

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SALT LAKE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Electronic Board Meeting and Study Session

November 17, 2020

The Board of Education of Salt Lake City School District met in an Electronic Board Meeting at 5:04 p.m. on Tuesday, November 17, 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; Sandra Buendia, Executive Director of Educational Equity and Student Services; Roberto Muñoz, Executive Director of School Leadership and Performance; Yándary Chatwin, Executive Director of Communications; Christy Hart, Director of Finance; Sam Quantz, Chief Information Officer; Brian Conley, East Network Director; Chris Gesteland, West Network; Rebecca Pittam, Highland Network Director; Peggy Patterson, Director of Language Arts; Principals, Heather Newell, Backman; Sue Damm, Edison; JaNeal Rodriguez, Liberty; Chelsea Malouf, Mountain View; Maggie Cummings, Meadowlark; Tracy Sjostrom; Mary W. Jackson; Assistant Principal Kody Colvin, Escalante; James Tobler, representing the Salt Lake Education Association; John Kelly, 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; and Erick Adams, Representing the Building & Grounds Employees Association; and Ben Rowley, Representing the Transportation Employees Association; and others in the audience.

In accordance with the agenda prepared for the Board Meeting of November 17, 2020, six 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. STUDY SESSION

A. Training on Open Public Meetings Act.

Patrick Tanner, Burbidge & White LLC. shared a PowerPoint and training with the board regarding the Open Public Meetings Act. A copy has been added to the Official Minutes. He answered questions from the board.

VOTE RECORD	AYE	NAY	ABSENT
FORD	1		
HANSON	1	5,6	
KENNEDY	1	5,6	
NEMELKA	1		
SALAZAR	1	5,6	
SWETT	1		
TUITUPOU	1		
A Absent	Ab Abstention	F Failed	
N "No" Vote	NA No Action	T Tabled	
W Withdrawn	*Unanimous Approval		
**Members Making Motion			

B. Training on Public Officers Ethics Act.

Patrick Tanner, Burbidge & White LLC. shared a PowerPoint and training with the board regarding the Public Officers Ethics Act. A copy has been added to the Official Minutes. He answered questions from the board

At 6:00 p.m. the board took a 30-minute break. The board meeting resumed at 6:30 p.m.

3. 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; John Kelly, 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; and Erick Adams, Representing the Building & Grounds Employees Association; and 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.

3. Recognitions. USBE Excellence in the achievement of students learning English.

The board recognized seven Salt Lake City School District elementary schools for their outstanding progress and achievement of students learning English. Peggy

Patterson, Director of Language Arts shared with the board the criteria used to determine schools who qualified for this award. A copy has been added to the Official Minutes.

- a. Backman Elementary: Principal Heather Newell, faculty and staff
- b. Edison Elementary: Principal Sue Damm, faculty, and staff
- c. Escalante Elementary: Principal Haloti Liava'a, faculty and staff
- d. Liberty Elementary: Principal JaNeal Rodriguez, faculty and staff
- e. Mountain View Elementary: Principal Chelsea Malouf, faculty, and staff
- f. Meadowlark Elementary: Principal Maggie Cummings, faculty, and staff
- g. Mary W. Jackson Elementary: Principal Tracy Sjostrom, faculty, and staff

B. CONSENT AGENDA

*(1) A motion was made that the board approve the two items included in the Limited Consent Agenda. These items are listed below. The motion was approved unanimously

** (Swett and Hanson)

1. The Purchasing/Accounting Reports
 - a. Purchasing Report
 - b. *Purchasing Report in Excel Format*
2. Open/Closed Designations

C. REQUEST TO SPEAK

1. Ashley Anderson spoke regarding RDA development, school closure, and equity.
2. Nate Fotheringham spoke regarding returning to in school learning.
3. Laura Hamilton spoke regarding safe remote teaching and learning.
4. Carl Whittaker spoke regarding returning to in school learning.
5. Suzanne Kingsford spoke regarding returning to in school learning.
6. Caitlin Pearson spoke regarding returning to in school learning.

