

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SALT LAKE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board Study Session
and Closed Executive Session

November 15, 2011

The Board of Education of Salt Lake City School District met in a Board Study Session and Closed Executive Session at 5:35 p.m. on Tuesday, November 15, 2011 in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 440 East 100 South, Salt Lake City, Utah.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: President Kristi Swett, Vice President Heather Bennett, Rosemary Emery, Dr. Douglas Nelson, Amanda Thorderson, Alama Uluave, Laurel H. Young, and Maria Chevesich, Student Member.

Also Present: Superintendent McKell Withers; Janet Roberts, Business Administrator; Dorothy Cosgrove, Associate Superintendent School Support; Michael Williams, Director of Development and External Relations; Barbara Kuehl, Director of Academic Services and Professional Development; CeCie Scharman, Supervisor Healthy Lifestyles and Character Education; Julie Atwood, Supervisor Educational Technology and Library Media; Joleigh Honey, Math Supervisor; Roseanne Henderson, Supervisor Fine Arts; Dessie Olson, Social Studies and World Languages Specialist; Ken O'Brien, Science Specialist; Sharon Adamson, Language Arts Coordinator; Susan McFarland, President, Salt Lake Teachers Association; Cindy Mills, representing the Salt Lake Educational Office Personnel Association; Jason Olsen, Public Information Officer; Danette Schrock, Business Administration Office; and others in the audience.

In accordance with the agenda prepared for the Board Study Session of November 15, 2011, 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 Swett, who presided.

1. CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 5:35 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, personnel, and property items.

** (Thorderson and Young)

Present for Closed Session were Kristi Swett, Heather Bennett, Rosemary Emery, Dr. Douglas Nelson, Amanda Thorderson, Alama Uluave, Laurel H. Young, McKell Withers, Janet Roberts, Dorothy Cosgrove, and Patrick Garcia.

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| W Withdrawn | * Unanimous Approval | | |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

Board members adjourned from the Closed Executive Session at 6:20 p.m. and returned to the Board Study Session at 6:33 p.m.

2. BOARD STUDY SESSION

- President Swett welcomed everyone attending tonight’s meeting.
- Dessie Olson led the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
- Limited Consent Agenda

*(2) A motion was made that the board approve the items included in the Limited Consent Agenda. These items are listed below.

** (Nelson and Young)

- a. Purchasing Report dated November 15, 2011, included a breakdown of items costing over and under \$50,000.
- b. Approval of Tentative Agreement with Transportation Bargaining Group for 2011-2012.

A. STUDY TOPICS

1. Student Achievement Plan – Curriculum and Instruction. Barbara Kuehl introduced members of her department and provided board members with

a presentation highlighting the Curriculum and Instruction essential of the Student Achievement Plan. A copy has been added to the official minutes. She said it is very important to have guaranteed, viable curriculum for all students and provided updates on the math and language arts common core. Ms. Kuehl talked about new teacher induction and mentoring, the range of professional development opportunities, and the increased innovations in technology used within the district's schools. In closing, she said tonight's report was just a brief sampling of the many great things going on within the Curriculum Department and commended the teachers and administrators for their focus, dedication, and hard work.

Board members expressed their appreciation to Ms. Kuehl for the informative report.

2. Proposed Redistricting Maps. Vice President Bennett reviewed previous discussion on the proposed redistricting maps to ensure board members were still in agreement of the need to modify district precincts. Two maps have been presented previously, "Jordan River Central 11-3-11" and "Jordan River South 11-8-11." Another map entitled Jordan River Central, Small Group 11/8/11" was distributed at tonight's meeting. A copy of each has been added to the official minutes. Board members began their discussion by expressing their concern over having adequate representation West of I-15 and downtown. President Swett reminded board members having one map will provide a stronger voice to the city council when they are making their decision. Board members came to a consensus on the "Jordan River Central, Small Group 11-8-11" map.

B. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Miscellaneous Updates:

USBA Leadership Academy. Ms. Young and Ms. Thorderson reported on the USBA Leadership Academy. They said it was a great conference and had provided a lot of very helpful information.

Grading Schools and State Accountability System. Superintendent Withers said he is on a committee to discuss ESEA flexibility and will provide more information to them as it becomes available.

NEA Priority Schools. Superintendent Withers provided board members with information on NEA's Priority Schools Campaign. A copy has been added to the official minutes.

2. Other Superintendent Reports.

Superintendent Withers distributed to board members an article written by Senator Osmond entitled "Lessons Learned and Next Steps: Sen. Osmond Discusses Public Education Reform Bill Feedback". He said he feels the article is very encouraging.

Superintendent Withers reminded board members of the meeting tomorrow morning kicking off the partnership between Grand America and the Salt Lake Education Foundation to recognize and celebrate outstanding educators.

Superintendent told board members the East High School football team will be playing in the state tournament at Rice Eccles Stadium Friday, November 18, 2011.

Superintendent Withers reported there will be a Special Action Item on the agenda for the December 6, 2011 Board Business Meeting. He said the district has an opportunity to refinance bonds which will save taxpayers approximately \$1.5 million.

C. OTHER

1. President Swett encouraged board members to attend some of the fun plays being presented by district schools. She also reported the Winter Social is scheduled for December 13, 2011.

D. ADJOURNMENT

The Board Study Session was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Janet M. Roberts
Business Administrator

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