

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SALT LAKE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board Meeting  
and Closed Executive Session

January 8, 2019

The Board of Education of Salt Lake City School District met in a Study Session, Board Meeting, and Closed Executive Session at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 8, 2019, in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 440 East 100 South, Salt Lake City, Utah.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: President Heather Bennett (leaving at 6:55), Vice President Katherine Kennedy, Nate Salazar, Melissa Ford (leaving at 6:55), Michael Nemelka, Tiffany Sandberg, and Kristi Swett.

Members Excused: Christian Rich, Student Member.

Also Present: Alexa Cunningham, Superintendent; Janet Roberts, Business Administrator; Kristina Kindl, Executive Director of Policy and Legal Services; Mozelle Orton, Executive Director of Human Resource Services; Tiffany Hall, Executive Director of Teaching and Learning; John Goldhardt, Executive Director of School Leadership and Performance; Sandra Buendia, Executive Director of Educational Equity and Student Services; Yándary Chatwin, Executive Director of Communications; Alan Kearsley, Director of Finance; Becky Pittam, Network Director- Highland; Jenny Mayer-Glenn, Director of Family and School Collaboration; Martin Yablonovsky, Director of Transportation; James Yapias, Director of Salt Lake Education Foundation; Frances Battle, Principal, Nibley Park; Jane Berntson, Principal, Hillside Middle School; Dahlia Cordova, Principal, Bennion; Greg Maughn, Principal, East High; Heather Newell, Principal, Backman; James Tobler, 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; Jason Olsen, Public Information Officer; Mayor Jackie Biskupski; Angela Doan, Senior Education Advisor to the Mayor; Lisa Alleman, Superintendent's Office, and others in the audience.

In accordance with the agenda prepared for the Board Meeting of January 8, 2019, two 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. STUDY SESSION:

A. Three-Tier Busing

Martin Yablonovsky and Janet Roberts presented information about the Transportation Department and options for moving to a 3-tier bus schedule. They concluded by answering questions from the board. At 5:07 p.m. a thirty three-minute recess was taken. The Study Session adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

VOTE RECORD	AYE	NAY	ABSENT
BENNETT	X		
FORD	X		
KENNEDY	X		
NEMELKA	X		
SALAZAR	X		
SANDBERG	X		
SWETT	X		
A Absent	Ab Abstention	F Failed	
N "No" Vote	NA No Action	T Tabled	
W Withdrawn	*Unanimous Approval		

2. BOARD CONVENES:

A. General Prouncements

B. Welcome

President Bennett welcomed everyone in the audience. She recognized the presence of James Tobler, representing the Salt Lake Education Association; Cindy Mills, representing the Salt Lake Educational Office Personnel Association; and Mayor Jackie Biskupski.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Dessie Olson, Social Studies and World Languages Specialist, led the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

3. BOARD MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS AND OATH OF OFFICE:

A. Administer the Oath of Office

Earlene Pitt, representative from the Salt Lake County Clerk's Office, administered the Oath of Office to reelected board members Melissa Ford, Precinct 6; and Katherine Kennedy, Precinct 3; and newly elected board member Nate Salazar, Precinct 4, for the term January 2019 – December 2020.

B. Board Member Comments and Introductions

Newly elected, and reelected, board members introduced their families and thanked them for their support.

4. BOARD LEADERSHIP ELECTION:

A. Election: President of the Board

President Bennett thanked everyone for their support of her service as president and opened the floor to nominations for president.

Melissa Ford nominated Tiffany Sandberg to serve as President of the Board. There were no other nominations. The board voted to elect Tiffany Sandberg as President of the Salt Lake City Board of Education for the two year term January 2019 through December 2020 on a vote of 6 to 1 with Katherine Kennedy abstaining from the vote.

B. Election: Vice-President of the Board

Tiffany Sandberg nominated Melissa Ford to serve as Vice President. There were no other nominations. The board voted to elect Melissa Ford as Vice President of the Salt Lake City Board of Education for the two year term January 2019 through December 2020. The vote was unanimous.

