

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SALT LAKE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Electronic Board Meeting

September 15, 2020

The Board of Education of Salt Lake City School District met in an Electronic Board Meeting and Closed Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 15, 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; Christy Hart, Director of Finance; Shelley Halverson, Director of Special Education ; Brian Conley, East Network Director; Becky Pittam, Highland Network Director; Chris Gesteland, West Network Director; Sam Quantz, Chief Information Officer; James Tobler, 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; Erik Adams, Representing the Building & Grounds Employees Association; Ben Rowley, Representing the Transportation Employees Association; and others in the audience.

In accordance with the agenda prepared for the Board Meeting of September 15, 2020, five 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. BOARD MEETING CONVENES
 - A. OPENING ITEMS
 1. Welcome

President Ford welcomed everyone to the meeting. She recognized James Tobler, 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.

VOTE RECORD	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN
FORD	X		
HANSON	X		
KENNEDY	X		
NEMELKA	X		
SALAZAR	X		
SWETT	1,2,3	4	5
TUITUPOU	X		
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

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

B. CONSENT AGENDA

*(1) A motion was made that the board approve the one item included in the Consent Agenda. These items are listed below. The motion was approved unanimously
**(Swett and Tuitupou)

1. The Purchasing/Accounting Reports
 - a. Purchasing Report
 - b. *Purchasing Report in Excel Format*

C. REQUEST TO SPEAK

Requests to speak were submitted electronically and have been added to the official minutes. Board members discussed looking for a way for the community to come and speak to the board.

D. REPORTS

1. Enrollment Update

Sam Quantz reported student enrollment numbers to the board. He said this is a very fluid number that will possibly change before October. He concluded by answering questions from the board.

2. Special Education

Shelley Halverson gave an update on the Special Education programs available for students during the summer. She shared some of the implemented changes to help support students during the 2020-21 school year and concluded by answering questions from the board.

3. School Opening Update

Interim Superintendent Madden thanked employees for working hard together and getting school started. He shared a few first day of school experiences during the first day of online learning. He discussed working with the health department and looking at data used to make future online or in school learning decisions. Sam Quantz gave a brief update on technology that has been distributed throughout the district community. Interim Superintendent Madden and his team concluded by answering questions from the board.

E. DISCUSSION AGENDA

1. Request for Proposal (RFP) Process

Vice President Salazar reported that the RFP process for a consultant to assist in the search for a Superintendent had been completed and the RFP committee recommends the contract be awarded to Ray and Associates, Inc.

*(2) A motion was made to move the RFP committee's recommendation to the Action Agenda. The motion was approved unanimously.

** (Swett and Kennedy)

After voting Vice President Salazar introduced Ray and Associates to the board. They answered questions from the board.

2. RDA Policy

Board member Hanson asked board members to consider creating a Redevelopment Policy or process to make sure future agreements are beneficial to students and the community. Board members discussed researching the process and then discussing this at a future board meeting.

3. Board Agenda Topics 2020-21

President Ford presented a draft document of the Board Agenda Topics 2020-21. She said the dates are tentative and asked board members for their feedback on this document.

4. Elementary Assistant Principals

Board members discussed moving Elementary Assistant Principals from a 213-day contract to a 223-day contract starting with the 2021-22 contract year. Discussion revolved around need and cost.

* (4) A motion was made to move the Elementary Assistant Principals to the Action Agenda. The motion was approved 6 to 1 with Ms. Swett voting no.
**(Kennedy and Nemelka)

F. ACTION AGENDA

1. RFP Process

* (3) A motion was made to approve Ray and Associates, Inc. for the consultant firm for the Superintended Search. The motion was approved unanimously.
**(Salazar and Swett)

2. Elementary Assistant Principals

* (5) A motion was made to accept the proposal as written for the Elementary Assistant Principals. The motion was approved 6 to 1 with Ms. Swett abstaining.
**(Kennedy and Hanson)

G. BOARD MEMBER REPORT

Student member, Arundhati Oommen thanked the board for their hard work.

Board member Tuitupou said she attended a couple School Community Council meetings and received feedback regarding vaping, rebuilding, air circulation in schools, and requesting public comment options.

Board member Nemelka said he is receiving feedback from the community regarding online learning. He said students need to be back in school learning.

Interim Superintendent Madden said he will be meeting with the Health Department and then share information with the board.

Board member Hanson said the State has developed questions that will be distributed throughout the state to measure student growth. Mr. Hanson and asked board members to send the questions out to School Community Councils for feedback.

3. CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

A. Litigation; Negotiations; and/or Property

There was no Closed Executive Session to consider litigation; negotiations; and/or property.

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.

4. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by President Ford at 9:53 pm.

Alan Kearsley
Business Administrator

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Addition to the Minutes of the Board Meeting 09/15/2020

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):

Request to Speak

[Agenda Item 2C](#)