THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SALT LAKE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board Meeting
and Closed Executive Session

March 19, 2019

The Board of Education of Salt Lake City School District met in a Board Meeting and Closed Executive Session at 5:35 pm on Tuesday, March 19, 2019, in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 440 East 100 South, Salt Lake City, Utah.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: President Tiffany Sandberg, Vice President Melissa Ford, Katherine Kennedy (arriving at 5:37 pm), Michael Nemelka, Nate Salazar, 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; 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; James Tobler, representing the Salt Lake Education Association; Cindy Mills, representing the Salt Lake Educational Office Personnel Association; Jason Olsen, Public Information Officer; Angela Doan, Senior Education Advisor to the Mayor; Liz Baldwin, Business Administration Office; and others in the audience.

In accordance with the agenda prepared for the Board Meeting of March 19, 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 Sandberg, who presided.

1. PUBLIC MEETING OPENS

2. CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

   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

At 5:35 pm a motion was made:

*(1) That the board meet in Closed Executive Session to consider character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual; and/or Deployment of Security Personnel, Devices, or Systems. The motion was approved unanimously.

**(Swett and Salazar)

Present for Closed Executive Session for to consider character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual; and/or Deployment of Security Personnel, Devices, or Systems were Tiffany Sandberg, Melissa Ford, Katherine Kennedy, Michael Nemelka, Nate Salazar, Kristi Swett, Lexi Cunningham, Janet Roberts, Kristina Kindl and Florence Miller.

Board members adjourned from the Closed Executive Session at 6:00 pm and returned to the Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

3. BOARD MEETING

A. WELCOME

1. General Pronouncements

   There were no General Pronouncements

2. Janet Roberts led the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

   Board member Kennedy read a tribute to board member, Heather Bennett, who passed away recently. A minute of silence was observed in her honor.

3. Board member Kennedy recognized Kevin Zhang, West High School student, for being selected to represent the state of Utah in the U. S. Senate Youth program. Mr. Zhang thanked his parents and Diane Jergensen, school counselor, for their help in preparing to interview for this program.

B. CONSENT AGENDA
A motion was made that the board approve the one item included in the Consent Agenda. These items are listed below. The motion was approved unanimously. **(Swett and Ford)

1. The Purchasing/Accounting Reports  
   a. Purchasing Report  
      *Purchasing Report in Excel Format*

C. REQUEST TO SPEAK

1. Sunie Wasley, a substitute for the District, spoke about substitute teacher concerns. A copy of the handout she distributed to the board has been added to the Official Minutes.

2. Suzy Blackham and Tiffany Lord, members of the Unified Utah Blind and Visually Impaired Coalition, spoke about this coalition and its purpose. A copy of the handout they distributed to the board has been added to the Official Minutes.

3. Jennifer Johnston representing the West High SCC, spoke about the proposed district calendars.

4. Marshal Chalverus, Bennion Elementary SCC member, invited board members to a Bennion Elementary open house, Thursday, March 21, 2019 at 5:30pm. A copy of the handout has been added to the official minutes.

D. REPORTS

1. Report from the Mayor’s Office

   Angela Doan, Senior Advisor for Education, shared ways Salt Lake City is supporting the students and community including: Utility Box Wrapping, The Great Utah Shakeout, College and Career Family Night, and a Public Safety Job Fair. Ms. Doan said the city is currently searching for a director for the University Neighborhood Partners program. A copy of the presentation has been added to the official minutes.

2. Teaching and Learning Department Report

   Tiffany Hall, Executive Director, presented to the board the Teaching and Learning Department vision and shared the great work happening in her department. Ms. Hall answered questions from the board.

3. Excellence and Equity Plan and Land Trust Updates

   John Goldhardt, Executive Director of School Leadership and Performance, gave the board a timeline for 2019-2020 Land Trust plans. He said the Network Directors are currently working with principals and School Community Councils to develop these plans. Dr. Goldhardt provided links for board members to review school Excellence and Equity Plans.
E. DISCUSSION AGENDA

1. 2019-2020 Capital and Debt Service Funds

Janet Roberts, Business Administrator answered questions from board members regarding the 2019-2020 Capital and Debt Service Funds.

2. Agenda Format

President Sandberg asked if board meetings should include a Study Session every meeting or have one Business board meeting a month and one board meeting that includes a Study Session. Board members gave President Sandberg direction regarding the board meeting format.

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 Swett asked board members to divide their attendance between the three upcoming Thursday meetings to make sure each meeting has board representation.

Board member Kennedy asked if a report could be given at a future board meeting about the Calendar Committee and process taken to form this committee. Ms. Kennedy read a statement regarding the Salty Cricket program.

Board member Ford said she attended the Clayton Middle School Play and was impressed with the amount of work given to support students in this program. She said she has been holding cottage meetings at her home where members of the community can come ask questions and express their concerns. Ms. Ford thanked board members for the great discussions held during board meetings.

Board member Salazar said he has been working closely with the Bennion Elementary community and would like to discuss in more detail the school closure proposal recommended by the Building Utilization Committee.

H. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Superintendent Cunningham, on behalf of the Salt Lake City School District Administration, expressed support to the family of board member Heather Bennett and thanked teachers and support staff for their support given today. She asked for direction from the board regarding the application process for choosing a new board member.
4. ADJOURNMENT

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:26 pm.

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Janet M. Roberts
Business Administrator
Salt Lake City School District
Addition to the Minutes of the Board Meeting 3/19/2019

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):

- Substitute Concerns
- Unified Utah for the Education of Blind/Visually Impaired Students
- Bennion Elementary Spring Celebration and Open House
- Salt Lake City Mayor’s Office Report

Agenda Item 3C1
Agenda Item 3C2
Agenda Item 3C4
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