



Summit Academy Board of Trustees

1225 E 13200 S Draper, UT 84020

February 9, 2026

8:00 p.m.

Board Meeting

(Approved)

### **Welcome**

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 pm with Peter Baxter, Chelsea Welch, Elizabeth Lau, Tracy Ellis, Jared Morgan, Wilson Sivertson, and Daynia MacArtney.

### **Public Comment**

None

### **Consent Agenda**

Happy Birthday to:

Brad Wilkinson

Wilson Sivertson

Daynia MacArtney

LEA-Specific Licenses for Approval

**A Motion to approve the Consent Agenda for Summit Academy Schools was given by Liz.**

**A second was given by Wilson**

**Vote - Yes- Peter Baxter, Chelsea Welch, Elizabeth Lau, Tracy Ellis, Jared Morgan, Wilson Sivertson, and Daynia MacArtney**

**Motion carries**

**Director's Report-** Alana Johnson

## Academic Update

**SAHS Sterling Scholars 2025-2026.** It began in 1962.

Business and Marketing- Walker Booth

Dance- Rebecca Bush

English – Addie Wainer

Family and Consumer Science- McKinley Pierson

Math – Edson Jones

Vocal Performance- Mindy Cox

Instrumental Music – Daniel Moore

Science- McKinley DeWitt

Skilled and Technical Sciences – Oscar Binez

Social Sciences – Madison Laizdale

Speech and Drama- Lowden Smith

Visual Arts- Samantha Farnsworth

World Language – Scotman Bradley

Results for Ap Tests. We are on the 2025 AP Honor Roll – 43% of our students take an AP Test. We had 27% receive credit. C

## Community Update

Bluffdale STEM Night – Jan 29th

Draper's Happy Little Paint Night – Jan 26<sup>th</sup> Lot's of engagement.

Independence wrapped up "Shrek the Musical" and Literacy Night is tonight.

Esports Achievement – During the off-season, they recently had their best performance ever. They were #7 overall in the Western Conference. They were 7<sup>th</sup> place in Super Smash Brothers and #1 in Fortnite without losing any games.

## Enrollment Data

As of 2/9/2026- With our date change, we are seeing more conversions earlier. The numbers are up overall right now.

## **Finance Report – Brad Wilkinson**

Review S&P Global Bond Rating for Fiscal year 2025. Each year we get a review. We have a triple B-rating. It is the lowest investment grade in ratings. We reached out to Robinson. Even though it is the lowest, it is excellent for Charter Schools. Only the top 10 can achieve that rating. We have opportunities to go up. The positive is that we have 288 days of cash on hand, 2500 students, and a good track record. We don't want our rating to go down. It is very positive right now.

Budget – things to note

Salaries and Benefits are 63%

Debt -Bonds and Buildings are 14%

Cash on Hand is \$226

There are no real concerns. The rest of the details are in the packet.

## **Discussion and Action item to review**

990 Tax Return – Brad Wilkinson

It is good for the Board to review it yearly. There isn't any action that needs to be taken, but we can discuss it or answer any questions you may have. Wilson asks if we report our income differently.

**A Motion to approve the 990 Tax Return for Summit Academy Schools was given by Chelsea Welch.**

**A second was given by Tracy**

**Vote - Yes- Peter Baxter, Chelsea Welch, Elizabeth Lau, Tracy Ellis, Jared Morgan, Wilson Sivertson, and Daynia MacArtney**

**Motion carries**

## **MSA (My Summit Adventures) Preschool Lease**

We do this every year. They are currently in the middle of their registrations for next year. It is similar to last year. There is a standard 4% inflationary rate. All Elementary principals have reviewed this. Summit Academy employees receive a discount if they use their services. They have been good partners for 22 years.

