- The meeting was called to order by President Bennett, who presided.
- General Announcements

2. CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Character, Professional Competence, or Physical or Mental Health of an Individual

At 6:06 p.m. a motion was made:

^A(1) That the board meet in Closed Executive Session to consider character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual. Approval was given to the motion on a vote of 5 to 0 with Mr. Clára absent at the time of the vote.

** (Ford and Sandberg)

Present for the Closed Session for Character, Professional Competence, or Physical or Mental Health of an Individual were Heather Bennett, Tiffany Sandberg, Melissa Ford (leaving at 6:12 p.m.), Katherine Kennedy, Kristi Swett, and Florence Vincent, board legal counsel from Prince, Yeates and Geldzahler.

VOTE RECORD	AYE	NAY	ABSENT
BENNETT	X		
CLÁRA	3		1 & 2
EMERY			X
FORD	1 & 3		2
KENNEDY	X		
SANDBERG	X		
SWETT	X		
A Absent	Ab Abstention	F Failed	
N "No" Vote	NA No Action	T Tabled	
W Withdrawn	*Unanimous Approval		
**Members Making Motion			

Board members adjourned from the Closed Executive Session for character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual at 6:12 p.m.

Litigation, Negotiations and/or Property

At 6:14 p.m. a motion was made:

^(2) That the board meet in Closed Executive Session to consider Contract Negotiations. Approval was given to the motion on a vote of 4 to 0 with Mr. Clára and Ms. Ford absent at the time of the vote.

** (Kennedy and Bennett)

Present for the Closed Session for Litigation, Negotiations and/or Property were Heather Bennett, Tiffany Sandberg, Katherine Kennedy, Kristi Swett, and Florence Vincent, board legal counsel from Prince, Yeates and Geldzahler

Board members adjourned from the Closed Executive Session for Litigation, Negotiations and/or Property at 7:05 p.m.

3. SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

At 8:00 p.m. President Bennett opened the Special Board Meeting. She welcomed those in attendance at the Special Board Meeting of the Salt Lake City School District convened for the sole purpose of the appointment of Superintendent of Schools.

Janet Barnette, Wasatch Elementary School Community Council Chair, led the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. ACTION AGENDA

Prior to the motion, President Bennett expressed appreciation to everyone who had participated in the process. She said the process was designed to maximize stakeholder input and briefly recounted the process that had been used. She said the input had been used to develop an "Emerging Leadership Profile" of qualities for the next leader of the district. She said 33 applications had been received, those had been narrowed down to 8 for a semi-final round of interviews, which had been narrowed to 3

for the final round. She said it has been a great experience for the board to come together for what she feels will be the most important decision they will have to make.

1. Appointment of Superintendent of Schools effective July 1, 2016, to June 30, 2018.

*(3) A motion was made that the Board of Education appoint Dr. Alexa Cunningham as the Superintendent of Salt Lake City School District.

** (Swett and Kennedy)

Prior to voting on the motion, board members each spoke to the motion, the process, and the appointment of Dr. Cunningham. During their comments board members shared how they feel Dr. Cunningham displays the following qualities from the "Emerging Leadership Profile:"

- Focus on Students – addresses issues, such as student needs, buildings, assessment, and system, without detracting from the primary goal of educating students
- Successful Instructional leader
- Committed to cultural diversity and equity
- Communication
- Leadership in an Urban Setting
- Understands Shared Governance and collaboration
- Willing to be held accountable
- Open and transparent
- Reduces the achievement gap
- Effective partner with the legislature
- Vision and Visability

Board members expressed their appreciation for all the input they received, their appreciation for the efforts and insight of their fellow board members, and their desire to move forward in cooperation and open and transparent discussions so that every student receives the highest quality education and every opportunity they need to be successful.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Following a motion by Ms. Swett, seconded by Ms. Sandberg, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Janet M. Roberts
Business Administrator

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