

**Board Workshop Meeting – 4:00 p.m.  
Administration Building, Farmington, UT  
Tuesday, January 20, 2026**

Live-streamed via YouTube

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**Board Members Present:**

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

**Administration Present:**

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

**Introductory Items**

**Welcome**

Ms. Brigit Gerrard, Board President

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Ms. Michelle Barber, Board Member

**Agenda Items**

**Student Growth & Achievement: Learning First Presentation: Eagle Bay Elementary**

Mr. Doug Forsgren, Elementary Director & Ms. Cat Pomeroy, Eagle Bay Elementary Principal

Mr. Forsgren introduced Principal Pomeroy and Intern Ms. Lisa Gill, from Eagle Bay Elementary. Ms. Pomeroy spoke in detail about the Leader in Me Program and how it helps the growth of each student as a human being. The Leader in Me Program is the children's version of 7 Habits of Highly Effective People. It helps everyone to know that they can be a Leader and to embrace the thought that they can say "Change starts with Me". Educators empower students to lead their own learning so they can assist in helping to develop the whole person. Ms. Gill explained that if we combine the strengths of culture, academics and leadership we the adults and students, become more well-rounded. Ms. Gill also shared the relationship and connections between the Leader in Me and HRS. She played a power point of student leaders sharing what they do at Eagle Bay. Ms. Pomeroy extended an invitation to the Board to stop by.

Compliments from Pres. Gerrard and answered questions from Board members.

**Empowered Employees: USBA Conference Reports**

**Michelle Barber:**

Opening night's presenter was Ms. Kim Lear who is a Generational Trend Researcher. The observation was made that when we were born affects how you see the world. Ms. Lear also said, "Every generation adds unique qualities and strengths, and it is up to visionary leaders to leverage the strength of everyone". Ms. Barber provided some updates from UHSAA and is grateful that she can represent the Davis School District. Enjoyed attending the "Navigating the AI Paradox" and shared a quote from the instructors as to the positive impact AI can have.

**Alisa Mercer:**

Recognized Mr. Leffel's "Ten Commandments of Truth & Taxation" as being one of the most well attended presentations of the Conference. Enjoyed the "AI Session", "Legislative Preview", and

“Attendance Essentials”. During the “Attendance Essentials” class they spoke about rewards that could be earned and how it can create positive connections. Ms. Mercer also attended the “Board Certified Teachers” class. She explained the difference between the “Teacher Fellow Program” and the “Board Certified Teacher”. It was good to connect with other Districts, especially the three (3) new Districts in Utah County.

**Kristen Hogan:**

Enjoyed networking and joining with other Board members across the State. Attended the class led by our Business Administrator, Mr. Tim Leffel, on the “Ten Commandments of Truth & Taxation”. Ms. Gerrard from our School District was a part of the group that discussed “How to be an Effective School Board Member”. Board members were divided into separate groups and Ms. Hogan sat with representatives from Ogden, Juab, Logan, and Aspen Peaks School Districts.

**Emily Price:**

Out of town

**Brigit Gerrard:**

Attended the “Gang Awareness Class” by Canyons School District”. They shared ideas that include a monthly update meeting in gang activity and awareness, Peer Court to help with students that are struggling, Choose Gang Free curriculum, geared toward 5<sup>th</sup> graders. This is similar to DARE program. Enjoyed the “Student Board Member Class” where student board members from other districts in our state shared their ideas. Some of the student board members that served the entire school year received a small scholarship to go toward a college of their choice.

**Julie Powell:**

Attended a Legal Class led by Attorney Mr. Dan Harper from the Canyons School District. A discussion was held regarding lawsuits filed by the ACLU in Florida, Iowa, and Utah. Ms. Powell shared some of those details. In this same class there was a discussion regarding public comments in Board meetings and what the Court views as being permissible due to First Amendment Rights.

**Joani Stevens:**

Attended “Navigating the AI Paradox” presented by administrators from Ogden School District. They shared how they have used AI on their website on a couple pages, with a disclaimer. Ogden School District also had presenters teach “Attendance Essentials” and the positive steps they are working on. Ms. Stevens also enjoyed “Navigating the Legislative Landscape” presented by State Board member Ms. Leanne Wood.

**Superintendent Dan Linford:**

The Conference was well worthwhile and very valuable and practical for all who attended.

**Parent & Community Connections: DSD Board & Parent Engagement Night – Jan 26, 2026**

DSD Superintendency: Dr. Dan Linford, Dr. Logan Toone, Dr. Fidel Montero, Ms. Chadli Bodily

**Dr. Linford:**

Shared information on the logistics of what this evening could look like based on the number of people that turn up.

**Dr. Toone: Overview at FHS**

**Current data gathered: Expected Participation**

Gen. Session: 219

Breakout 1: 46 Mercer/Steven

Breakout 2: 78 Powell/Gerrard

Breakout 3: 39 Barber/Price/Hogan

**Details of Event Schedule:**

Exhibit Hall	5:30-6:00	District Departments
Keynote Event	6:10-6:50	Ms. Brooke Romney
Breakout Sessions	7:00-7:30	Parents and Board Members

**Dr. Montero and Ms. Bodily – Engagement Strategy Ideas and Descriptors:**

Planning for Breakout Session – Options

- Assumptions and Recommendations:
- Set up Norms
- Focus
- When complete – a way for follow-up

**Ms. Bodily**

- Variations
- Recommendations
- Discovery or Discussion

Answered questions from Board members.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 pm.

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