

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SALT LAKE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board Business Meeting Minutes

May 2, 2023

The Board of Education of Salt Lake City School District met in a Board Meeting and Closed Executive Session at 5:01 p.m. on Tuesday, May 2, 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 (arrived 5:02 p.m.), Ashley Anderson, Mohamed Baayd, Bryan Jensen, Kristi Swett, and Lydia May, student member.

Also, Present: 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 (Remote); 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 May 2, 2023, four 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 JaNeal Rodriguez representing the Salt Lake Association of School Administrators (SLASA), James Tobler representing the Salt Lake Education Association (SLEA), Whitney Fauver representing the Salt Lake Education Office Personnel Association (SLEOPA), Cindee Davis representing Salt Lake Transportation Association, Elia Ocampo representing Buildings and Grounds Association, and Tonya Slaughter representing Child Nutrition.

VOTE RECORD	AYE	NAY	ABSENT
WILLIAMS	X		
SIKA	X		
ANDERSON	X		
SALAZAR	X		
BAAYD	X		
JENSEN	X		
SWETT	X		
A Absent	Ab Abstention	F Failed	
N "No" Vote	NA No Action	T Tabled	
W Withdraw n	*Unanimous Approval		
**Members Making Motion			

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Elizabeth Leonard and Ben Gleason, students, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

3. Recognitions

Dr. Lesson Taylor, Chief Officer of School Leadership and Performance, recognized the 2023 Battle of the Books winners:

- West High: *Lucy Dayton, Maddie Stolz, Emily Wang, Diya Dagar, Kourtney Jia*
- Wasatch Elementary: *Susie Hughes, Hana Onda, Liam Moser, Lewis Silge, Ellie Edwards*
- Washington Elementary: *Azelynn Pendleton, Elizabeth Leonard, Alexandra Leonard, Amelia Fehlberg, Ben Gleason*
- Whittier Elementary: *Ellen Chang, Nora Helm, Josh Baker, Nishka Namjoshi, Sam Gebhart*

B. CONSENT AGENDA

*(1) A motion was made that the Board approve the 14 items on the Consent Agenda. These items are listed below. The motion was approved unanimously

** (Swett and Baayd)

- 1. Purchases/Accounting Reports
 - a. Increase State Fuel

- b. Implementation of Demand-Controlled Ventilation (DCV) at East High School
 - c. New Emergency Management Application
 - d. Turf Mowers
 - e. Under 50K Change Orders and POs; Under 50K POs (Excel)
 - f. Budget Report
 - g. Payment Voucher Report
 - h. School Financial Reports
 - i. Administrative Stipend Report
2. Human Resource Services Report
 3. Minutes for the Board Meeting, April 11, 2023
 4. Minutes for the Board Meeting, April 18, 2023
 5. Minutes for the Board Meeting, April 25, 2023
 6. 2023 Assurances Human Sexuality and Maturation

C. REQUEST TO SPEAK

1. General

Brady Tanner advocated on behalf of the special education (Sped) and multi-language learner (MLL) students. He encouraged the Board to focus on hiring and retaining Sped and MLL teachers.

Chelsie Acosta spoke on behalf of SLEA members concerning the scheduled snow day at the end of the year, including the effect of weather-related regular, delayed start, and canceled school days on students and staff. She also read comments and concerns from multiple staff members concerning the last storm and schools not being delayed or closed.

Lisa McBride read a statement from a group of Salt Lake School of Performing Arts (SPA) parents. She spoke on the academic connection SPA has with Highland High School and the use of the Rosslyn Heights building. She has asked the Board to reconsider extending the lease agreement with SPA.

2. Potential Closure of Salt Lake Virtual Elementary

There were no speakers on this topic.

3. CLOSED SESSION

At 5:26 p.m., a motion was made, after which members conducted the meeting off-line:

*(2) That the Board meet in closed session to consider pending or reasonably imminent litigation and collective bargaining. The motion was approved unanimously.

** (Jensen and Anderson)

Present for closed session for pending or reasonably imminent litigation were President Salazar, Vice President Williams, Jenny Sika, Ashley Anderson, Mohamed Baayd, Bryan Jensen, Kristi Swett, Dr. Martin Bates, Alan Kearsley, and Kristina Kindl. (Kristina Kindl departed at 5:34 p.m.)

Present for closed session for collective bargaining were President Salazar, Vice President Williams, Jenny Sika, Ashley Anderson, Mohamed Baayd, Bryan Jensen, Kristi Swett, Dr. Martin Bates, Alan Kearsley, and Logan Hall. (Logan Hall arrived at 5:36 p.m.)

4. BOARD MEETING RECONVENES

A. REPORTS

1. Salt Lake Virtual Elementary Survey

Dr. Tiffany Hall, Executive Director of Teaching and Learning, and Logan Hall, Executive Director of Human Resource Services, presented the Salt Lake Virtual Elementary (SLVE) survey results. The presentation included information on how the survey was distributed, future plans of the families surveyed, and their learning environment preferences. Additionally, SLVE assessment data was shared. The district recommended SLVE not be continued beyond the 2022-2023 school year, and SLVE students be assisted in enrolling in their neighborhood schools or provided information on online elementary options available in other school districts. Board members confirmed that there are two additional comment periods for SLVE parents to address the Board.

5. BOARD MEMBER REPORT

Board Member Swett advocated training for school community councils (SCCs) on their responsibilities and shared governance. She thanked all those currently serving on SCCs.

Board Member Jensen recognized the passing of Craig Ruesch, former SLCS D Executive Director of Human Resource Services and educator. He reported on the Utah School Board Association meeting, calendar dates, and resources. He indicated that he had accepted a committee assignment on the USBA Evaluation Committee. He also reminded members to complete their Master Board Certification.

Board Member Anderson shared a strong desire from the Capitol Hill neighborhood council to know more about the rebuild at West High School. She would like to engage with state leaders about chronic absenteeism. She congratulated the West High International Baccalaureate students on their art show and mentioned that many elementary schools in the district have art shows this month.

Student Board Member May reported that students and teachers at both West High School and Highland High School feel the information on the rebuilding of the schools needs to be communicated more effectively to them.

Vice President Williams reported that students from Backman Elementary, North Star Elementary, and Washington Elementary were able to participate in the Project Youth Program offered by the Office of Engagement at the University of Utah.

Board Member Baayd offered condolences to the district family that lost their loved one in a shooting this past week.

President Salazar had the opportunity to teach an Edison Elementary third-grade class for a day at Junior Achievement (JA). He thanked the school, Dr. Lesson Taylor, JA, the City, Delta, Utah Jazz, and all those involved in this great event. He thanked all teachers for all that they do and wished them a Happy Teacher Appreciation Day.

At 6:43 p.m., a motion was made, after which members resumed their closed session off-line:

* (3) That the Board resume closed session to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual, and that at the conclusion of the closed session, the Board immediately adjourn. The motion was approved unanimously.

**(Anderson and Jensen)

Present for the closed session for a closed session to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual were Nate Salazar, Bryce Williams, Jenny Sika, Ashley Anderson, Mohamed Baayd, Bryan Jensen, Kristi Swett, Alan Kearsley, and Joan Andrews from Fabian Vancott.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by President Salazar at 9:02 p.m.

Alan Kearsley
Business Administrator

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**Salt Lake City School District
Addition to the Minutes of the Board Meeting 05/02/2023**

*The Official Minutes of the Board Meeting held on May 2, 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):

No additions to the minutes