Aug 4, 2026 Board Meeting

Overview

The board meeting began with the approval of June's minutes and a unanimous roll call vote. Casey Holmes reported a 40-day cash reserve and a 26% increase in student enrollment to 1,152, with significant growth in intermediate and middle grades. The high school is nearing capacity at 460 students. The board approved staffing contracts, including LEA specific licenses, and adopted a cell phone policy with lunch exceptions. They also discussed the need for board members to complete online training and fingerprint renewals. The TSSA framework was approved, allocating $300,000 annually for MLL instructors, a student nurse, and other programs.

Action Items

- [ ] Finalize the previous year's books and send them to the auditors within the next two weeks to prepare for the audit start.
- [ ] Resend the embedded board training links to all board members so they can complete the annual audit and Public Meetings Act training within the next 30 to 45 days.
- [ ] Set up the campus fingerprinting station in the next several weeks and send board members the date and organization details for renewing fingerprint clearances.
- [ ] Distribute the board member and executive statement of ethics for signature, then collect and store the signed copies on file.
- [ ] Serve on the audit committee for the upcoming audit.
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- [ ] Prepare and share board management training materials and links from the Utah Public Charter Association during the school year.

Outline

Pledge of Allegiance and Board Meeting Minutes

- Samuel Gibbs initiates the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Samuel Gibbs mentions the board minutes from the June 2 and June 25 meetings.
- A motion to approve the minutes is made and seconded, followed by a unanimous roll call vote.
- Public Comments are opened, but no community members are present to speak.

Budget Update by Casey Holmes

- Casey Holmes provides a brief budget update, noting the fiscal year has just begun.
- The monthly allotment received on Friday boosted the cash reserves to about 40 days.
- The audit process will start in two weeks, and the previous year's books will be finalized.
- The new teacher agreement started mid-July, with the first payment due next week.

Director's Report on Enrollment and Staffing

- Samuel Gibbs reports a 26% increase in student enrollment, with significant growth at the high school and middle school levels.
- The district is the only one in Utah with positive student enrollment growth.
- The high school is at 460 students, nearing its capacity of 475.
- The district is fully staffed, except for one specials teacher position at the West Campus.

Staffing Contracts and LEA Specific Licenses

- Samuel Gibbs explains the need for board approval of staffing contracts and LEA specific licenses.
- Examples of teachers needing LEA specific licenses include those teaching outside their primary degree areas.
- A motion to approve the staffing contracts and LEA specific licenses is made and seconded, followed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Cell Phone Policy Adoption

- Samuel Gibbs discusses the adoption of a cell phone policy in conjunction with a new state law.
- The junior high will adopt the state's bell-to-bell cell phone prohibition, while the high school will allow cell phone use during lunch due to its open campus status.
- The policy includes exceptions for emergencies and defines electronic devices.
- A motion to adopt the new cell phone policy is made and seconded, followed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Statement of Ethics and Training Requirements

- Samuel Gibbs introduces a statement of ethics for board members and executives.
- A motion to approve the statement of ethics is made and seconded, followed by a unanimous roll call vote.
- Reminders are given about the need for board members to complete online audit training and the Public Meetings Act training.
- Samuel Gibbs plans to set up a fingerprinting station on campus for board members to renew their fingerprints.

Board Roles and Committee Assignments

- Samuel Gibbs assigns Rebecca Byrne as the vice chair, with a unanimous roll call vote.
- Anthony Beltran and Roxana Luna are nominated and approved as audit committee members.
- The need for two members to be assigned to the curriculum committee is noted for the next meeting.

TSSA Framework Adoption

- Samuel Gibbs explains the Teacher and Student Success Act (TSSA) framework and its benefits.
- The framework includes additional funding for MLL instructors, a student nurse, and an art teacher.
- A motion to adopt the TSSA framework is made by Rebecca Byrne and seconded by Ashley Santillana.
- The motion is approved unanimously by roll call vote.

Closed Session Discussion

- Samuel Gibbs mentions the option for a closed session to discuss character, school safety, and teacher competency.
- Ashley Santillana requests a motion to go to closed session, which is seconded and approved by roll call vote.
- The recording is paused for the closed session discussion.