THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SALT LAKE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board Meeting, Study Session, and Closed Executive Session

August 6, 2019

The Board of Education of Salt Lake City School District met in a Board Meeting and Closed Executive Session at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 6, 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, Samuel Bennett, Katherine Kennedy, Nate Salazar, Kristi Swett, and Sam Langi, Student Member (arriving at 7:28 pm).

Members Excused: Michael Nemelka.

Also Present: Alexa Cunningham, Superintendent; Janet Roberts, Business Administrator; Mozelle Orton, Executive Director of Human Resource Services; Tiffany Hall, Executive Director of Teaching and Learning; Sandra Buendia, Executive Director of Educational Equity and Student Services; Paul Schulte Executive Director of Auxiliary Services; Alan Kearsley Director of Finance; Sam Quanz Chief Information Officer; Peggy Paterson, Director of Language Arts and Alternative Language Services; Stacey Briggs, Focus School Director; James Tobler, representing the Salt Lake Education Association; Angela Doan, Senior Education Advisor to the Mayor; Jason Olsen, Public Information Officer; Lisa Alleman, Superintendent's Office, and others in the audience.

In accordance with the agenda prepared for the Board Meeting of August 6, 2019, ten 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

      At 4:30 p.m. a motion was made, after which members excused the audience and remained in the board room:

      *(1) That the board meet in Closed Executive Session to consider litigation; negotiations; and/or property. The motion was approved unanimously.

      **(Swett and Salazar)

      The meeting was adjourned at 4:44 p.m.
Present for Closed Executive Session for litigation; negotiations; and/or property were Tiffany Sandberg, Melissa Ford, Samuel Hanson, Katherine Kennedy, Nate Salazar, Kristi Swett, Lexi Cunningham, Janet Roberts, and Florence Vincent, board legal counsel from Prince, Yeates and Geldzahler.

B. Character, Professional Competence, or Physical or Mental Health of an Individual; and/or Deployment of Security Personnel, Devices, or Systems

At 4:45 p.m. a motion was made:

*(2) 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.
**(Hanson and Swett)

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

At 5:55 p.m. a motion was made:

*(3) That the board reconvene 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 both Closed Session for 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, Samuel Hanson, Katherine Kennedy, Nate Salazar, Kristi Swett, Lexi Cunningham, Janet Roberts, and Florence Vincent, board legal counsel from Prince, Yeates and Geldzahler.

3. STUDY SESSION:

A. Evaluation Process

There was no Study Session presented at the meeting.

4. BOARD MEETING CONVENES:

A. OPENING ITEMS:
1. President Sandberg convened the meeting and welcomed everyone in the audience. She recognized James Tobler, representing the Salt Lake Education Association, and Angela Doan, Senior Education Advisor to the Mayor.

2. Paul Schulte led the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. CONSENT AGENDA:

*(4) A motion was made that the board approve the seven items included in the Consent Agenda. These items are listed below. The motion was approved unanimously.

**(Ford and Salazar)

1. Purchasing/Accounting Reports
   a. Purchasing Report
   b. Budget Report for May 2019
   c. Payment Voucher Report
   d. Schools Financial Report, May 31, 2019
2. Human Resource Services Report
3. Minutes for the Board Meeting, June 4, 2019
4. Minutes for the Board Meeting, June 18, 2019
5. Early Literacy Plan 2019-2020
6. East High Travel Request, Women’s Soccer, Park City Utah, August 16-17, 2019
7. Comprehensive Support and Improvement Plans
   a. Bennion Elementary
   b. Horizonte Instruction and Training Center
   c. Meadowlark Elementary
   d. Rose Park Elementary

C. REQUEST TO SPEAK:

1. Enrique Arce-Larreta spoke to the board requesting approval for the West High Physics team to travel to Germany.

2. Arianna Meinking spoke to the board requesting approval for the West High Physics team to travel to Germany.

3. Jon Fink spoke to the board regarding school hate incidents.

D. REPORTS:

1. **Y2Analytics – Process to Solicit Feedback on Three-Tiered Busing and Late Start**

   A representative from Y2Analytics explained the survey and evaluation process they will use to gather constituent input regarding three-tiered busing and late start. He emphasized the importance of comprehensive and fair surveys that provide everyone an opportunity to respond. He answered questions from the board. A copy of the PowerPoint has been added to the official minutes.
E. DISCUSSION AGENDA:

1. West High School Travel Request, Physics, Germany

Board members discussed the proposal for the West High Physics team to travel to Germany. They discussed the insurance liability and what State Risk would cover. Board members noted the uniqueness of this opportunity and said they would like to encourage the team to participate, but were not sure if there were legal concerns and would like to have the proposal reviewed by legal counsel first.

*(5) A motion was made to move the West High Travel Request to Germany to the Action Agenda. The motion was approved unanimously.
**(Kennedy and Ford)

2. Literacy Goals and Budgets

Tiffany Hall answered questions from the board regarding the Literacy Goals and the Budgets they reviewed.