**A Motion to approve the Fiscal year 2027 MSA Preschool Lease for Summit Academy Schools was given by Wilson.**

**A second was given by Tracy**

**Vote - Yes- Peter Baxter, Chelsea Welch, Elizabeth Lau, Tracy Ellis, Jared Morgan, Wilson Sivertson, and Daynia MacArtney**

**Motion carries**

Feasibility Study for Catalyst Grant- Alana Johnson

We are trying to assess if this is a good fit for Summit Academy. We are looking into the idea of having a Charter School Consortium. We are asking to spend over the \$50,000.00 threshold.

**A Motion to approve the advanced spending for the Feasibility study for the Catalyst Grant for Summit Academy Schools was given by Liz.**

**A second was given by Wilson**

**Vote - Yes- Peter Baxter, Chelsea Welch, Elizabeth Lau, Tracy Ellis, Jared Morgan, Wilson Sivertson, and Daynia MacArtney**

**Motion carries**

## **Policies**

1207 - Grievance Policy & Hotline – Revised and updated for new requirements.

**A Motion to approve Policy #1207 – Grievance Policy and Hotline Policy for Summit Academy Schools was given by Liz.**

**A second was given by Tracy**

**Vote - Yes- Peter Baxter, Chelsea Welch, Elizabeth Lau, Tracy Ellis, Jared Morgan, Wilson Sivertson, and Daynia MacArtney**

**Motion carries**

3108 - Enrollment Documentation Policy – New

This is a new policy required by the state. It tells us what kind of documentation is needed for refugees, military family members, etc. It is almost all verbatim from state law.

**A Motion to approve Policy 3108 Enrollment Documentation Policy for Summit Academy Schools was given by Jared**

**A second was given by Daynia**

**Vote - Yes- Peter Baxter, Chelsea Welch, Elizabeth Lau, Tracy Ellis, Jared Morgan, Wilson Sivertson, and Daynia MacArtney**

**Motion carries**

3207 - Student Appropriate Behavior Policy – Update

**A Motion to approve Policy 3207 – Student Appropriate Behavior Policy for Summit Academy Schools was given by Liz**

**A second was given by Daynia**

**Vote - Yes- Peter Baxter, Chelsea Welch, Elizabeth Lau, Tracy Ellis, Jared Morgan, Wilson Sivertson, and Daynia MacArtney**

**Motion carries**

5206 - Title IX Policy – New

**A Motion to approve Policy 5206 Title IX Policy for Summit Academy Schools was given by Chelsea**

**A second was given by Jared**

**Vote - Yes- Peter Baxter, Chelsea Welch, Elizabeth Lau, Tracy Ellis, Jared Morgan, Wilson Sivertson, and Daynia MacArtney**

**Motion carries**

6202 - Vending Machines and Food Sale in Schools Outside of

Reimbursable Meals Policy – Update

**A Motion to approve Policy 6202 Vending Machines and Food Sale in Schools Outside of Reimbursable Meals Policy for Summit Academy Schools was given by Jared**

**A second was given by Chelsea**

**Vote - Yes- Peter Baxter, Chelsea Welch, Elizabeth Lau, Tracy Ellis, Jared Morgan, Wilson Sivertson, and Daynia MacArtney**

**Motion carries**

6304 – Fundraising Policy – Update

**A Motion to approve Policy 6304 Fundraising Policy for Summit Academy Schools was given by Wilson**

**A second was given by Liz**

**Vote - Yes- Peter Baxter, Chelsea Welch, Elizabeth Lau, Tracy Ellis, Jared Morgan, Wilson Sivertson, and Daynia MacArtney**

**Motion carries**

SAHS Phase 1 Project Review and Approval- Brad Wilkinson

After the board retreat last month, the administrative team put together a team to look at the proposal. We started with a state-approved company and reached out to a different company. We have gone back and forth quite a bit. The quotes in front of you are well thought out. Currently, the request is to leave the football field where it is. That would require us to put in a different fire lane. There are three potential locations for a performing arts center. Phase one is moving the fire lane, putting in a practice or warming up location, and moving the location for the fine arts center. There is a lot of thought and effort that has gone into this. There are two quotes here. One is replacing turf, adding track lanes,

