



# Davis School District

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**Board of Education Meeting Minutes – 6:00 p.m.  
Administration Building, Farmington, UT  
Tuesday, September 2, 2025**

**Live-streamed via YouTube**

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**Board Members Present:**

President Brigit Gerrard, Vice President Emily Price, Julie Powell, Kristen Hogan, Michelle Barber, Alisa Mercer, and Joani Stevens

**Administration Present:**

Superintendent Dan Linford, Business Administrator Mr. Tim Leffel, Asst. Superintendent Dr. Logan Toone, Asst. Superintendent Dr. Fidel Montero, Asst. Superintendent Chadli Bodily.

**Introductory Items**

**Welcome**

Ms. Brigit Gerrard, Board President

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Miss Madelynn Anderson, Clearfield High School Student Body Officer

**Introduction of Clearfield High School Student Body Officers**

Dr. Dan Linford, Superintendent

Miss Madelynn Anderson      Student Body Officer

Mr. Luke Stanford              Student Body Officer

**Student Performance**

**Davis High School Dance Company – “Beat vs. Melody”**

Mr. Mitch Hall, Teaching & Learning Fine Arts Supervisor

**Public Comment Period**

Ms. Velci Savage – teacher at Lincoln EI. Continued benefits of Dual language immersion.

Ms. Caralee Gee – History teacher at Northridge HS. Shared how she celebrates history in her class.

Ms. Cindee Starkie – lives in Davis County, shared transportation concerns and lack of communication.

Mr. Andrew Kraning - student at Lincoln EI. Suggestions regarding Dual language immersion.

Miss. Holland Lowell – student at Lincoln EI shared the benefit of Spanish immersion.

Mr. Walker Lowell – student at Lincoln EI shared his thoughts about keeping Spanish immersion.

Mr. David Lowell – parent of students who love diversity and Dual language immersion at Lincoln EI.

Ms. Shari Evans – parent of a student at Lincoln EI shared the benefits of Dual language immersion.

Ms. April Matthews – teacher of Dual language immersion at Lincoln EI. Shared incredible experiences.

Mr. Christopher West – Utah Fits All Scholarship and Sport Participation – parent concerns.

Ms. Shannon Maguire – Utah Fits All Scholarship and Extra-Curricular – parent concerns.

Ms. April Grutwiller – Bus driver – expressed concerns about Bus Transportation so far.  
Ms. Jalynn Edwards – Bus driver – Bus Transportation and challenges so far this year.  
Ms. Shelly Hadlock – Bus driver – Challenges experienced so far this year.  
Ms. Patty Jones – Bus driver – Hours, routes, challenges so far this year.  
Ms. Barkclay Bessinger – Bus driver – concerns over the experiences so far this year.  
Ms. Renee Johnson – Dual immersion at Lincoln El. Shared her support of this program.  
Ms. Paulina Uvalie – Dual immersion at Lincoln El. Positive impact for children and families.  
Ms. Amy Harris – Dual immersion at Lincoln El. The positive value and strength of this program.  
Ms. Kathy West – Concerns regarding the Utah Fits All Scholarship and sports in the District.

#### **Written Comments**

Mr. Robert Zangori – Spanish immersion program and the benefits for his family.  
Ms. Tamila Zangori – Spanish immersion program and the importance to the community.  
Ms. Hali Willson – Spanish immersion program and the benefits for students.  
Ms. Sindy Vazquez – Spanish immersion program is enriching and empowering.  
Ms. Marli Bueso – Spanish immersion program is very important for my family.  
Ms. Heydi Aguilar – Spanish immersion is very beneficial for my family.  
Ms. Paula Hill – Transportation – using funds to increase bus driver pay.  
Ms. Angie Jones – Opposed to daily use of technology in core subjects for Elementary and Junior High.  
Ms. Alyssa Heimuli – Advocating for a low-tech classroom in Elementary. Overuse of technology.  
Ms. Jenny Lund – Concerns about computers in classrooms and using ChatGPT to get answers.  
Ms. Mikal Prows – Concerns about how AI is being introduced into our schools.  
3 unnamed comments regarding support of the Dual immersion program at Lincoln El.  
1 unnamed comment regarding Transportation services and not receiving bus notifications.

#### **Board Recognition**

##### **Recognition of Service to DSD: Ms. Suzi Jensen**

Ms. Brigit Gerrard, Board President

Ms. Jensen was unable to attend, but Ms. Gerrard was honored to recognize her service of 29 years in the Davis School District. She has been a teacher, Assistant Principal, Principal, Director of Federal Programs and Human Resources. Ms. Gerrard expressed appreciation for all that Ms. Jensen has done for students, families and employees. The gift of flowers and a plaque will be sent to Ms. Jensen.

