

**Board of Education Minutes – 6:00 p.m.
Administration Building, Farmington, UT
Tuesday, January 21, 2025**

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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 John Zurbuchen, Asst. Superintendent Logan Toone, and Asst. Superintendent Fidel Montero.

Introductory Items

Welcome

Ms. Brigit Gerrard, Board President

Introduction of Woods Cross Student-Body Officers

Ms. Brigit Gerrard, Board President and Dr. Dan Linford, Superintendent

Ms. Erica Mitton Senior Class VP of Spirit

Mr. Lance Henriksen Student Body President

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Lance Henriksen, WXHS Student-Body Officer

Student Performance

Martin Luther King Jr. Student Speeches

Mr. Darrin Nash, Director of OEO and Mr. Chris Carpenter, OEO District Coordinator

- a. **Miss Sydney Fowers**, Heritage Elementary, Kindergarten
- b. **Miss Collins May**, Cook Elementary, 5th Grade
- c. **Mr. Jesus Garcia**, North Layton Junior High School, 8th Grade

Board Recognition

Woods Cross Girls Tennis State Champions

Mr. Dave Tanner, Secondary Director & Ms. Deanne Kapetanov, Woods Cross High School Principal

Mr. Tanner recognized the Girls Woods Cross Tennis State Champions and introduced their Principal, Ms. Deanne Kapetanov. She recognized the fortitude, tenacity and hard work of each athlete. Coach Molly Richards expressed appreciation to the Woods Cross HS administration for their support. She introduced her team individually. She described them as amazing athletes, great students, and flawless ambassadors for the sport of Tennis, Woods Cross High and the Davis School District.

Public Comment Period

Jason Smith: student at Layton HS. Serves on the Foundation Board. Teen Centers and their positive impact.

Angie Sterner: student at Woods Cross HS. Wanting transparency when a book is banned or removed.

Sierra Moreno: lives in Davis County. Books and a student's right to read and feel valued.

Information Items

Committee Reports

Davis Education Foundation:

Ms. Emily Price, Board Vice-President

Goods, services and donations were received by the Foundation in the amount of over \$600,000.00 by the Foundation for Holiday initiatives. There were 8,618 individual students that received these services. The Junior High Spree enabled us to serve 652 students. The Elves and the Shoemaker Event was highly successful with 650 kindergarten students from 7 of our Title 1 Elementary Schools, receiving new shoes and socks.

The Salvation Army Programs provided Christmas for 313 families, which equates to 812 students. There were many organizations who assisted families in our District with basic needs over the Christmas period.

Hogan Construction provided funding for our Employee Hardship Grant.

Ms. Price shared a couple upcoming Events, which included Unified Basketball on February 11th at Bountiful High School, and the Heidi Martin Heart of Teaching Award on February 21st. The School will be notified as it gets closer. January 15th celebrated the opening of the Teen Center at Davis High School.

USBA

Ms. Brigit Gerrard, Board President

Attended the Utah School Board Association Annual Conference at Little America. Appreciation for Board members that attended and for the support from our Superintendency. Today is the first day of the Legislative Session, and she shared information on how you can watch all that is happening at the Capital. USBA and Utah School Superintendency Association, through Ms. Lexi Cunningham, will be sending out regular updates on Education Bills. Joint Legislative Committee (JLC) will begin at 11am this coming Friday at the Granite School District Office. Board members are welcome to join. Monday January 27th is the Utah School Board Association Day on the Hill. According to U.S. News & World Report, Utah is ranked #2 in the Nation for Education.

Board Reports

Brigit Gerrard:

Welcome to new Board members, Ms. Mercer and Ms. Stevens. Congratulations to Ms. Barber being elected to the UHSAA Board of Trustees. Elves and the Shoemaker Event was so wonderful. Ribbon cutting at the Davis High School Teen Center. All the High Schools have Teen Centers. Attended the Layton Communities that Care meeting and shared what was discussed. Listened to some of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Speech participants and admired their courage in the message they shared. Attended and spoke at the All-School Office Managers Celebration with Ms. Barber. She expressed gratitude and appreciation for the work that they do at their Schools.

