



Summit Academy Board of Trustees

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June 18, 2026

Board Meeting

7:00 p.m.

(PENDING)

Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm with Peter Baxter and Elizabeth Lau present in person. Jared Morgan and Wilson Sivertson are joined via Teams. Daynia MacArtney and Tracy Ellis are absent.

Public Comment

Ender ????????- Parents don't feel like they are being heard in regard to the safety of their sons. He asks if any of the board members have walked the baseball field. He believes the kids are here to play baseball that they are getting an education like any other close schools. Summit High School's field is the worst field compared to any of the other school fields. The infield is being addressed but not addressed properly. The infield is in worse condition than the outfield. The parents started to put together a plan to get it fixed and then the school took it over. The parents would just like a baseball field that is safe and looks good for the students to play in. He asks that the board members go look at the field because the school is spending a lot of money and it isn't being done correctly. It is being flooded, too much water and the birds have eaten the seed that was put down.

Wendy Knight- Her son attends Summit. He plays on the baseball team. He was injured on the field on third base. Baseball is the only reason that he is at Summit. If it isn't safe, he will not play and they will leave Summit. They would like to know why that contractor was chosen to fix the field because it doesn't seem like he knows what he is doing. Peter Baxter explains that they can't discuss it or respond, and they will need to meet with the principal or director with these questions.

Jeff Hansen- He has 4 kids that have gone to Summit. Their youngest is now a freshman and the first one of their children to go to Summit High School. He wants to play baseball. The field is really bad. Many of their friends are interested in coming to Summit. These are families that would contribute to Summit. The sports facilities have such a draw. There is a lot of momentum on the baseball team right now. They know there is a lot of money going into the football field right now, but please invest in other sport facilities as well. If Summit doesn't do it, people will leave.

Brandon Brown has some questions. A lot of parents are experienced contractors, and it was taken away from the parents and was given to someone else. They would like to know more about the contractor that was hired to do the work, and does he know what he is doing. They have a lot of questions. He feels

they could have done the work better with volunteers and donated materials. If they are going to fix the field, it needs to be done right and then maintained properly.

James Clark has a son named Tegan new to SAHS and is very concerned about the condition of the baseball field. It lacks the attention that it needs. James has played a lot of baseball, and the field is not safe for the boys to play. When they are chasing a fly ball, they are not looking for potholes.

Rachelle Brown- She just had a question about the safety issues and wanted to have her questions answered. They were able to do a lot of work on the field in past years, and she feels bad that it is just sitting there and they can't use it and it is really hurting the kids in all aspects.

Cody Anderson- They are in Herriman High's boundaries. They came to Summit because of the coach. We are seeing other kids wanting to be coached by that coaching staff. If they don't see things change quickly, that won't be good for Summit. The other reason is that they met with the counselor, and she said all the counselors and teachers there know every student at the school. They love that. The parents were pulled off the field for safety reasons and now the field is worse off. We really want the field to be playable.

Ender ??????? They are very concerned that the coach has been told to focus on baseball. The safety was taken out of his hands and given to someone else that doesn't care. They are using Kentucky Bluegrass sod right now and that isn't going to work. It can't be cut down low enough. The topsoil isn't right either. Parents are planning on turning the maintenance company that allowed the field to get where it is today. They most likely don't have the right equipment to manage a baseball field. The parents want the staff to be accountable for the decisions that are being made and would they please give the coach a little more respect since the coach is the reason that they are there.

Jeff Hansen asks the board to look at the big picture on this. The field is really bad. The first impression of the fields as they first drive in is really important for new students to come to the school. New students will boost the dollars. The first thing you see is the baseball field.

Peter Baxter assures the parents that they appreciate them coming and that they will follow through with what was said. He invited them to stay for the rest of the meeting.

Congratulations to Jared for having a birthday on June 29th

Consent Agenda

SpEd SAHS Language Launch Innovation Grant 26-27 School Year

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A Motion to approve the Consent Agenda for Summit Academy Schools was given by Liz Lau.

