

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SALT LAKE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board Annual Planning Session

July 9, 2013

The Board of Education of Salt Lake City School District met in a Board Annual Planning Session at 10:10 a.m. on Tuesday, July 9, 2013, in Cottonwood Room D, Snowbird Resort Center, Highway 210, Little Cottonwood Canyon, Utah.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: President Kristi Swett, Vice President Heather Bennett, J. Michael Clára, Rosemary Emery, Dr. Douglas Nelson, Tiffany Sandberg, and Laurel H. Young.

Members Excused: Lavenita Vaitia, Student Member.

Also Present: Superintendent McKell Withers; Janet Roberts, Business Administrator; Patrick Garcia, Associate Superintendent School Support; Gary Smith, Chief Information Officer; Craig Ruesch, Interim Executive Director Human Resources; Michael Williams, Director of Development and External Relations; Susan McFarland, President, Salt Lake Teachers Association; Jason Olsen, Public Information Officer; and Kristina Kindle.

In accordance with the agenda prepared for the Board Annual Planning Session of July 9, 2013, one motion was 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 Swett, who presided.

A. CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

A Closed Executive Session of the Board of Education was not held.

B. LIMITED CONSENT AGENDA

\*(1) Approval was given to the five items included in the Limited Consent Agenda. These items are listed below.

\*\* (Young and Emery)

1. The Purchasing/Accounting Report, included a breakdown of items costing over and under \$50,000, increases to existing purchase orders, a payment voucher report that includes travel and professional expenditures, and the Budget Report for May, 2013.

2. The Human Resources Department Report, which included releases for 66 employees.
3. Minutes of the Board Business Meeting held June 4, 2013.
4. Minutes of the Board Study Session held June 18, 2013.
5. 2013-2014 Agreement with the Salt Lake Association of School Administrators.

VOTE RECORD	AYE	NAY	ABSENT
BENNETT	X		
CLÁRA	X		
EMERY	X		
NELSON	X		
SWETT	X		
SANDBERG	X		
YOUNG	X		
A Absent	Ab Abstention	F Failed	
N "No" Vote	NA No Action	T Tabled	
W Withdrawn	*Unanimous Approval		
**Members Making Motion			

C. BOARD PRIORITIES AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

1. 2013-2013 Tentative Schedules

- a. Study Session Topics and Tentative Schedule – Superintendent Withers referred the board to the 2013-2014 Study Session Topics and Tentative Agenda that was included in the agenda. Board members discussed additional items they would like to have on future agendas. Budget development will be integrated in the discussions.
  - Graduation/Drop Out Rates Beyond Annual Reporting
  - Common Core State Standards and Utah Core Curriculum
  - CTE Goals and Directions
  - Program Evaluation
  - Special Education
  - Budget Development – will be integrated in the discussions listed above

Superintendent Withers distributed an overview of Special Education Process. It has been added to the official minutes. President Swett told the board that a 5-10 minute USBA Master Board training will be included on the board’s agenda in the coming months.

- b. Board Policy Subcommittee Anticipated Schedule – Superintendent Withers noted a review of the Board Handbook, B-Policies, and Administrative Procedures will be on the September 9, 2013, Board Business Meeting agenda. If board members have any questions, they can contact Superintendent Withers or the Board Policy Subcommittee members.

D. ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

Superintendent Withers distributed a copy of the assistant principal and intern assignments for the 2013-14 fiscal year. A copy has been added to the official minutes. John Robson will be asked to attend the next board meeting to clarify the role of the board in administrative assignments.

Superintendent Withers reported the Glendale/Mountain View Community Learning Center ribbon cutting will be held on September 10, 2013, at 1:00 p.m. He distributed a copy of the architect rendering for the Center. A copy has been added to the official minutes.

Superintendent Withers invited board members to the Salt Lake City School District Business Partner Thank You to be held on August 6, 2013, from 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at the Grand America. Business Partners of the Salt Lake City School District and district administrators have been invited as well.

Superintendent Withers informed board members of a possible law suit against helmet manufacturers on a breach of contract claim. A copy of the email has been added to the official minutes.

Superintendent Withers distributed a letter the board's attorney, John Robson, received from the Office of the Utah State Auditor, in response to a GRAMA request he made on behalf of the district. He said Mr. Robson will appeal the denial of the GRAMA request. A copy of the letter has been added to the official minutes.

Superintendent Withers distributed a draft copy of the high school accountability model the district is exploring. The district will continue to refine the model with input from high school principals. He said the school grading law will affect high schools worse than other schools. A copy has been added to the official minutes.

Superintendent Withers distributed a handout on the Proposed Training Timeline for Spring and Fall 2013 for Illuminate - the new Data Dashboard and Assessment Platform the district is implementing. A copy has been added to the official minutes.

Superintendent Withers said as a result of the changes to the articles of incorporation and bylaws of the Salt Lake Education Foundation, members of the Foundation's board will need to be approved by the Board of Education.

Superintendent Withers distributed an email sent by Barbara Kuehl outlining some of the Professional Development options that will be available for the 2013-14 fiscal year. A copy of the email has been added to the official minutes.

Superintendent Withers said during the 2012-13 fiscal year the district had three "No Empty Seats Today" (NEST) days.

Superintendent Withers said it looks like early testing data shows Edison and Meadowlark had some amazing accomplishments with students this past year.

Superintendent Withers said if the high schools have late starts every Monday from October to Spring Break for Professional Learning Communities (PLCs), they will still maintain the same number of instructional hours for students. He said West High will be talking to their SIC and SCC to see if they are interested as well.

Superintendent Withers told board members we would include a document with ESEA comparisons in the Friday packet.

Superintendent Withers said additional information in regards to the proposed tax increase will also be included in the Friday packet.

Superintendent Withers distributed a handout given to SIC Chairs and Principals at a meeting he, President Swett, and Susan McFarland held on September 19, 2012. He said the meeting was very successful, and another meeting will be scheduled for the 2013-14 fiscal year. A copy of the handout has been added to the official minutes.

Superintendent Withers gave an update on the Education Task Force and the Education Interim Committee meeting. President Swett said Superintendent Withers testified at the Education Task Force and met with President Niederhauser as well. Superintendent Withers said the Education Interim Committee is looking for teachers to be part of a panel. He said he sent them a list of teachers and is hopeful they will be selected.

E. ADJOURNMENT

The Board Annual Planning Session was adjourned at 1:34 p.m.

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Janet M. Roberts  
Business Administrator

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