

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SALT LAKE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Electronic Board Meeting, Study Session
and Closed Executive Session

July 21, 2020

The Board of Education of Salt Lake City School District met in an Electronic Board Meeting and Closed Executive Session at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 21, 2020. The anchor location for the meeting was in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 440 East 100 South, Salt Lake City, Utah.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: President Melissa Ford, Vice President Nate Salazar, Samuel Hanson, Katherine Kennedy, Michael Nemelka, Kristi Swett, Michelle Tuitupou, and Arundhati Oommen, Student Member.

Also Present: Larry Madden, Interim Superintendent; Alan Kearsley, Business Administrator; Kristina Kindl, Executive Director of Policy and Legal Services; Mozelle Orton, Executive Director of Human Resource Services; Tiffany Hall, Executive Director of Teaching and Learning; Roberto Muñoz, Executive Director of School Leadership and Performance; Sandra Buendia, Executive Director of Educational Equity and Student Services; Yándary Chatwin, Executive Director of Communications; Becky Pittam, Highland Network Director; Brian Conley, East Network Director; Chris Gesteland, West Network Director, James Yapias, Director of the Salt Lake Education Foundation; James Tobler and Mike Harmon, representing the Salt Lake Education Association; Dallin Miller representing the Salt Lake Association of School Administrators; Cindy Mills, representing the Salt Lake Educational Office Personnel Association; Bee Alonzo, representing the Child Nutrition Employees Association; Erick Adams, Representing the Building & Grounds Employees Association; and Ben Rowley, Representing the Transportation Employees Association

In accordance with the agenda prepared for the Board Meeting of July 21, 2020, nine 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 Ford, who presided.

1. PUBLIC MEETING OPENS
2. CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSIONS
 - A. Litigation; Negotiations; and/or Property

At 4:00 p.m. a motion was made, after which members conducted the meeting off-line:

*(1) That the board meet in Closed Executive Session to consider litigation; negotiations; and/or property. The motion was approved unanimously.
**(Nemelka and Hanson)

Present for Closed Executive Session for litigation; negotiations; and/or property were, Melissa Ford, Nate

Salazar, Samuel Hanson, Katherine Kennedy, Michael Nemelka, Kristi Swett, Michelle Tuitupou, Larry Madden, and Alan Kearsley

VOTE RECORD	AYE	NAY	ABSENT
FORD	1,2,3,5,7,8	4	
HANSON	1,2,3,4,5,7,8		
KENNEDY	1,2,3,4,5,7,8		
NEMELKA	1,3,7,8	2,4,5	
SALAZAR	1,2,3,4,5,7,8		
SWETT	1,2,3,5,7,8	4	
TUITUPOU	1,2,3,4,5,7,8		
A Absent	Ab Abstention	F Failed	
N "No" Vote	NA No Action	T Tabled	
W Withdrawn	*Unanimous Approval		

B. Character, Professional Competence, or Physical or Mental Health of an Individual; and/or Deployment of Security Personnel, Devices, or Systems

There was no Closed Executive Session for Character, Professional Competence, or Physical or Mental Health of an Individual; and/or Deployment of Security Personnel, Devices, or Systems.

3. BOARD MEETING CONVENES

A. OPENING ITEMS

1. Welcome

President Ford welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Arundhati Oommen, the new student board member for the 2020-2021 school year. She recognized James Tobler and Mike Harmon, representing the Salt Lake Education Association; Dallin Miller representing the Salt Lake Association of School Administrators; Cindy Mills, representing the Salt Lake Educational Office Personnel Association; Bee Alonzo, representing the Child Nutrition Employees Association; Erick Adams, Representing the Building & Grounds Employees Association; Ben Rowley, Representing the Transportation Employees Association.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

President Ford led the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

B. CONSENT AGENDA

^N(2) A motion was made that the board approve the four items included in the Limited Consent Agenda. These items are listed below. The motion was approved on a vote of 6 to 1 with Board Member Nemelka voting no.

** (Hanson and Kennedy)

1. The Purchasing/Accounting Reports
 - a. Purchasing Report
Purchasing Report in Excel Format
2. Minutes for the Board Meeting, April 14, 2020
3. Tentative Agreements
 - a. Salt Lake Education Association
 - b. Salt Lake Association of School Administrators
 - c. Classified
4. Proposed Salary Schedules
 - a. Administrators
 - b. Certified
 - c. Classified
 - d. Comprehensive-Exempt
 - e. Hourly

C. REQUEST TO SPEAK

Requests to speak were submitted electronically and have been added to the official minutes.

D. DISCUSSION AGENDA

1. Board Meeting Schedule

Board members discussed adding an additional board meeting on August 11, 2020 at 6:30.

*(3) A motion was made to move Board Meeting Schedule to the Action Agenda. The motion was approved unanimously.

** (Hanson and Kennedy)

E. ACTION AGENDA

1. School Reopening Plan and Assurances

Interim Superintendent Madden explained priorities for school reopening and how remote learning will be different than it was in the spring. He shared the district's plan for returning to school for the 2020-2021 school year which would include starting 100% remote for the first quarter and move the first day of school back to September 8, 2020. He introduced Sandra Buendia, Tiffany Hall, Roberto Muñoz, Becky Pittam, Brian Conley, Chris Gesteland, James Yapias, Mozelle Orton, and Yándary Chatwin, who were present to answer questions from the board.

Board members shared their opinions about the proposed plan. Vice President Salazar asked to have a copy of a letter and petition he received earlier in the day from people in his community to the official minutes.

^N(4) A motion was made to approve the assurances, and move the beginning of school to the Tuesday after Labor day, September 8, 2020. An amendment was made by Board Member Swett, and accepted, to reconstitute the Calendar Committee with more parents involved. The motion was approved on a vote of 4 to 3 with Board Members Ford, Nemelka, and Swett voting no.
**(Hanson and Kennedy)

President Ford asked for an online forum for parents to ask questions and express concerns and identify what metrics we will be using.

^N(5) A motion was made to call the question. The motion was approved on a vote of 6 to 1 with Mr. Nemelka voting no.
**(Kennedy)

^{NA}(6) A motion was made to adjourn. No action was taken on the motion
**(Kennedy)

^{*}(7) A motion was made to have a specific plan for soliciting and receiving feedback from stakeholder groups about how to move forward and what metrics we will be using for determining when it is safe to reopen schools. The motion was approved unanimously.
**(Ford and Swett)

2. Board meeting schedule

^{*}(8) A motion was made to add a board meeting to the calendar on Tuesday, August 11, 2020 at 6:30 pm. The motion was approved unanimously.
**(Hanson and Swett)

4. ADJOURNMENT

(9) A motion was made to adjourn.
**(Hanson)

The meeting was adjourned by President Ford at 6:14 p.m.

Alan Kearsley
Business Administrator

**Salt Lake City School District
Addition to the Minutes of the Board Meeting 7/21/2020**

*The Official Minutes of the Board Meeting held on July 21, 2020 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

The Board of Education of Salt Lake City School District acts by vote of a majority of the board members in an open and public meeting. Statements by individual board members, in or out of board meetings, written, oral or in social media, do not necessarily represent the views of the majority of the board or any other board member. Nevertheless, out of respect to the elected office that each board member holds and consistent with state law and board policy, the board allows its members to attach to board meeting minutes any other information that any member requests. When the board votes to approve minutes, that vote signifies that the minutes are a correct record of what occurred and what was asked to be included in the minutes. It does not signify any individual board member's agreement with the substance of the content.

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):

Request to Speak
Constituent Letter and Petition

[Agenda Item 3C](#)
[Agenda Item 3E1](#)