A second was given by Wilson Sivertson

Vote - Yes- Peter Baxter, Elizabeth Lau, Jared Morgan, and Wilson Sivertson.

Motion carries

Director's Report- Alana Johnson

We finished the year with a lot of great things to celebrate. Things haven't slowed down. The Bluffdale campus had a successful leadership retreat. Bluffdale's student enrollment is up 50 students. They are adding a new program called "Rise to the Summit."

Draper was able to add 4 full kindergartens, so enrollment is up in kindergarten.

Independence had a wonderful successful German trip. They went to so many places and attended school with the German students.

The high school graduated 140 students on May 26th. The student government attended a Leadership retreat at USU for three days. Summer sports are all going. There are a lot of activities going on.

Enrollment data- located in each board members folder.

Liz Lau acknowledged that Principal Cutler and vice principal were chaperones on the trip, but during any down time, they were working. It was very impressive.

Finance Report- Brad Wilkinson

FY – 26 is close to rounding up. We will close the books within the next four weeks and then the audit in August. From a financial lens, we are on target, and we have a positive outlook with some new things to approve. Summer is a busy time to get things finalized.

Discussion and Action item to review

Final Approval of FY26 Budget

No bond issues. Overall, we will end the year with a positive outlook. Cash should still increase by about a million dollars.

A Motion to approve the final FY26 Budget for Summit Academy Schools was given by Jared Morgan

A second was given by Liz Lau

Vote - Yes- Peter Baxter, Elizabeth Lau, Jared Morgan, and Wilson Sivertson

Motion carries

Final Reading of FY27 Budget- The only thing that changed was a ten thousand transportation change. Everything is the exact change as last month.

A Motion to approve the final FY27 Budget for Summit Academy Schools was given by Wilson Sivertson

A second was given by Jared Morgan

Vote - Yes- Peter Baxter, Elizabeth Lau, Jared Morgan, and Wilson Sivertson

Motion carries

Title IX Athletics Report – Alana Johnson

We have been working really hard to be proactive and aligned with Title Nine. Liz asks about Volleyball. That is next year. Peter asks why baseball is ten thousand and Softball is twenty-one thousand. Angela Grimmer clarifies the factors that impact that.

A Motion to approve the Title IX Athletics Report for Summit Academy Schools was given by Liz Lau.

A second was given by Wilson Sivertson

Vote - Yes- Peter Baxter, Elizabeth Lau, Jared Morgan, and Wilson Sivertson

Motion carries

First Reading - 2027-2028 School Year Calendar- Alana Johnson

We are attempting to bring this before the board a little bit earlier than usual. There are a few options. It looks similar to other years. The issue may be Spring Break. In years past we did the first week of April. The last couple of years we aligned with Canyon's district. Liz reminds the board that we have aligned with Easter in the past. In 2028, Easter is quite late and that limits the testing window. There was a new bill in the legislature that schools should align breaks with holidays so that families could be together, and they will investigate that further.

Final Reading - Fee Schedules 2026-2027-Alana Johnson

Nothing has changed since the last reading- There were no questions.

A Motion to approve the Fee Schedules for the 2026-2027 School year for Summit Academy Schools was given by Liz Lau

A second was given by Jared Morgan

Vote - Yes- Peter Baxter, Elizabeth Lau, Jared Morgan, and Wilson Sivertson

Motion carries

First Reading - Utah Fits All Fee Schedule- Alana Johnson

We found that this was a need, so it is just for "Utah Fits All" participants so people can find the right individualized programs for their family. Liz asks if parents can use the money for specified fees? Alana thinks so. They follow the same fees as the rest of the students. Liz asks how they came up with the list. It is very similar to other districts.

Policies- Alana Johnson

Policy #4104 – Highly Needed Educator Salary Supplement (SHiNE) Policy

This is the new (SHiNE) program. We decided to keep the same list as the past year. We will reach out to these teachers to apply for additional funds. We had a pretty good list of the roles we wanted to fill. It is only Appendix A.

