

SLA Board Meeting Minutes

January 6, 2026

Transcript

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The January Board Meeting began with technical difficulties and attendance issues. The board approved December 2025 minutes and discussed financials, noting a 50% completion of the fiscal year with local revenue at 823,000, state revenue at 10.6 million, and federal revenue at 1.2 million. Enrollment stands at 918, with projections for 1,063 next year. Four reductions in force were made to align staffing with budget. Capital projects include a playground rehab and a turf field. The board discussed potential calendar changes, including extended school hours and a fall break. The meeting concluded with a motion to close.

Action Items

- [] Update the financial forecast numbers (including extraordinary/capital forecast and interest/lunch revenue projections) and reflect the revisions in the budget reports
- [] Remind all board members to submit the overdue evaluations for the executive director and the Red Apple program as soon as possible so Darryl can compile and finalize them
- [] Prepare revised school calendars (elementary, middle, high) and the proposed fee schedule incorporating board feedback and deliver a final draft for board vote at the next meeting (target: next month before April publishing deadline)
- [] Coordinate and organize fundraising/support efforts for the injured student (GoFundMe already posted) and the student undergoing a liver transplant, and determine next steps for school-supported assistance

Outline

January Board Meeting Introduction and Attendance

- Speaker 1 discusses the use of an automated note taker and mentions the need to keep the official name "Real" for public meeting notices.
- Casey Holmes greets Sam and checks on the attendance of other board members, noting that Ashley, Roxy, and Tony are not present yet.
- Speaker 1 mentions Darryl called off sick and suggests waiting a few minutes to see if more members join.
- Becki Hogan joins but experiences technical difficulties with audio, and Speaker 1 communicates with Roxy and Ashley to resolve the issue.

Technical Difficulties and Roll Call

- Becki Hogan joins but still has audio issues, and Speaker 1 notes the need to resolve this for effective communication.
- Speaker 1 confirms the presence of Becki Hogan, Gina James, Becki Byrne, Casey Holmes, and Miss Crofoot, the automated note taker.
- Becki Byrne joins and confirms her audio is working.
- Speaker 1 conducts a roll call, confirming the attendance of Sam Gibbs, Roxana Luna, Becki Hogan, Gina James, Ashley Santianna, Casey Holmes, and Becki Byrne.

Pledge of Allegiance and Approval of Minutes

- Speaker 1 leads the Pledge of Allegiance, with members either in person or online participating.
- The first agenda item is to approve the board minutes from the previous month, December 2, 2025.
- Becki B moves to approve the minutes, and Roxy Luna seconds the motion.
- A roll call vote is conducted, and the minutes are approved.

Public Comment and Financial Report

- Gina James announces new board training available on their podcast and mentions an upcoming conference in June.
- Royce provides an update on the fiscal picture, mentioning a 4.2% increase in the value of the WPU and a 5.5% increase in the value of the LRF.
- Casey Holmes presents the financial report, highlighting that they are 50% through the year and are 523,000 above their local revenue target.
- Casey explains the impact of new revenue sources like interest on investments and the lunch program, and provides an update on state and federal revenues.

Director's Report and Enrollment Projections

- Speaker 1 discusses the director's report, starting with lottery projections and enrollment numbers.
- The current enrollment stands at 918, with a target of 1063 for the coming year.
- Speaker 1 credits the expansion of the junior high soccer program for the increase in enrollment.
- The intent to return surveys show a high proportion of students planning to stay, and the goal is to exceed 1000 students next year.

Reductions in Force and Capital Projects

- Speaker 1 discusses reductions in force conducted to align staffing levels with budget projections.

- Four reductions in force were made, including a special education teacher, two part-time paras, and a food service position.
- Two contract reductions were made, moving people from 40 hours to 29 hours.
- Two reassignments were made between buildings to optimize staffing and skills.
- Speaker 1 provides updates on two capital projects: a playground rehab at the West Campus and the creation of a turf field.

Winter Session and Community Building

- Speaker 1 and Becki Hogan discuss the success of the winter session at the high school and West Campus.
- The high school saw 113 credit recoveries and 68 original credits awarded during the session.
- Becki Hogan shares positive feedback from the West Campus, noting improved academic performance and community building among students.
- Ashley Santianna adds that her kindergartner enjoyed meeting older students during the intersession.

Calendar Proposals and Closing Remarks

- Speaker 1 presents potential calendar changes for the next school year, including a similar intersession period.
- Becki Hogan discusses the elementary calendar, highlighting small changes to improve efficiency and align with Jordan School District.
- The middle school calendar includes a flex Friday and a move to separate sixth grade from the elementary school.
- The high school calendar maintains a two-week intersession and aligns with the start of the fall sports season.
- Speaker 1 concludes the meeting by mentioning ongoing support for students facing significant health issues and invites any final comments or questions.