

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SALT LAKE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board Study Session  
and Closed Executive Session

March 15, 2016

The Board of Education of Salt Lake City School District met in a Board Study Session and Closed Executive Session at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 15, 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, Rosemary Emery, Melissa Ford, Katherine Kennedy, and Kristi Swett.

Members Excused: Christian Cortes, Student Member.

Also Present: Superintendent McKell Withers; Janet Roberts, Business Administrator; Kristina Kindl, Director of Policy and Legal Services; Kathleen Christy, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Equity and Advocacy; Craig Ruesch, Interim Executive Director, Human Resources; Barbara Kuehl, Chief Academic Officer; Michael Williams, Director of Development and External Relations; Jim Hager and Darlene Schottle, Atlantic Research Partners; Jason Olsen, Public Information Officer; Allison Sisam, Business Administration Office; and others in the audience.

In accordance with the agenda prepared for the Board Study Session of March 15, 2016, two motions were made. Items are reported as listed in the agenda and not necessarily in the order they were considered.

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

1. BOARD STUDY SESSION

- President Bennett welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- Jason Olsen led the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

A. CONSENT AGENDA

\*(1) A motion was made that the board approve the one item included in the Consent Agenda. This item is listed below.

\*\* (Swett and Emery)

1. The Purchasing Report dated March 15, 2016, included a breakdown of items costing over and under \$50,000, and increases to existing purchase orders.

VOTE RECORD	AYE	NAY	ABSENT
BENNETT	X		
CLÁRA	X		
EMERY	X		
FORD	X		
KENNEDY	X		
SANDBERG	X		
SWETT	X		

B. ACTION AGENDA

There were no Action Items.

C. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Miscellaneous Updates:

Superintendent Withers distributed a draft of 2015-16 High School Graduation/ Commencement Responsibilities. He noted the following change to the draft: SLCSE's graduation will be held on June 3, 2016, 6:00 pm., at Libby Gardner Hall. He asked board members to let him know which Graduation/ Commencement ceremonies they were interested in attending. A copy has been added to the official minutes.

A Absent	Ab Abstention	F Failed
N "No" Vote	NA No Action	T Tabled
W Withdrawn	*Unanimous Approval	
**Members Making Motion		

Superintendent Withers distributed a booklet entitled "Your Local School Board." He and board member Swett said it is a great resource from the Utah School Boards Association that could be shared with individuals interested in the school board.

New Laws, Veto Requests, and State Budget. Superintendent Withers distributed a handout entitled "2016 Utah Legislature Public Education Bills – Final." He said it Includes a summary of all the bills that were tracked by USBA and the Joint Legislative Committee. A copy has been added to the official minutes. He noted next week they should get an update from the State Office on anything that might need to be reviewed locally. He said he felt the 3% increase in the WPU was disappointing in light of all the resources available and noted it was significantly less than what the governor had recommended for K-12 education.

Other Items. President Bennett said Business Administrator Roberts is continuing to update a list of requests board members would like to look at for funding. She said if board members have additional items they would like to add to send them directly to Ms. Roberts and send a copy to her.

Board member Emery said she attended a meeting yesterday at Parkview on the proposed name change. She said she was surprised to see the Administrative Procedures for the policy had been changed and the board had not been made aware of the changes. She said she felt one of the changes had been major and she thought before a major change in Administrative Procedures went into effect the board was supposed to review the changes. The matter was referred to the Policy Sub-committee for follow-up.

D. ADJOURNMENT

2. CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Litigation, Negotiations, and/or Property

There was no Closed Executive Session for Litigation, Negotiations, and/or Property.

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

At 10:19 a.m. a motion was made:

\*(2)That the board meet in Closed Executive Session on March 15, 2016, at 10:19 a.m. to consider character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual.

\*\* (Kennedy and Sandberg)

Present for Closed Session were Heather Bennett, Tiffany Sandberg, J. Michael Clára, Rosemary Emery, Melissa Ford, Katherine Kennedy, Kristi Swett, and Jim Hager and Darlene Schottle, from Atlantic Research Partners. Superintendent Withers and Business Administrator Roberts left the Closed Executive Session immediately following the motion.

Board members adjourned from the Closed Executive Session for character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual at 2:57 p.m.

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Janet M. Roberts  
Business Administrator

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**Salt Lake City School District**  
**Addition to the Minutes of the Board Study Session 3/15/2016**

\*The Official Minutes of the Board Study Session held on March 15, 2016, 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**

The Board of Education of Salt Lake City School District acts by vote of a majority of the board members in an open and public meeting. Statements by individual board members, in or out of board meetings, written, oral or in social media, do not necessarily represent the views of the majority of the board or any other board member. Nevertheless, out of respect to the elected office that each board member holds and consistent with state law and board policy, the board allows its members to attach to board meeting minutes any other information that any member requests. When the board votes to approve minutes, that vote signifies that the minutes are a correct record of what occurred and what was asked to be included in the minutes. It does not signify any individual board member's agreement with the substance of the content.

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):

2015-2016 High School Graduation/Commencement Responsibilities  
Your Local School Board booklet  
2016 Utah Legislature Public Education Bills – Final

[Agenda Item C1a](#)  
[Agenda Item C1b](#)  
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