A Motion to approve Policy #4104 Highly Needed Educator Salary Supplement (SHiNE) for Summit Academy Schools was given by Liz Lau.

A second was given by Wilson Sivertson

Vote - Yes- Peter Baxter, Elizabeth Lau, Jared Morgan, and Wilson Sivertson

Motion carries

Policy #4207 – Tuition Reimbursement – Alana Johnson. This is an update. The funding has shifted, and we are able to continue funding through a different grant. It will be a reimbursement program. We have added a section to the policy that allows for more than seven thousand reimbursements for specific programs.

A Motion to approve Policy #4207 Tuition Reimbursement for Summit Academy Schools was given by Liz Lau.

A second was given by Wilson Sivertson

Vote - Yes- Peter Baxter, Elizabeth Lau, Jared Morgan, and Wilson Sivertson

Motion carries

Committee Reports

Executive committee- None

Academic Committee- We met. We got some updates on accreditation. We have asked Alana to get more data about the 4-day school week so we can make a decision about that. There is more to discuss before bringing it to the board. Peter has asked a lot of people what they think about that. Not one person has said that it was a bad idea. It has all been very informal. They discussed a possible pilot campus before changing all the schools. They are also going to look into a budgetary impact. There are other school districts that have done this.

Finance/Audit Committee- None

Governance Committee- None

Development Committee- Jared Morgan says that they met as a group with Alana Johnson. They talked about a 5- and 10-year plan. We spoke about board seat vacancies. They discussed future phasing at the high school. The staff has the ability to put together a plan and design for a performing Arts Center. Alana needs to speak to Brad, so they have an idea about the funds required. Jared says that they can solicit proposals from three different vendors.

Board Business

Board Chair & Vice Chair

New Board Member Search- Peter states that there have been some applicants. They are hoping to get some help from staff after the committee has vetted the applicants. Jared acknowledged Daynia's work and hopes to continue using her talents. Jared would like to broaden the search. They would like a little better write up from Alana to pass around and post.

Committee & Campus Reassignments-Waiting until new office assignments

Conflict of Interest Form- This will be an annual thing

August Board Planning – In August, we have been asked to take an Oath for the board. We will need to have a notary there.

Follow up items

Next meeting - August 20, 2026

Closing comments

Closed Session

Motion to go into closed session for the purpose of discussion of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual and for the purpose of discussing pending or reasonable imminent litigation for Summit Academy was given by Liz Lau

A second was given by Jared Morgan

Single Voice Vote - Peter Baxter-Yes, Elizabeth Lau-Yes, Jared Morgan-Yes, and Wilson Sivertson-Yes

Motion carries

Open session ended at 8:33 p.m.

Those attending closed session

Peter Baxter, Elizabeth Lau, Jared Morgan, and Wilson Sivertson.

Closed session began at 8:38 p.m.

Open session resumed at 9:06 p.m.

We need to select a new Board Chair and a new Vice Chair. Peter states that Liz has the right temperament and has been here the longest, so it makes the most sense to Peter. Anyone else can nominate someone else. Jared agrees with Peter. Wilson thinks that Liz is a fantastic choice.

A Motion to approve Liz Lau for Summit Academy Board Chair for Summit Academy Schools was given by Peter Baxter.

A second was given by Jared Morgan

Vote - Yes- Peter Baxter, Elizabeth Lau, Tracy Ellis, Jared Morgan, and Wilson Sivertson.

Motion carries

A Motion to approve Jared Morgan for Summit Academy Board Vice Chair for Summit Academy Schools was given by Peter Baxter.

A second was given by Liz Lau

Vote - Yes- Peter Baxter, Elizabeth Lau, Tracy Ellis, and Wilson Sivertson. Jared Morgan abstains.

Motion carries

A Motion to adjourn was given by Jared Morgan

A second was given by Liz Lau

Vote - Yes- Peter Baxter, Elizabeth Lau, Tracy Ellis, Jared Morgan, and Wilson Sivertson

Motion Carries

Meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.