

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SALT LAKE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board Meeting Minutes

April 18, 2023

The Board of Education of Salt Lake City School District met in a Board Meeting and Closed Executive Session at 5:05 p.m. on Tuesday, April 18, 2023, in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 465 South 400 East, Suite 300, Salt Lake City, Utah.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: President Nate Salazar, Vice President Bryce Williams, Jenny Sika, Ashley Anderson, Mohamed Baayd, Bryan Jensen, Kristi Swett (arrived 5:22 p.m.), and Lydia May, student member.

Also, Present: Dr. Martin Bates, Superintendent; Alan Kearsley, Business Administrator; Yándary Chatwin, Executive Director of Communications and Community Relations; Sandra Buendia, Executive Director of Educational Equity and Student Services; Logan Hall, Executive Director of Human Resource Services; Leeson Taylor, Chief Officer of School Leadership and Performance; Tiffany Hall, Executive Director of Teaching and Learning; Kristina Kindl, Executive Director of Policy and Legal Services; Christy Hart, Director of Finance; Sam Quantz, Chief Information Officer; April Johnson, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent; and others.

In accordance with the agenda prepared for the Board Meeting of April 18, 2023, six motions were made. Items are reported as listed on the agenda and not necessarily in the order they were considered.

1. PUBLIC MEETING OPENS

The meeting was called to order by President Salazar, who presided.

2. BOARD MEETING CONVENES

A. OPENING ITEMS

1. Welcome

President Salazar welcomed everyone to the meeting. He recognized Elia Ocampo representing Buildings and Grounds Association. Tonya Slaughter representing Child Nutrition, Whitney Fauver representing the Salt Lake Education Office Personnel Association, Cindee Davis representing Salt Lake Transportation Association, James Tobler representing the Salt Lake Education Association (“SLEA”), and JaNeal Rodriguez representing the Salt Lake Association of School Administrators.

VOTE RECORD	AYE	NAY	Abstained
WILLIAMS	2,3,4,5,6	1	
SIKA	X		
ANDERSON	2,3,4,5,6	1	
SALAZAR	2,3,4,5,6	1	
BAAYD	2,3,4,5,6	1	
JENSEN	2,3,4,5,6	1	
SWETT	2,3,4,5,6		1
A Absent	Ab Abstention	F Failed	
N "No" Vote	NA No Action	T Tabled	
W Withdrawn	*Unanimous Approval		
**Members Making Motion			

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Vice President Williams led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

3. Recognitions

Monica Strong, Salt Lake Region PTA President, recognized the Utah Reflections award winners from Salt Lake City School District:

Excellence: Peter Kim (West High, Film Production)

Merit: John Nelson (Beacon Heights Elementary, Photography); Aria Holbrook (Dilworth Elementary, Music Composition); Xinqi Wang (West High, 2D Visual Art); and Hanxiao Shi (West High, 2D Visual Art)

Honorable Mention: Annie Jia (Emerson Elementary, 2D Visual Art); Rosie Little (Highland Park Elementary, Literature); Foss Goodwin (West High, Film Production); and Allison Holmberg (Highland High, 3D Visual Art)

B. CONSENT AGENDA

^{N/Ab} (1) A motion was made that the Board approve the 34 items on the Consent Agenda. The motion did not pass, with Board Members Williams, Anderson, Salazar, Baayd and Jensen voting no and Board Member Swett abstaining.

** (Anderson and Baayd)

*(2) A motion was made that the Board approve the 34 items on the Consent Agenda, subject to the correction of EXHIBIT 2B4b. The motion was approved unanimously.

** (Anderson and Baayd)

1. Purchasing/Accounting Reports
 - a. Increase for Natural Gas – Horizonte Instruction and Training Center
 - b. Increase for Vehicle Fuel – Facility Services
 - c. Additional Non-food Items for Child Nutrition
 - d. Increase in Insurance Premiums
 - e. HVAC Replacements at Glendale Middle School
 - f. HVAC Replacements at Highland Park Elementary School
 - g. Network Equipment for the New District Office
 - h. Generator – East High School
 - i. Generators – West High School
 - j. Computers – Highland High School
 - k. Charging Carts
 - l. Secondary Math Curriculum
 - m. Elementary Language Arts Curriculum
 - n. Under 50K Change Orders and POs; Under 50K POs (Excel)
 - o. Budget Report
 - p. Payment Voucher Report
 - q. School Financial Reports
 - r. Administrative Stipend Report
2. Human Resource Services Report
3. Minutes for the Board Meeting, March 21, 2023
4. School LAND Trust Plans
 - a. Salt Lake Center for Science Education
 - b. Open Classroom
 - c. Salt Lake School for Performing Arts
5. 2023-24 Student Overnight Travel
6. Board Policies
 - a. C-2: Visitors to the School
 - b. F-3: Conference Attendance and Travel Expense Reimbursement
 - c. G-18: Complaint Resolution Process
 - d. I-1: Basic Educational Program/ College and Career Readiness
 - e. I-18: Acceptable Student Use of Internet, Computers, and Network Resources
 - f. P-4: Discipline of District Employees
 - g. S-3: Student Conduct and Discipline
 - h. S-5: Student Dress Code
 - i. S-11: Student Electronic Devices in Schools
7. Updated Board Meeting Calendar with the addition of April 24, 2023

C. REQUEST TO SPEAK

Representatives from Rose Park Elementary School community read a letter to the Board concerning the closure of elementary schools in the district, the discontinuation of the elementary family school collaboration specialist position, and the need for better communication with linguistically diverse families.