##### **Recognition of Service to DSD: Ms. Jodi Lunt**

Ms. Brigit Gerrard, Board President

Ms. Gerrard honored Ms. Lunt for the incredible work that she has accomplished in her tenure at the Davis School District. Ms. Lunt has been a teacher in the Ogden School District, Supervisor in our Teaching and Learning Department, and Director of Davis Education Foundation for thirteen (13) years. She has worked for 35 years in Education and has been an example of strong leadership, kindness with a deep love for children. Superintendent Linford expressed appreciation for Ms. Lunt's selfless work for the benefit of children. Ms. Price defined Ms. Lunt as an inspired leader who uses her influence for good. Ms. Lunt shared her thoughts and gratitude for her time in the Davis School District and expressed appreciation for her family that have been a strength and support for her.

#### **Information Items**

##### **Committee Reports**

##### **Audit Committee**

Julie Powell

The State is currently working on a systematic Audit of School Districts. We may not know when they are coming, but preparations are being made so that we will be ready. The Audit Committee is by law (53G7-41) composed of three (3) people who are not Administrators or Employees of the Local Education Agency (LEA). Our policy mirrors the law. Utah State Board of Education (USBE) has a Hotline where you can report fraud, waste or abuse. Ms. Powell explained how the process works.

### **Davis Education Foundation**

Emily Price

Ms. Price provided updates of Events. In August, there was the Child Spree, Backpacks with school supplies, Express Golf Tournament, Teacher Professional Development Day, Cash for Classrooms, Dolly Parton Imagination Library, Family Connections Center at North Davis Junior High, and the Mission to the Moon Program. September has Stuff the Bus, 9/11 Day of Service, Fore Kids Golf at Oakridge Country Club. October 1<sup>st</sup> is the launch of the \$250,000 Innovative Grant Program.

Ms. Price expressed appreciation to our Sponsors for their generosity, the many volunteers in the community that give of their time and services, and the Davis Education Foundation Staff and Board, who work tirelessly to make these Events a success for our students and their families.

### **Board Reports**

#### **Michelle Barber**

Visited Lincoln Elementary. Expressed appreciation to those that came tonight to express their support of the Dual Language Immersion program at their School. She attended the first official UHSAA Board of Trustees Meeting and was assigned to the Financial and Legislative Committees. Rep. Hall announced that surveys would be sent out to Davis School District families regarding possible moratorium changes. There was a realignment discussion, but changes take time. Enjoyed the Ribbon Cutting of three (3) Schools before the School Year began. They were Bountiful Elementary, Sunset Junior High and Horizon Junior High.

#### **Alisa Mercer**

Attended the Night with the Wild Cats at Woods Cross High School where families of English Language Learners were provided a comprehensive booklet about applying for fee waivers, free/reduced lunch, mydsd login etc. She enjoyed the Catalyst Back to School Night, Bountiful Elementary Ribbon Cutting, Odyssey Elementary Belonging Training and the Woods Cross High School Orchestra Tour of Elementary Schools. Received and responded to many emails regarding Truth in Taxation and Transportation challenges.

#### **Kristen Hogan**

Met with Ms. Powell and a group of parents who had questions about technology in Schools. Attended the first Calendar Committee meeting, where there are many discussions about winter break, spring break, beginning and ending of school etc. After Finance Committee meeting, she spoke with Mr. Leffel to discuss Truth in Taxation and our responsibility with the funds from our taxpayers.

#### **Emily Price**

Expressed appreciation to the Finance Committee for their hard work in preparation for Truth in Taxation. Attended the orientation of New Educators alongside our Superintendency, Directors, Administrators, Drumline, Student Body Officers and Cheer Leaders. The Superintendent Advisory Council (SAC) opening social was a lot of fun. Two (2) Student Body Officers from each High School are represented and their input is collaborative and valuable. There were several Committee Meetings, Ribbon Cuttings and an amazing evening at the Community Night held at North Davis Jr High School.

#### **Joani Stevens**

Attended Committee meetings, Ribbon Cuttings, and the Community Night at Bountiful Elementary.

### **Julie Powell**

Attended the Audit and Policy Committee meetings, new Educator Orientation and Back to School Nights.

### **Brigit Gerrard**

Enjoyed the new Educator Orientation, Summer Leadership Conference, Ribbon Cuttings, School visits, football games, Bountiful Elementary Community night, and the Foundation Kick-Off Lunch at Lagoon. She expressed appreciation to those who work hard to make these Events successful for our students and families in the Davis School District. Thank you to the Finance Committee for their work in preparing for Truth in Taxation.

### **Student Board Reports**

Mr. Luke Stanford and Miss Madelynn Anderson, Clearfield High School Student-Body Officers.

