

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SALT LAKE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board Meeting
and Closed Executive Session

December 6, 2016

The Board of Education of Salt Lake City School District met in a Board Meeting and Closed Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 6, 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, Rosemary Emery, Melissa Ford, Katherine Kennedy, and Omyya Min, Student Member

Members Excused: J. Michael Clára and Kristi Swett

Also Present: Superintendent Alexa Cunningham; Janet Roberts, Business Administrator; Kristina Kindl, Executive Director of Policy and Legal Services; Mozelle Orton, Executive Director of Human Resource Services; Barbara Kuehl, Chief Academic Officer; Larry Madden, Chief Operations Officer; Brian Conley, Chief School Improvement Officer; Mindi Holmdahl, Student Services Director; Michael Williams, Director of Development and External Relations; Jane Berntson, Principal Hillside Middle School and representing Salt Lake Association of School Administrators; Chris Gesteland, Principal Glendale Middle School; Marissa Zuchetto, Assistant Principal Glendale Middle School; James Martin, Principal Riley Elementary; Ron Urbin, Assistant Principal Riley Elementary School; Susan McFarland, representing the Salt Lake Education Association; Janet Clark, representing the Child Nutrition Employees Association; Cindy Mills, representing the Salt Lake Educational Office Personnel Association; Rickie McCandless, representing the Salt Lake City Mayor's Office; Jason Olsen, Public Information Officer; Liz Baldwin, Business Administration Office; and others in the audience.

In accordance with the agenda prepared for the Board Meeting of December 6, 2016, four 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 CONVENES

- General Pronouncements

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 and/or Deployment of Security Personnel, Devices, or Systems

There was no Closed Executive Session for Character, Professional Competence, or Physical or Mental Health of an Individual; and/or Deployment of Security Personnel, Devices, or Systems.

VOTE RECORD	AYE	NAY	ABSENT
BENNETT	X		
CLÁRA			X
EMERY	X		
FORD	X		
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			

3. BOARD MEETING

- President Bennett welcomed everyone in the audience. She recognized the presence of Susan McFarland, representing the Salt Lake Education Association; Jane Berntson, representing the Salt Lake Association of School Administrators; Cindy Mills, representing the Salt Lake Educational Office Personnel Association; and Janet Clark, representing the Child Nutrition Employees Association.
- Jane Berntson led the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
- President Bennett recognized Mr. Clara for his service as a board member from District # 2 for the last 4 years.
- Board member Sandberg recognized Laura Cheney, Jean VanderToolin, and Elaine Turner (who was not there) for obtaining their National Board Certification. Ms. Sandberg invited them to share one of their proudest moments while teaching. Ms. Cheney said she taught a small group of students that were at-risk. She said she liked to see the growth her students made in the classroom. Ms. VanderToolin said her proudest moment is when she can look at her students who are graduating and see they have become amazing adults and artists.

The board recognized Shawn Estrada, a recent graduate of Horizonte High School for receiving the National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth Scholarship. President Bennet presented Shawn with a certificate recognizing him for his achievements. Mr. Harmon, Homeless Education liaison, said this is the first time someone from Utah has received this scholarship. Mr. Estrada is currently working towards a teaching degree at Salt Lake Community College. He thanked those who helped him and introduced

his family who were present to support him. He said, "difficulties mean nothing, you can still do great things."

A. CONSENT AGENDA

*(1) A motion was made to approve the eight items included in the Consent Agenda including five policies. These items are listed below.

**(Kennedy and Emery)

1. The Purchasing/Accounting Report, included a breakdown of items costing over and under \$50,000, increases to existing purchase orders, a payment voucher report that includes travel and professional expenditures, and the budget report for October 2016.
2. The Human Resources Department Report, included new contract employment for five employees, and releases for 21.
3. Minutes of the Board Meeting held November 1, 2016.
4. Minutes of the Board Meeting held November 15, 2016.
5. Foreign Exchange Student Agencies.
6. Trip Request for Highland High School- Rexburg, ID for students to attend a wrestling tournament at Madison High School.
7. Administrative Procedures for Board Policy B-2, School Board Meetings.
8. Board Policies.
 - a. Policy G-2, Emergency Preparedness and Response.
 - b. G-7, School Traffic Safety.
 - c. I-7, Curriculum and Instructional Materials.
 - d. I-23, Websites and Social Media.
 - e. P-5, Employment of Substitute Teachers.

B. REQUESTS TO SPEAK

There were no requests to speak.

C. REPORTS

1. Highlights from School Improvement Plans:

Riley Elementary School James Martin, Principal, and Ron Urbin, Assistant Principal, reported on the improvements they are implementing in their school. They presented WHY, WHAT, and HOW.

Mr. Martin said that the vision for Riley Elementary is the WHY. Mr. Urbin said forming a vision will help the students and teachers work together towards a common goal. The

goal for Riley students is by the time they graduate 5th grade they are: goal oriented, college bound, on or above grade level, problem solvers, know what success is and feels like, optimistic, able to communicate well with others, self- confident and know they are loved and valued.

Mr. Martin said WHAT is what is expected in every classroom every day to help support the school vision. Riley is currently working on student engagement and classroom environment, and working hard to build relationships with students.