James Tobler spoke on behalf of SLEA, advocating for classified staff in the district. He commented on the need to pay hourly and classified employees a

living wage. He mentioned the district has some of the lowest tax levies along the Wasatch Front. SLEA would like to have more full-time paraprofessional positions available to provide support in classrooms.

Todd Petersen, speaking on behalf of the Buildings and Grounds Association, commented on how educational support professionals (ESP) are essential to the district but are not included in the district-level conversations that directly affect them. He stated that the district cannot run without the ESPs and that they are critical to the district fulfilling the Board's vision.

D. REPORTS

1. Washington Elementary Extended Learning Program Pilot

Dr. Tiffany Hall, Executive Director of Teaching and Learning, and Dr. Alex Parsons, Supervisor of the Extended Learning Program (ELP), presented an update on the Magnet ELP (MELP) class being piloted at Washington Elementary School. They discussed enrollment in the MELP class and asked for direction on continuing the pilot, including a decision on whether to enroll fourth-grade students for the 2023-24 school year. Board members agreed that continuing the MELP fourth and fifth-grade classrooms at Washington is appropriate. The Board requested a review of the MELP pilot at Washington in the spring of 2024. The Board will add a study session about Extended Learning Programs to a future Board agenda.

2. Utah Transit Authority Partnership

James Yapias, Director of the Salt Lake Education Foundation, presented on how the district's partnership with the Utah Transit Authority is positively impacting students and staff. Northwest Middle School Principal Andrea Seminario talked about the UTA On Demand app and how it has benefited her students. Board members thanked Mr. Yapias for his stewardship of the partnership and for all those that have worked to make this partnership possible. The Board asked for information on the availability and uses of the passes to be widely distributed to families and staff.

E. DISCUSSION AGENDA

1. Authorization of Boys Volleyball Beginning in the 2023-24 School Year

Missy Mackay-Whiteurs, District-Wide Athletics Director, explained that the Utah High School Activities Association has sanctioned boys volleyball as a spring sport beginning in the 2023-24 school year. She reviewed the startup costs for boys volleyball and noted the additional cost for referees. The estimated student fees for boys volleyball matches that of girls volleyball. The addition of boys volleyball will increase the number of

spring season sports to nine. She concluded by requesting the Board to authorize boys volleyball to begin in the district starting next year.

*(3) A motion was made to move the Authorization of Boys Volleyball Beginning in the 2023-24 School Year to Action Agenda. The motion was approved unanimously.

** (Swett and Anderson)

3. ACTION AGENDA

*(4) A motion was made to approve the Authorization of Boys Volleyball Beginning in the 2023-24 School Year. The motion was approved unanimously.

** (Baayd and Swett)

4. CLOSED SESSION

At 8:45 p.m., a motion was made, after which members conducted the meeting off-line:

*(5) That the Board meet in closed session to consider the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual; collective bargaining; information provided to the board during a procurement process. The motion was approved unanimously.

** (Swett and Salazar)

Present for closed session for character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual; collective bargaining; and information provided to the board during a procurement process were Nate Salazar, Bryce Williams, Jenny Sika, Ashley Anderson, Mohamed Baayd, Bryan Jensen, Kristi Swett, Dr. Martin Bates, and Alan Kearsley. Logan Hall was present only for the collective bargaining discussion.

At 10:36 p.m., a motion was made to end the closed session, after which the open meeting was reconvened.

*(6) That the Board end the closed session and reconvene the open meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

** (Swett and Anderson)

5. BOARD MEETING RECONVENES

6. SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Dr. Martin Bates did not give a report.

7. BOARD MEMBER REPORT

Board Member Jensen recognize East High School students for their accomplishments in the WorldStrides Heritage Festival, where the choir won the Sweepstakes Award. Orchestra and band took second place in their perspective categories.

President Salazar attended the Salt Lake City Parks and Recreation board meeting. They are working on their strategic plan and will reach out to coordinate a presentation at an upcoming Board meeting.

Board Member Baayd talked about the end of Ramadan and wished everyone a happy Eid al-Fitr.

Board Member Sika invited everyone to the Ron McBride Track and Field at Clayton Middle School for the Middle School Track Event Thursday, April 20, 2023 at 4 p.m.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by President Salazar at 10:43 p.m.

Alan Kearsley
Business Administrator

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**Salt Lake City School District
Addition to the Minutes of the Board Meeting 04/18/2023**

*The Official Minutes of the Board Meeting held on April 18, 2023, 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):

Addition to Minutes:

[Letter to the Board](#)

[Updated EXHIBIT 2B4b](#)

[Boys Volleyball](#)