5. BOARD MEETING:

A. Recognitions

1. Dessie Olsen recognized Laura Nelson, East High; Todd Vawdrey, West High; Michele Hunter, Hillside Middle School; Elise Maxwell, Bonneville Elementary; as new National Board Certified teachers, and Vicky Mayall, East High; Julie Henderson, Hawthorne Elementary for renewing their National Board Certification.

B. Consent Agenda

\*(1) A motion was made that the board approve the 5 items included in the Consent Agenda. These items are listed below. The motion was approved unanimously. (Swett and Salazar)

1. Purchasing/Accounting Reports
  - a. Purchasing Report
  - b. Budget Report for November 2018
  - c. Payment Voucher Report
  - d. Schools Financial Report, November 30, 2018
2. Human Resource Services Report
3. Minutes for the Board Meeting, December 4, 2018
4. West High School Trip Request, Cheer, Anaheim, California, February 21 – 25, 2019
5. Approval of Board Conference Attendance:
  - a. USBA Annual Conference – January 10-12, 2019, Salt Lake City, Utah
  - b. NSBA Annual Conference – March 30 – April 1, 2019, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

C. Request to Speak

1. Heather Blakley, 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher from Rose Park, spoke about the positive support she has received as a teacher in a turnaround school.

D. Reports

1. Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

Board Member Kennedy introduced auditors Dave Brown, and Matt Geddes from Squire and Co., and Alan Kearsley, Director of Finance, to present the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. Mr. Brown said the three audits they conducted were the Financial Statement Audit, the Federal Programs Audit (which looked at Child Nutrition), and the State Compliance Audit. He said Squire & Company issued an unmodified or clean opinion for all three audits, which is the best grade they can give. Ms. Kennedy and Ms. Roberts thanked Mr. Kearsley and the audit team for their hard work.

2. Hillside Middle School

Jane Bernston and Monty Eyink presented a PowerPoint about the Mighty United Students of Hillside (MUSH). They shared Pathway Indicator data showing the growth at Hillside and highlighted examples of the diverse and caring culture of the school. They answered questions from the board.

E. Discussion Agenda

1. Board Responsibilities

Superintendent Cunningham asked board members if they would like to discuss changes to the Board Handbook at a future meeting. Board members expressed their desire to review compensation and board responsibilities in a Study Session to ensure what is included in the handbook is current, expectations are clear, and it is compliant with changes in the law.

F. Action Agenda

1. Any item transferred from Consent/Discussion Agenda

No items were transferred from the Consent/Discussion Agenda.

G. Board Member Report

Board Member Kennedy said she was happy to learn about the AP Scholar Award the district received. She said she would like to know who the people are that were responsible for that achievement so they can be recognized. She said she would like the board to consider having district leadership meetings posted on the Public Notice website and be open to the public. She also asked a question she had from a

constituent about schools now being required to buy consumables for math and language arts.

Board member Salazar thanked everyone for their support and said he is looking forward to serving on the board.

H. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Cunningham reminded board members about the USBA conference beginning on Thursday, January 10, 2019. She also said she would e-mail information out regarding the required annual open/closed training.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

\*(2) A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

\*\* (Swett and Salazar)

7. 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.

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Janet M. Roberts  
Business Administrator

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**Salt Lake City School District**  
**Addition to the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting 1/08/2019**

\*The Official Minutes of the Board Meeting held on January 08, 2019 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](#).

**ADDITION TO THE MINUTES**

The Board of Education of Salt Lake City School District acts by vote of a majority of the board members in an open and public meeting. Statements by individual board members, in or out of board meetings, written, oral or in social media, do not necessarily represent the views of the majority of the board or any other board member. Nevertheless, out of respect to the elected office that each board member holds and consistent with state law and board policy, the board allows its members to attach to board meeting minutes any other information that any member requests. When the board votes to approve minutes, that vote signifies that the minutes are a correct record of what occurred and what was asked to be included in the minutes. It does not signify any individual board member's agreement with the substance of the content.

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):

Three-Tier Busing

[Agenda Item 1A](#)