

# Study Session: Interviews of Board Candidates (Wednesday, December 4, 2013)

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## Members present

Michelle Kaufusi, Julie Rash, Vance Checketts, Marsha Judkins, Jim Pettersson, Shannon Poulsen, Steven Staples

## Staff members present

Superintendent Keith Rittel

Meeting called to order at 2:56 PM

## A. 2:30 Study Session

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2. Roll Call

## B. 2:30 - 3:00 Board Orientation / Instructions

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1. 3:00 - 4:45 Interviews of Board Candidates

Board members interviewed candidates Tyson Bell, Jim Blair, Jim Kendall and McKay Jensen. Each candidate responded to selected questions from the following list:

- What is your opinion about public education?
- What do you believe are the greatest needs in Provo City School District?
- How will you handle a potentially divided district? Do you have past examples where you encountered similar situations? Please elaborate.
- What potential conflicts of interest do you have that we should be aware of?
- How would you handle specific requests if approached by an individual? Special interest groups?
- What will be your top three objectives, if appointed to the school board?
- Do you have any specific changes you want to make in school district policies, programs, or the various school curricula being offered? If so, what changes do you want to make and why?
- Please share an example of a time when you faced an ethical dilemma.
- What role do you believe technology plays in education?
- Being a member of the board requires a significant time commitment. In addition to (usually) two meetings per month, there may be evening meetings (such as the recent bond presentations), attendance at conferences, weekend training, and day-long retreats. Please describe your schedule and more specifically your availability and commitment regarding the time demands of being on the Provo City School District Board of Education.

Following the interviews, the Board adjourned the study session and went into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel.

## C. Adjourn

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1. Motion to Adjourn

I move we adjourn the study session and move into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel.

Motion by Steven Staples, second by Shannon Poulsen.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Michelle Kaufusi, Julie Rash, Vance Checketts, Marsha Judkins, Jim Pettersson, Shannon Poulsen, Steven

**D. 4:45 Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel. Utah Code 52.4.205**

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**E. 6:30 Business Meeting**

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**Procedural: 2. Roll Call**

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**Action: 3. Motion to Appoint New Board Member**

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**I move we hold an additional round of interviews to gather more information on the top two candidate**

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**Motion by Steven Staples, second by Marsha Judkins**

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**Final Resolution: Motion Failed**

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**Aye: Steven Staples, Marsha Judkins**

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**Nay: Julie Rash, Jim Pettersson, Shannon Poulsen, Michelle Kaufusi**

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**Abstain: Vance Checketts**

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**Action: 4. Motion to Appoint New Board Member**

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**I move we move forward to appoint the new board member to replace Vance Checketts.**

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**Motion by Jim Pettersson, second by Shannon Poulsen**

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**Final Resolution: Motion Carries**

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**Aye: Michelle Kaufusi, Julie Rash, Marsha Judkins, Jim Pettersson, Shannon Poulsen, Steven Staples**

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**Abstain: Vance Checketts**

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## **Action: 5. Motion to Name the Selected Board Candidate**

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**I move each board member name their preferred candidate.**

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**Motion: Steven Staples, second by Shannon Poulsen**

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**Final Resolution: Motion Carries**

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**Aye: Michelle Kaufusi, Julie Rash, Marsha Judkins, Jim Pettersson, Shannon Poulsen, Steven Staples**

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**Abstain: Vance Checketts**

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**Member Staples withdrew his motion.**

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## **Action: 6. Motion to Appoint New Board Member**

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**I move we appoint McKay Jensen to fill Vance Checketts seat for District 3.**

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**Motion: Member Staples, second by Julie Rash**

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**Final Resolution: Motion Carries**

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**Aye: Michelle Kaufusi, Julie Rash, Jim Pettersson, Shannon Poulsen, Steven Staples**

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**Nay: Member Judkins**

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**Abstain: Member Checketts**

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## **Action: 7. Motion to Adjourn**

I move we adjourn the business meeting.

Motion: Vice President Julie Rash

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Michelle Kaufusi, Julie Rash, Marsha Judkins, Jim Pettersson, Shannon Poulsen, Steven Staples, Vance Checketts

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.