The 2025 Clearfield HS School Theme is 'Clearfield United'. Luke shared how the Falcons celebrated their first football home game win in four (4) years. He explained how they try to spread school spirit in the school hallways every day. Madelynn spoke about their academics, which includes AP, CE and International Baccalaureate (IB) classes. Construction of the new CTE Building began last summer. Last year, the Falcons are Fabulous Winter Service Event raised \$104,291.05. They are excited about what they can achieve this year.

### **Superintendent Report**

Dr. Dan Linford, Superintendent

Dr. Linford shared the data for Junior High and High School AP Pass rates, High School CTE Enrollments, CE Credits earned, and CTE Pathway Completers.

### **Consent Items**

1. Board Minutes  
Mr. Tim Leffel, Business Administrator
2. Financial Report  
Mr. Tim Leffel, Business Manager
3. Personnel Report  
Ms. Chadli Bodily, Asst. Superintendent
4. Instructional Materials Approval  
Mr. T.J. Strain, Teaching & Learning Dept. Director

Michelle Barber made a motion to approve Consent Items 1 – 4. Emily Price seconded the motion.

President Brigit Gerrard, Vice President Emily Price, Julie Powell, Kristen Hogan, Michelle Barber, Alisa Mercer, and Joani Stevens voted in favor. There was none in opposition. The motion passed.

### **Business Items**

#### **2026 Board Meeting Calendar**

Ms. Brigit Gerrard, Board President

Emily Price made a motion to approve the 2026 Board Meeting Calendar. Joani Stevens seconded the motion.

President Brigit Gerrard, Vice President Emily Price, Julie Powell, Kristen Hogan, Michelle Barber, Alisa Mercer, and Joani Stevens voted in favor. There was none in opposition. The motion passed.

### **Head Start/Early Head Start Reports**

Dr. Fidel Montero, Asst. Superintendent

Joani Stevens made a motion to approve Head Start/Early Head Start Reports. Alisa Mercer seconded the motion.

President Brigit Gerrard, Vice President Emily Price, Julie Powell, Kristen Hogan, Michelle Barber, Alisa Mercer, and Joani Stevens voted in favor. There was none in opposition. The motion passed.

### **2HR-114 Salary Supplement for Highly Needed Educators Second & FINAL Reading**

Mr. Ben Onofrio, General Counsel

Emily Price made a motion to approve 2HR-114 Salary Supplement for Highly Needed Educators on Second & FINAL Reading. Alisa Mercer seconded the motion.

President Brigit Gerrard, Vice President Emily Price, Julie Powell, Kristen Hogan, Michelle Barber, Alisa Mercer, and Joani Stevens voted in favor. There was none in opposition. The motion passed.

### **2HR-005 Employee Time and Attendance FIRST Reading**

Mr. Ben Onofrio, General Counsel

Julie Powell made a motion to approve 2HR-005 Employee Time and Attendance FIRST Reading. Emily Price seconded the motion.

President Brigit Gerrard, Vice President Emily Price, Julie Powell, Kristen Hogan, Michelle Barber, Alisa Mercer, and Joani Stevens voted in favor. There was none in opposition. The motion passed.

### **Approval of 2025-2026 Human Sexuality Curriculum Review Committee**

Dr. Timothy Best, Healthy Lifestyles Director

Alisa Mercer made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 Human Sexuality Curriculum Review Committee. Joani Stevens seconded the motion.

President Brigit Gerrard, Vice President Emily Price, Julie Powell, Kristen Hogan, Michelle Barber, Alisa Mercer, and Joani Stevens voted in favor. There was none in opposition. The motion passed.

### **West Point City Interlocal Agreement Approval**

Mr. Tim Leffel, Business Administrator

Emily Price made a motion to approve the Davis School District and West Point City Interlocal Agreement. Kristen Hogan seconded the motion.

President Brigit Gerrard, Vice President Emily Price, Julie Powell, Kristen Hogan, Michelle Barber, Alisa Mercer, and Joani Stevens voted in favor. There was none in opposition. The motion passed.

**Eagle Bay Elementary Boundary Study to address low English enrollment in Grades 4-6**  
Mr. Doug Forsgren, Elementary Director

Emily Price made a motion to approve Eagle Bay Elementary Boundary Study to address low English enrollment in Grades 4-6. Julie Powell seconded the motion.

President Brigit Gerrard, Vice President Emily Price, Julie Powell, Kristen Hogan, Michelle Barber, Alisa Mercer, and Joani Stevens voted in favor. There was none in opposition. The motion passed.

**Closed Meeting** - Administration Building

The Board will go into Closed Session immediately following Board meeting for the purpose of Negotiations.

Julie Powell made a motion to move into a Closed Meeting for the Purpose of Negotiations. Kristen Hogan seconded the motion. Roll call was unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm

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