Emily Price:

Enjoyed the Martin Luther King Jr Speech Contest. Those messages are still applicable today. School visits to West Clinton and Lakeside Elementary Schools. The Amazing Shake at Lakeside Elementary was a lot of fun. She explained that the Amazing Shake is a program from the Ron Clark Academy, and explained the skills that it teaches. Ms. Price returned to Lakeside Elementary today, where First Lady Abby Cox was visiting where she talked with the students about the problems they see in education and possible solutions. Attended the Newsies production at Lakeside.

Kristen Hogan:

Great experience to be a part of the Elves and the Shoemaker Event at Holt and South Clearfield Elementary Schools. Enjoyed the Board visits to West Clinton Elementary and Centennial Junior High. Attended the Clearfield High School Annual Falcons are Fabulous Assembly, which was incredible. They raised over \$100,000 which will go toward a fully adaptive playground at South Clearfield Elementary. Welcomed the two (2) new Board members, Ms. Mercer and Ms. Stevens.

Alisa Mercer:

Attended the USBA Conference. The highlights were learning the specifics of Special Education and Risk Management, Services from the School of the Deaf and Blind, navigating the Legislative process, and listening to Mr. Richard Nye, the Senior Education Advisor to Governor Cox. Enjoyed Soup with the Supt and heard stories about students who are working hard to create a welcoming and friendly environment in their Schools.

Julie Powell:

Welcome to the new Board members. It is wonderful how involved our Board members are in our Schools and in the community. Attended the USBA Conference and asked if there would be breakout groups at the Board Study Session to discuss what was learned. Ribbon Cutting at Davis High School was special as she knew many of those who were involved in fundraising to make this happen. Enjoyed the Teacher of the Year – Lifetime Achievement Award that was given to Ms. Krissy Beecher. She put her heart and soul into all that she did for students. The messages that were delivered by our students at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Speech Conest were incredible. Elves and the Shoemaker was so much fun. Attended the Audit and Policy Committee meetings, Kaysville City CRA hearing, and was the Pronouncer for a Spelling Bee at a local Elementary School.

Michelle Barber:

Enjoyed USBA conference. Went through the process of applying to be on the Board of Trustees at the Utah High School Athletic Association (UHSAA). She was successful and her Term begins in July 2025. Ms. Barber expressed appreciation to Board members that helped and supported her in this process. Excited to represent Davis School District. Spoke at the All-School Office Manager Celebration with Ms. Gerrard and expressed appreciation for all the work that they do.

Joani Stevens:

Prior to the USBA Conference, Ms. Stevens attended a meeting for new Board members, which was extremely helpful. The breakout sessions were very beneficial. Soup with the Supt, Community Council Meeting at Centerville Junior High, Davis High School Teen Center Ribbon Cutting and Viewmont High School Production of 'Crazy for You' is this coming weekend.

Woods Cross High School Student-Body Officers Report

Mr. Lance Henriksen, & Ms. Erica Mitton, WXHS Student-Body Officers

School Motto is "Everybody is Somebody". Theme for this year is "Many Voices One Roar". Every person at Woods Cross is unique and pieced together creates one whole. Focus this year is about 'Finding the One'. Within the Officer Group there have been little activities during lunch, after school, that are around building connections and Finding One. 'Find Friend Fridays' is where the Officers talk to people in the lunchroom, commons, anyone that may be sitting on their own. There is no better feeling than seeing the difference that it makes in someone's life and your own life, when you take time to build relationships.

Superintendent Report

Woods Cross HS has such a great culture with great leaders. Lance and Erica both serve on the SAC Committee and they are hardworking and amazing. Recognized VISTA center, which is for our students with disabilities to attend post high school. They had made gifts for each of the Board members.