adding warm up areas, moving performing arts location, moving lighting etc. There is a large packet provided to each board member. There were two board members included in the process beginning to end. A quick review was given to Chelsea Welch who was not in attendance at the Board Work Session. Liz asks if the money is high school money or LEA money, and Brad clarified that it would be both. It would be budgeted over two years. Part of it would come out this year, and the rest would come out the next fiscal year. Brad explains that they would need to bond out the performing arts center, but he isn't sure if that would hurt the bond's rating or not. Our hope is to continue to add enrollment. Jared asks if they approved phase One, they would need to move the football field South. They would have to put the Performing Arts Center somewhere else. Where can it really go to be meaningful. Angela says there are other options. Liz asks who is telling them that 11,000 square feet were big enough. Liz said that she did some homework of her own on the amount of space needed for a performing arts center that would meet their needs. Liz is curious to know why they would propose those locations if they won't fit. Brad says that they are trying to find other areas, but there isn't anything official. Peter mentions that Wilson asked a good question at the finance meeting. If they build a track, the area for the performing arts center wouldn't work any longer. If they move the football field North, it will cost an extra million dollars. Liz asks where the data is that says that they should spend a lot of money on a new track and field. Chelsea asks if they have created a plan or contingency plan if enrollment goes down or are not able to do all the phases. Brad says that from a budgetary standpoint, they don't have all the rest of the pieces of the pie to know if it all will work. Chelsea is asking how this project became the highest priority. She sat through many months of planning and choosing what expansions and what size. To this day, did we ever get dollars that they thought a bigger expansion would do. Angela says that the football field turf is expiring and isn't safe any longer and will need to be replaced. Chelsea would like to know who said that the field isn't safe? Who checked it. Peter asks if we can wait a year and do some more work on this. Brad and Angela say that the turf must be replaced this year. Tracy states that she thinks that everyone is right. She doesn't want to make decisions about this. Daynia thinks that they should do all of the improvements at the same time. Jared feels like the board has dropped the ball by not having a five-year plan, and he is excited about the plan and is ready to go for it! Liz would like to hear from the other principals about how they feel about all of this. Wilson said that the investors like to see the board investing in the school. Tracy mentions that in all 5 phases, it doesn't mention a Fine Arts Center. Chelsea mentions that Bluffdale may need a junior high facility. Have all the different needs been discussed? Diana Brantley talks about the possibility of having junior high. She thinks it is far into the future. The Bluffdale students go to Independence for a more robust program. Bluffdale doesn't have a stage. Right now, financially and student experience is concerned; the best choice is to keep her students at Independence for junior high. She is committed to her school, and the conversation isn't about teacher salaries verses facilities, and she would like to have that conversation. She would like her students to have that full experience. Jeff Wyant feels like they should commit to the performing arts earlier. Lisa Cutler joins electronically due to a literacy night. Lisa has a large majority of students that go to high school, and she sees a need for work to be done at the high school. She would like to see where the performing Arts center would be located? Would it have the number of seats that are needed? Can those things be solved and not limit progress? She would like to get answers to the performing Arts questions. Alana is asked for her feelings. She feels like there is momentum and a need. She would like to see them move forward on phase one and then commit to a performing arts plan. Chelsea asks what a compromise looks like for the future phases. Peter believes that there is language that could be written up to protect the intention for future board meetings. Liz wants to ask the board why this is moving so fast. Peter is saying that it is because the field needs to be replaced. Liz is disappointed that the board isn't talking about improving education rather than on facilities. Jeff would like to see teacher pay improve to uplift all of the schools. The biggest thing that we could do across the board is to improve teacher pay. Peter is asking if there is an alternate plan to propose. Liz would like to delay the

vote, and Peter says that they need to start the project right away. Daynia confirms that the ERC money is earmarked for capital improvements. Brad states that not all of it must be for that. The high school portion is just over a million dollars. Only seven hundred thousand is available this year. Liz is not opposed to the idea. She is opposed to the timing. Liz said that we need to come up with a comprehensive plan and use that as a guide before jumping into this. Wilson doesn't think that the plan would change the desire or need for this plan. Chelsea sees the merit of this project and shares Liz's concerns. This wasn't specifically asked at the retreat, and they don't even have a full plan. This is a lot of money and all of it hasn't been thought through carefully. We went from an idea for a five year plan a month ago to spending millions of dollars a month later. There hasn't been a depth of thought for the needs of the whole school. Peter believes in having all of the facilities in the plan, but because we don't have a sure plan for the performing arts center, he can't support moving forward with that until that is figured out.