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

D. DISCUSSION AGENDA

1. Superintendent Search.

Michael Collins and Molly Schwarzhoff, Ray and Associates INC. presented to the board the results from the Superintendent Search survey sent to the community. A copy has been added to the Official Board Minutes. Ms. Schwarzhoff gave a timeline for the search and concluded by answering questions from the board.

2. Culturally Responsive Pedagogy

Tiffany Hall, Executive Director of Teaching and Learning presented a PowerPoint regarding ways the Salt Lake City School District is addressing equity, access and inclusion. She spoke about adopted curriculum, supplemental text, and instruction. She concluded by answering questions from the board.

3. Learning Mode Proposal.

a. Presentation

Interim Superintendent Madden shared with the board a Salt Lake City School District School Proposal in a PowerPoint. He shared data gathered from the health department.

b. Proposal for Student Return

Interim Superintendent Madden gave recommendations to the board concerning students returning to in-school learning. He asked for feedback on a possible return to in-person learning timeline. He concluded by answering questions from the board.

^W(2) A motion was made that the Proposal for Student Return be moved to the Action Agenda. The motion was withdrawn by board member Nemelka.

** (Nemelka and Swett)

The board discussed clarifying the timeline dates for in-person learning.

^W(3) A motion was made to move the Proposal for Student Return with a start date of the middle of February and to have this item return to the Discussion Agenda at the board meeting on December 1, 2020 to the Action Agenda. The motion was withdrawn by board member Hansen.

** (Hansen and Kennedy)

^W(4) A motion was made to move the Proposal for Student Return with a start date for Pre K-1 grade, January 27; 2-3 grade February 3 ; 4-6 grade February 10; give the Interim Superintendent Madden authority to put a hold on this decision based on the health risks of the district; and revisit additional student return as a Discussion Agenda Item at the next board meeting, December 1. The motion was withdrawn by board member Hansen.

** (Hansen and Swett)

^N(5) A motion was made to move the Proposal for Student Return with a start date for Pre K-1 grade, the week of January 25; 2-3 grade the week of February 1; 4-6 grade the week of February 8; give the Interim Superintendent Madden authority to put a hold on this decision based on the health risks of the district; and revisit early student return as a Discussion Agenda Item at the next board meeting, December 1. The motion

was approved with a vote of 4-3 with Ms. Kennedy, Mr. Hansen, and Mr. Salazar voting no.

** (Hansen and Tuitupou)

Board member Swett Called the Question.

Prior to voting Mr. Salazar asked for a friendly amendment to the motion of adding the board and the Interim Superintendent Madden to the decision if the dates must be put on hold.

Board member Hansen accepted the amendment.

Board member Nemelka asked to friendly amend the motion and ask the district to hold benchmark tests to help assess student growth.

Board member Hansen declined to accept the amendment.

E. ACTION AGENDA

1. Items transferred from Consent/Discussion Agenda

Proposal for Student Return

^N(6) A motion was made to approve the Proposal for Student Return with a start date for Pre K-1 grade, the week of January 25; 2-3 grade the week of February 1; 4-6 grade the week of February 8; give the Interim Superintendent Madden and the board authority to put a hold on this decision based on the health risks of the district; and revisit early student return as a Discussion Agenda Item at the next board meeting, December 1. The motion was approved with a vote of 4-3 with Ms. Kennedy, Mr. Hansen, and Mr. Salazar voting no.

** (Swett and Nemelka)

Prior to voting they discussed inviting new board members to attend the board meeting on December 1, 2020.

F. BOARD MEMBER REPORT

Board member Swett asked for clarification regarding the RDA recommendation guidelines and the student board member selection. She wanted to have a board discussion before the Policy Committee drafted anything.

Board member Kennedy and Hansen asked to add the RDA and Student Board member guidelines to the December 1, 2020 board meeting.

4. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by President Ford at 10:57 p.m.

5. 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.

Alan Kearsley
Business Administrator

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**Salt Lake City School District
Addition to the Minutes of the Board Meeting 11/17/2020**

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):

Training on Open Public Meetings Act
Training on Public Officers Ethics Act
USBE Recognition
Written Requests to Speak
Superintendent Search

[Agenda Item 2A](#)
[Agenda Item 2B](#)
[Agenda Item 3A3](#)
[Agenda Item 3C](#)
[Agenda Item 3D1](#)