

**THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SALT LAKE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT****Board Meeting Minutes**

May 21, 2024

The Board of Education of Salt Lake City School District met in a Board Meeting and Closed Executive Session on Tuesday, May 21, 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, Vice President Bryce Williams, Jenny Sika (remote), Ashley Anderson, Mohamed Baayd, Bryan Jensen, Kristi Swett, and student member Jaziayah Evans.

**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; 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; Liz Baldwin, Administrative Assistant to the Business Administrator; and others.

In accordance with the agenda prepared for the Board Meeting on May 21, 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 FOR CLOSED SESSION**

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

At 5:02 p.m. the motion was made:

\*(1) That the Board meet in closed session to discuss the character or professional competence or physical or mental health of an individual, pending or reasonably imminent litigation, and 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, Kristi Swett, Elizabeth Grant, Alan Kearsley, Kristina Kindl, and Joan Andrews of Fabian VanCott.

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2. PUBLIC MEETING CONVENESA. OPENING ITEMS1. Welcome

President Salazar welcomed everyone to the meeting. He recognized Bri Deleon and Adriana Pinto 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	1,2			
ANDERSON	1,2			
SALAZAR	1,2			
BAAYD	1,2			
JENSEN	1,2			
SWETT	1,2			
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

Student Board member Jaziayah Evans led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

3. Presentation

Principal Keslie Green introduced Riley's fifth grade Mariachi band. The Board complimented the band's talents and applauded their dedication to practicing twice a week with their teachers Abbie Trevino and Callie Wilhoit.

The Board recognized student Board member Jaziayah Evans for her service throughout the school year and congratulated her on her acceptance to Louisiana State University. Miss Evans shares her reflections on the experience, expressing gratitude to the Board and Superintendent Grant for the opportunity, and appreciation for everyone involved in her journey.

B. CONSENT AGENDA

\*(2) A motion was made that the Board approve the 14 items on the Consent Agenda as listed below. The motion was approved unanimously.

\*\*(Swett and Baayd)

## 1. Purchases/Accounting Reports

- a. Increase-Dominion Energy-Transportation
- b. Professional Development Software-Kickup

- c. FY25 Bus Maintenance-Bryson Sales
  - d. FY25 Mathematics Curriculum-CPM
  - e. FY25 Flooring Projects-Certified Sales
  - f. FY25 Tires and Services-Purcell Tire
  - g. FY25 Electrical Services-RMP
  - h. FY25 Bus Fuel-State of Utah
  - i. District Notification System-Parent Square
  - j. Under 50K Change Orders and POs; Under 50K POs (Excel)
- 2. Minutes for the Board Meeting May 7, 2024
  - 3. Positive Behavior Plans
  - 4. Safe Schools
    - a. Case #24-086
    - b. Case #24-093

### C. REPORTS

#### 1. School Closure and Boundary Adjustment Transition Activities Update

Superintendent Dr. Elizabeth Grant expressed gratitude for the various activities that closing elementary schools are engaging in to memorialize their legacy and recognize the contributions of their stakeholders. Dr. Grant noted the steps being taken to ensure the upkeep and usage of closed schools until decisions about their future are made. She also highlighted the ongoing end-of-year activities occurring at other district schools.

### D. STUDY SESSION

#### 1. Final Budget Review

Business Administrator Alan Kearsley led a detailed discussion about the upcoming budget approval process and public hearing scheduled for June 4th. He highlighted three key elements of the budget, including the Child Nutrition Fund, the Student Activity Fund, and the Pass-Through Taxes Fund. He also explained tax increment financing, emphasizing its impact on district revenue.

#### 2. Demographics Report and Viability of an Additional Comprehensive High School

Executive Director of Auxiliary Services Isaac Astill, Boundaries and Planning Director Brian Conley, and Rick Brammer of Applied Economics presented a demographic report, discussing the feasibility of adding a fourth comprehensive high school in or around the Glendale area. They noted declining enrollment trends over the past decade, along with challenges in finding suitable properties for the new school. Mr. Astill addressed the Board's questions regarding the possibility of multi-level schools but highlighted remaining space and transportation challenges. Despite uncertainties, there was a commitment to enhance educational opportunities for all students through community engagement and partnerships.

### 3. Delegate Assembly Priorities

Board members Jensen and Swett led a discussion regarding legislative priorities and upcoming bills, emphasizing the importance of informed participation given recent legislative initiatives. The Board expressed support for prioritizing education funding increases above inflation and growth to address student needs effectively. Overall, the Board agreed to support the proposed legislative priorities and to articulate the district's position on Senate Joint Resolution 10 (2023) at the upcoming delegate assembly.

### 4. Board Retreat Study Topic

President Salazar summarized the survey results for the topics presented at the last meeting and emphasized the need to prioritize discussions for the upcoming retreat due to time constraints. There was agreement among the board members that focusing on Board goals and governance structure should be the main topics.

## E. ACTION AGENDA

No items were moved to the action agenda.

## F. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Grant shared positive news regarding the collaboration between elementary school teachers in integrating social studies and literacy, particularly highlighting the work of Jennifer Panameno and Breanna Taylor. Over 20 teachers have signed up for a 4-day professional learning community in June to further this initiative. Additionally, the secondary Social Studies District PLC team is finalizing their third round of inquiry instruction for review and publication by C3 teachers, which will be available as open education resources nationally. Dr. Grant commended the efforts of the teachers and emphasized the significance of their work.

## G. BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS

Board Member Baayd expressed condolences and sympathy to the Uintah Elementary community. He highlighted the challenges faced by students and emphasized the importance of creating a safe environment for all students.

Board Member Anderson provided updates on various committee discussions, including the finance subcommittee and RDA committee. Anderson congratulated Dr. Grant on the publication of her book and recognized student achievements in science projects and educators supporting LGBTQ students. She also shared her experience visiting the Timpanogos Cave National Monument with students, reflecting on the importance of sufficient school size to meet the diverse needs of students.

Board Member Jensen also congratulated Dr. Grant on the publication of her book and expressed appreciation for its valuable insights. Jensen stated that he was looking forward to the Title VI Native American Honoring Ceremony, scheduled for May 23rd, highlighting the importance of recognizing Native American students' success.

Board Member Swett expressed appreciation for the productive finance committee meeting and highlighted the importance of continued conversations with RDA partners. She commended the extensive professional development undertaken by School Board members, emphasizing their commitment to their role as elected officials. Swett reflected on the joy of attending graduations and expressed gratitude for the opportunity to witness students' achievements and milestones in the Salt Lake City School District.

Board President Salazar expressed gratitude to the district team for their support of the Uintah Elementary community, acknowledging the valuable support provided to students, teachers, and families. He commended the counseling team for their exceptional work during difficult times.

### 3. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by President Salazar at 8:26 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 5/21/2024**

\*The Official Minutes of the Board Meeting held on May 21, 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](#).

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