**A Motion to approve SAHS Phase 1 Project Review and Approval for Summit Academy Schools that we do not move forward with any other phases until a performing arts center be addressed was given by Jared**

**A second was given by Daynia**

**Vote - Peter Baxter-no, Chelsea Welch-no, Elizabeth Lau-no, Tracy Ellis- yes, Jared Morgan-yes, Wilson Sivertson-yes, and Daynia MacArtney- yes**

**Motion carries 4-3**

FY26 Budget Revision- Brad Wilkinson

The Administration is asking for a budget revision including 1.5 million from now until June 30, 2026. There is also a legal piece in there. A lot of these changes are in the capital outlay area. This budget revision won't jeopardize our bond covenants.

**A Motion to approve the budget revision 2026 for Summit Academy Schools was given by Liz**

**A second was given by Wilson**

**Vote - Yes- Peter Baxter, Elizabeth Lau, Tracy Ellis, Jared Morgan, Wilson Sivertson, and Daynia MacArtney. Chelsea Welch - No**

**Motion carries 6-1**

## **Committee Reports**

Executive committee- Peter, Chelsea, Wilson, Tracy, None

Academic Committee- Liz-C, Tracy, Wilson

The 2024 report card is published and there are a few things that are inaccurate. It shows that when we merged with the high school, we got all new teachers which is not accurate as well as some incorrect attendance. They are working on fixing those. All the statewide data just came out in the last week or two.

Finance/Audit Committee- Wilson-C Jared-V, Peter None

Governance Committee- Chelsea- C, Peter-V Tracy, Daynia None

Development Committee- Jared-C, Wilson-V,Daynia, None

### **Board Business**

Campus Visits & Treats – Go when they have their faculty meetings. Go to assigned campuses.

Bluffdale- Liz, Tracy, Peter

Draper- Chelsea, Jared, Wilson

Independence- Liz. Jared, Tracy, Daynia, Peter

High School- Liz, Wilson, Daynia, Peter

Survey Timeline- The survey is completed and Liz is working with Alecia to get it out. We decided to make it to get consistent data.

April Board Meeting April 16<sup>th</sup>. Spring Break is April 6-10<sup>th</sup>. Peter may miss the 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **Follow up items**

Next meeting – March 19th

**Motion to go into closed session for the purpose of discussion of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual and for the purpose of discussing pending or reasonable imminent litigation for Summit Academy was given by Liz.**

**A second was given by Jared**

**Single Voice Vote - Peter Baxter-Yes, Chelsea Welch-Yes, Elizabeth Lau-Yes, Tracy Ellis-Yes, Jared Morgan-Yes, Wilson Sivertson-Yes, and Daynia MacArtney-Yes.**

**Motion carries**

**The open session ended at 11:14 p.m.**

**Those attending closed session**

**Peter Baxter, Chelsea Welch, Elizabeth Lau, Tracy Ellis, Jared Morgan, Wilson Sivertson, and Daynia MacArtney.**

**The closed session began at 11:15 p.m.**

**Open session resumed at 12:03 am on Feb. 10, 2026**

**A Motion to adjourn was given by Chelsea**

**A second was given by Liz**

**Vote - Yes- Peter Baxter, Chelsea Welch, Elizabeth Lau, Tracy Ellis, Jared Morgan, Wilson Sivertson, and Daynia MacArtney**

**Motion carries**

**Meeting adjourned on Feb. 10, 2026 at 12:04 a.m.**