

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SALT LAKE CITY

Board Meeting, Study Session and Executive Session

March 18, 2003

The Board of Education of Salt Lake City met in an Executive Session, Study Session, and Board Meeting at 5:07 p.m. on Tuesday, March 18, 2003, in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 440 East First South, Salt Lake City, Utah.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Vice President Laurel H. Young, Kathy Warner Black, Dr. Janice W. Clemmer, John deJong, Ila Rose Fife, and Dr. Douglas Nelson.

Members Excused: President Clifford Higbee and Gregory Marsh, Student Member.

STUDY SESSION

Also Present: Superintendent McKell Withers*; Kent G. Stephens, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services*; Cynthia L. Seidel, Assistant Superintendent Educational Services*; Rickie McCandless, Associate Superintendent*; Dr. Charles Hausman, Assistant Superintendent*; Shauna Carl, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, & Assessment*; Dorothy Cosgrove, Highland Area Director*; Kathleen Christy, East Area Director*; Christelle Estrada, Director of Professional Development*; Maria Farrington, Director Eccles/Annenberg and Supervisor Family Support & Outreach*; Patricia Roberts, Director of Student & Family Services*; Maria Peterson, Coordinator of Social Studies & Fine Arts*; Janice Schroeder, Multicultural Education and Foreign Language Supervisor*; Principal Cherrie Brinlee, Clayton Middle School*; Elaine Tzourtzouklis, President, Salt Lake Teachers Association*; Teri Croft, Region 4 PTA President*; Jason Olsen, Public Information Officer*; Beckie Sanchez, Business Administration Office*; and others in the audience.

BOARD MEETING

Also Present: Those listed above and marked with an asterisk; Richard Scott, Director of Human Resources; Gary Smith, Director of Information Systems; Richard James, Director of Accounting; Principal Sue Parker, Hawthorne Elementary; and others in the audience.

accepted. Reasons for denial included limited space, disciplinary reasons, or the request did not meet the criteria for “unusual needs” as set by the Board of Education. Board members thanked Ms. Roberts for the information and for her efforts to collect that information.

6b. Middle School Summit Update. Continuing from the Study Session, Kathleen Christy, East Area Director, reported to the board on progress made since the Middle School summit. She noted that since the summit in April 2002, middle school teachers and cluster teams have met several times to work on establishing individual school and collaborative plans for student advocacy and best teaching practices. The teams have also evaluated course offerings and middle school schedules. Ms Christy reported all middle schools in the district have established literacy and advocacy plans and are working to implement them. She also said a significant number of teachers are earning ESL endorsements and middle schools are working with feeder schools to establish transition plans for incoming 7th and outgoing 8th grade students. All middle schools operate after school Learning Plus Centers and beginning with the next school year, all middle schools will be on a common schedule. She said the future focus will continue on advocacy, refining curriculum, exploring the implementation of smaller learning communities in schools, and increasing parental involvement.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

7a. Policy JN, Student Fees, Fines, Charges and Fee Waivers. Dorothy Cosgrove, Highland Area Director, presented to the board the proposed changes to the fee schedule in the policy. She noted the increased fees were requested by schools and were discussed in the School Community Council meetings before being placed on the fee schedule. Ms. Cosgrove also told the board the fees for driver education classes are being reviewed in light of recent legislation limiting the amount of state money the school can spend on the program. After hearing the report, the board decided to move this item from discussion to action.

*(3) A motion was made to move Policy JN, Student Fees, Fines, Charges and Fee Waivers forward as an Action Item.

** (Black and Clemmer)

7b. Policy BDDH, Public Participation at Board Meetings. Superintendent Withers presented the board with a revised version of the policy. He said the policy was revised according to board member’s suggestions and discussion during the March 3, 2003 Board Meeting. Board members discussed the revisions and thanked Superintendent Withers and staff for their work on the policy.