3. Social-Emotional Learning Goals and Budgets

Superintendent Cunningham said the framework for the Social-Emotional Learning Goals and Budgets will start getting rolled out at Administrative Institute and teacher professional development days. Ms. Roberts reminded the board the budget for this needs to be approved before it can be rolled out. Sandra Buendia answered questions from the board.

*(6) A motion was made to move the Social-Emotional Learning and Literacy Goals and Budgets to the Action Agenda. The motion was approved unanimously.
**(Swett and Ford)

4. Safe School Resolution

Board members discussed the growing unrest in the world today and the need to reaffirm the Safe School Resolution that was approved two years ago. They discussed renewing the resolution vs. creating a new one, the importance of keeping up with current events, providing relevant information to families as needed, and exploring what the district could do if a family became separated. Board members suggested reaffirming all the resolutions annually so they are active documents that don’t get forgotten, having them easily available on the district website, and changing the name of the Safe Schools Resolution to be more clear.

*(7) A motion was made to move the Safe Schools Resolution Reaffirmation, the development of a statement denouncing the practice of separating children and families at the border to the Action Agenda that would include exploring what our process and policy could be if a family, parent, or child is detained by a federal agency. The motion was approved unanimously.
**(Salazar and Ford)
5. **Future Board Meeting Topics**

President Sandberg asked for suggestions of topics board members would like to have on future agendas. Board Members agreed to a suggestion made to propose ideas to district leadership for review before putting them on the agenda. Board members asked for the ideas that were brainstormed at the board retreat to be resent with a deadline for submitting their ideas.

6. **Board Committees**

Board members reviewed committee assignments and noted corrections. Board members discussed adding an Inland Port Support Committee, as well as having alternates assigned to various committees in case someone can’t attend. Assignments were made. Board members asked the superintendent to request schools not hold their SCC meetings at the same time as board meetings.

F. **ACTION AGENDA:**

1. **Evaluation Process**

   President Sandberg said this item would be held over for a future meeting since the Study Session on the topic was not presented.

2. **Any item transferred from Consent/Discussion Agenda**

   **West High School Travel Request**

   *(8)* A motion was made to accept the West High Travel Request pending attorney approval. The motion was approved unanimously.

   **(Kennedy and Salazar)**

   **Social-Emotional Learning and Literacy Goals and Budgets**

   *(9)* A motion was made to approve the social-emotional learning goals and budgets. The motion was approved unanimously.

   **(Melissa and Katherine)**

   **Safe Schools**

   *(10)* A motion was made to reaffirm the safe schools resolution, to craft a second resolution in regard to the separation of families at the southern border, to reaffirm the resolution on an annual basis, to think about renaming the Safe Schools Resolution, and developing a policy and process of what to do if our families are separated. Board Member Salazar proposed a friendly amendment to include having small group workshops with families. The motion was approved unanimously.

   **(Swett and Kennedy)**
G. BOARD MEMBER REPORT:

Board Member Swett provided updates about progress made regarding e-cigarettes and good work going on in the legislature with the Smoke Free Schools Act. She said Martin Yablonovsky, Director of Transportation, many school principals, and parents have been involved in a community based meeting regarding transportation and safety. She said it's been a positive conversation and broadened awareness about issues for community leaders. She encouraged anyone with concerns in their precincts to get involved and connect with Ms. Roberts and Mr. Yablonovsky.

Board Member Kennedy said one of the events at the Leadership Academy coming up in September is Soup with the State Superintendent. She asked anyone with questions for the State Superintendent to e-mail them to her.

Vice President Ford said she has put a lot of effort into the evaluation process for the superintendent, business administrator, and the board. She thanked everyone for their support and wants to make sure we have something that is team building for everyone. She said she also attended the SLEF meeting and enjoyed seeing their board work together to identify priorities. She shared highlights from the meeting.

Board Member Salazar said he was contacted by the Department of Public Services to help spread the word about hiring crossing guards. He will send the information out to the board. He expressed gratitude to the superintendent and James Yapias who helped arrange a donation of backpacks and books to students in the Glendale community. He said he was awarded a scholarship to attend a school governance conference in Chicago through NALEO (National Association of Latino Elected Officials) and encouraged any other board members who would like to get involved to contact him.

President Sandberg reminded everyone that the district awards ceremony will be held on Thursday, August 8, 2019 at the University of Utah Alumni House.

H. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

Superintendent Cunningham said new teachers will be welcomed tomorrow at New Teacher Orientation, and Administrator’s Institute will be held all day on Thursday and Friday. She said she is excited to have these days focus on literacy and social emotional learning.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by President Sandberg at 8:31 p.m.

Janet M. Roberts
Business Administrator

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Salt Lake City School District  
Addition to the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting 8/6/2019  

*The Official Minutes of the Board Meeting held on August 6, 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  
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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):

Y2Analytics PowerPoint presentation  

Agenda Item 4D1