Forthcoming 7-12 ELA Instructional Materials Adoption – moved to February per Dr. Linford

Dr. Logan Toone, Asst. Superintendent & Ms. Michelle Barney, 7-12 ELA Supervisor

Consent Items

1. Board Minutes
Mr. Tim Leffel, Business Administrator
2. Financial Report
Mr. Tim Leffel, Business Administrator
3. Personnel Report
Mr. John Zurbuchen, Asst. Superintendent
4. Head Start/Early Head Start Reports
Mr. John Zurbuchen, Asst. Superintendent
5. 3RM-004 Emergency Preparedness Plan
Mr. Ben Onofrio, General Counsel
6. 5S-302 Nutrition and Physical Activity Wellness Policy
Mr. Ben Onofrio, General Counsel
7. Learning Materials Approval
Mr. TJ Strain, Teaching & Learning Director
8. Sensitive Materials Appeal Committee Recommendation – **Moved to Business Item by Ms. Michelle Barber.**
Dr. Logan Toone, Asst. Superintendent

Julie Powell made a motion to approve Consent Items 1 – 7. 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 carried.

Business Items

10-CR-005 Naming of a School Facility on a FIRST Reading

Mr. Ben Onofrio, General Counsel

Kristen Hogan made a motion to approve 10-CR-005 Naming of a School Facility on a **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 carried.

4I-204 Sensitive Materials on a First and FINAL

Dr. Logan Toone, Asst. Superintendent

Michelle Barber made a motion to approve 4I-204 Sensitive Materials on a **First and FINAL**. 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 carried.

Calendar Revision for the 2025-2026 School Year with the allowed Kindergarten Testing Days

Ms. Ruthanne Keller, Elementary Director

Michelle Barber made a motion to approve the Calendar Revision for the 2025-2026 School Year with the allowed Kindergarten Testing Days. 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 carried.

Horizon Junior High: Mascot - Ducks & School Colors – Aqua, Orange, White and Black

Ms. Chadli Bodily, Secondary Director & Mr. Brett Sims, Horizon Junior High Principal

Julie Powell made a motion to approve Horizon Junior High: Mascot – Ducks & School Colors – Aqua, Orange, White and Black. 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 carried.

Board Internal Auditor Recommendation – Eide Bailly LLP

Mr. Tim Leffel, Business Administrator

Julie Powell made a motion to approve the Board Internal Auditor Recommendation – Eide Bailly LLP. Michelle Barber 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 carried.

Bountiful High School CTE Building GMP of \$19,377,498.00

Mr. Tim Leffel, Business Administrator

Kristen Hogan made a motion to approve the Bountiful High School CTE Building GMP of \$19,377,498.00. Emily Price seconded the motion.

President Brigit Gerrard, Vice President Emily Price, Julie Powell, Kristen Hogan, Michelle Barber, and Joani Stevens voted in favor. Alisa Mercer recused herself due to a possible conflict of interest. The motion carried.

Board Meeting Calendar Revision – add a Board Study Session on February 4th, 2025

Ms. Brigit Gerrard, Board President

Emily Price made a motion to approve the Board Meeting Calendar Revision - add a Board Study Session on February 4th, 2025. 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 carried.

Sensitive Materials Appeal Committee Recommendation

Dr. Logan Toone, Asst. Superintendent

Michelle Barber made a motion to table the Sensitive Materials Appeal Committee Recommendation until the Board Business Meeting in February. 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 carried.

Joani Stevens made a motion to Close the Business Meeting. Emily Price seconded the motion.

Closed Meeting - Administration Building

The Board will go into closed session immediately following Board meeting for the purpose of Litigation and Property.

Emily Price made a motion to move into a Closed Session for the purpose of Litigation and Property. _____ seconded the motion. Roll call was unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm.

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A Closed Meeting May Be Held to Discuss Property, Negotiations, Personnel Issues, Pending Litigation or Development of Security. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing special accommodations for this meeting should call Steve Baker at 801-402-5315 to make appropriate arrangements. Advance notice is appreciated.