Mr. Martin said the HOW is the different ways to help teachers meet goals and support the school vision. Mr. Martin gave a few examples of how they are helping their teachers. One example he shared is they are sharing feedback and coaching teachers about what is being seen when they are observed in the classroom.

Mr. Martin said they are seeing positive trends: test results are improving, kids are doing well, and teachers are feeling confident. Mr. Martin concluded his presentation by answering questions from the board.

2. Redevelopment Agency of Salt Lake City Report (RDA)

Justin Belliveau introduced the members of his team and presented to the board three new project areas for further discussion. A copy has been added to the official minutes.

1. Northwest Quadrant: This is the first master plan adopted in this area. This location is where the State Prison will be relocated. The vision of the master plan is to determine where preservation and developments should occur.

2. State Street: The RDA wants to educate the community, collect feedback, and see what the community needs are. They are accomplishing this by community questionnaires, open houses, stakeholder interviews, and general comments submitted to the RDA.

3. 9 line: The RDA is working with the community to find out what the community feels are the top priorities for improvement in this area.

Mr. Belliveau and his team concluded their presentation by answering questions from the board.

D. DISCUSSION AGENDA

1. Gang Intervention

Mindy Holmdahl, Director of Student Services, introduced Larry Madden, Chris Gesteland, and Dr. Moises Prospero, a researcher and manager of gang reduction throughout the state.

Ms. Holmdahl reported an advisory council was held to help select what gang prevention programs to use in the schools. The two programs chosen are: Choose Gang Free and Techniques for Tough Times Gang Prevention.

Choose Gang Free is currently being implemented in two schools. This program is a 10-week one-on-one curriculum tailored specifically to individual students and their needs. This program serves about 50 kids through-out the year. This program is designed to help students understand how their actions impact their own outcomes.

Techniques for Tough Times Gang Prevention is currently being used in five schools. This program serves about 500 students throughout the year. This program is offered as a class that is designed to build respect for others and build a stronger community. It is a place where students can improve their communications skills, improve their ability to work with others, and increase their confidence.

Ms. Holmdahl concluded by answering questions from the board.

2. Proposed School Calendars for 2017-2018, 2018-2019, and 2019-2020

The board members said they received feedback from the community they wanted more input in creating the calendars and more involvement in the discussion process before the calendars are developed. Board members said there was confusion about who votes and there is a need to make the process more transparent. Mozelle Orton, Executive Director of Human Resource Services, answer questions from the board.

. *(2) A motion was made to move the Proposed School Calendars for 2017-2018, 2018-2019, and 2019-2020 to the Action Agenda.

**(Sandberg and Emery)

E. ACTION AGENDA

Proposed School Calendars for 2017-2018, 2018-2019, and 2019-2020.

*(3) A motion was made to approve the Proposed School Calendars for 2017-2018, 2018-2019, and 2019-2020.

**(Ford and Sandberg)

F. BOARD MEMBER REPORT

Board member Kennedy said she attended a great SCC meeting at Wasatch Elementary. She said they are doing great things there. She also recognized West High School's debate team won their tournament.

Student member Min said the cheer and drill teams at West High recently competed at Regions. The cheer team placed 3rd and will going to Nationals and the drill team took 6th place.

President Bennett distributed the Utah High School Activities Association (UHSAA) proposed consideration of regions. This handout has been added as an addition to the official minutes. She said there will be a public hearing regarding the realignments tomorrow night at Jordan

High School starting at 6:00 pm. President Bennet distributed a statement from Alpine School District Board of Education regarding the UHSAA proposed realignment. This handout has been added to the official minutes. President Bennett thanked Superintendent Cunningham for sending out a statement to the district students and families following the presidential election. President Bennet distributed a letter from the Board of San Francisco Public Schools and a letter from the Board of Portland Public Schools and their response to the election. These handouts have been added to the official minutes. President Bennet said she went to a faculty meeting at Uintah Elementary. She said the presentation was fabulous and would like to consider having this presentation at a General Administrators Meeting (GAM) agenda.

Board member Ford said she would like the board and district to focus on family engagement and the connection between teachers and students. She said parents and teachers need to work as partners in their child's education. Ms. Ford also commented on the UHSAA realignment and the benefit of traveling less. She said the realignment will eliminate the need for students to leave school early in order to travel. Ms. Ford said she believes there are great benefits to participate in activities but not at the expense of missing valuable class time.

G. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Miscellaneous Updates:

Superintendent Cunningham invited the board to attend the GAM breakfast tomorrow at 8:00 am. She reported she has been talking with the high school principals about what would make our high school better and the expectations for graduates. She gave the board members a stack of holiday cards designed by a Hillside Student.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Following a motion by Board Member Sandberg, seconded by President Bennett, the meeting was adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Janet M. Roberts
Business Administrator

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Salt Lake City School District
Addition to the Minutes of the Board Meeting 12/06/2016

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):

Redevelopment Agency of Salt Lake City Report
UHSA realignment 1st consideration of regions
Statement from the Alpine School District Board of Education
San Francisco Public School's letter
Portland Public School's letter

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