



Summit Academy Board of Trustees

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Current date

Board Meeting

March 19, 2026

7:00 p.m.

(Approved)

Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm with Peter Baxter, Chelsea Welch, Elizabeth Lau, Wilson Sivertson, and Daynia MacArtney . Tracy Ellis and Jared Morgan are excused

Public Comment

Brian MaKoviac – Their son has played quarterback on the football team for the last three years. They love Summit. Their youngest will be coming to Summit. Their comments will be directed to the athletic department. They have heard rumors that the new football coach has brought a few players with him that have transferred from other schools. They know the transfer rules and that there are a lot of boxes that have to be checked in order to transfer to a different school. Their biggest concerns are that a lot of football players that have been playing at the school for several years and these new players will take their positions without any regard for the former players. How do you hire a coach that was kicked out of his prior position because he didn't follow the rules and brought a bunch of new players with him. It raises a lot of questions in their minds. They appreciate the board listening, and there are a lot of other parents that are really concerned.

Amber Makoviac- She is just going to tell it like it is. She says that this situation with the new football coach and the new players that he brought with him means that his son will not get to play football this year. The coach told him to transfer to Alta. The coach told her to transfer her son to Alta. The new coach has brought in 30 new players since he began last December. There are rumors that he took them to dinner at Texas Roadhouse to recruit them. He promised to give them private coaching. The coach was kicked out of the Ute Conference for recruiting and he has so much money and that is why he can do it. He has funded part of the football field. It isn't fair for the players that have fought hard at the school and done it the right way. Her biggest concern is about recruiting and that it needs to be investigated. She states that the coach is intending to only keep three of the players from last year's team, only three. He brought in his little league team and has hired all NFL coaches, and he is paying them out of pocket. She is there standing up for the little guys. He isn't here so her son can play soccer. That is already ruined. He has so much money that he can do this, and it isn't fair. The UHSSA suggested

that they come to the meeting and talk to the board. There are dozens of other parents that are afraid to come. and they have been advised about how to move forward after the meeting.

Carrie Bronson- She is a football player parent. Her son is a junior this year. They just barely transferred him to Alta. The coaches haven't come to talk to him. The athletic department isn't good. The other teams are not good. They came to Summit because her son is a little bit smaller, yet he is a really good player. You must pay to go to training in the morning. If you don't pay, they don't get looked at. We have parents that the students need to pay to go to special training. Coach Young lied and cheated to have a super team to win and was banned from a full Conference. There are many rumors and some are the truths. She knows for a fact that the coach is paying kids for certain things. Her son had an agonizing decision. He was pushed out. They are really sad about what has happened. They spoke to Ms. Grimmer and the Athletic director. They don't know how Ben Young was hired when he is known for lying and cheating.

Memory Bartlett- She feels for these parents. She is here from the Basketball team. It was a very hard year last year. She watched a coach come to Summit and mentally manipulate and psychologically abuse the Summit boys. He now doesn't even have the confidence to shoot the ball. He breaks boys down and tells them that they are not good enough to get recruited. They brought this information to Ms. Grimmer and to Noah, and nothing has happened. Since Noah was brought to this school, the athletic department has gone to "Hell in a handbasket". He doesn't talk to the parents. They have recordings. This coach called out a young girl in front of everyone. You can't treat people like this and get away with it. Her son graduated last year. She is here for the future players at Summit. They have recordings and extensive notes. Noah had the boys take an anonymous survey and then he gave the information straight to the coach. Other parents can't come forward because their students will be punished. They had a meeting scheduled with Noah, but he couldn't come and then the other parents talked and decided not to come because they were afraid. Her son had a terrible experience last year. They are wondering what experience Noah has had coaching and working with students. The parents don't think that Summit did their due diligence when this basketball coach was hired. The parents think that they will continue to have problems until they fix the problem with Noah.

Jessica Edmonds- She started noticing changes in her boy. She had two sons on the basketball team this year. A lot of parents witnessed throwing and profanity. They had just lost to an incredible team. She knew something was going on. Her older son doesn't open up, but the younger son cried and said that the coach threatened the players if they told their parents that they wouldn't play. She spoke to a mom from Bountiful where this coach used to coach. She found out about a lot of stuff and that he was previously fired from this position and that he was mentally abusive to the players when he coached at Bountiful. In the beginning, she wanted to give them the benefit of the doubt. She is here to fight for his son and the other boys. This coach was so toxic to the players in Bountiful. They spoke to Noah and he was very kind. He ended up telling the Basketball coach. She said how bad the exit interviews were so bad. She really wants the board to investigate because the High School administration is not doing anything.

Sarah Peterson- They came to the school because the small class sizes are better as well as getting opportunities to play verses with other teams. He wanted to play two sports, and you can't do that at the larger schools. When he got here, he excelled! They loved it here and were successful, and it changed his life. They went to the meeting and found out that this new coach was bringing in a bunch of brand-new talented players. He got an award last year. It was all great. They brought in big new players. We are recruiting players that have problems in the school as well, not just problems on the team. Now what can he do. Should they transfer him back to Bingham?

.....Parents have two questions. She wants to know what the board thinks. Peter Baxter states that they can't comment on the comments this evening as the topic is not on the agenda. As parents, it is difficult to come forward. She also wants to bring up the mission statement of Summit. She reads the Mission Statement of the School and then she asks the board to answer how this statement is fulfilled when all these other things are happening. He walks to school for early morning practice at 5:00 am. Beating himself up. It is a practice that they must pay to play in. He is petrified to miss a single practice. Her son wouldn't start anywhere else. This school was supposed to be able to do a lot of things at this smaller school. She can't even approach the coaches because they won't talk to their parents. She says that coaches are telling students to go somewhere else because they are not going to be able to play. She tells the board that there are coaches that are threatening the players to not tell their parents what is happening and that is not right. Her son does love school. She is bracing herself and believes that the school has become political. She apologizes for her language and emotions.

Peter Baxter encourages the parents to read about the grievance policy of the school and to make an appointment with the principal and the director of the school.

Peter Baxter wanted to make a note of a couple of employees that have recently passed away. Ben Pierce that was a custodian in January, and our beloved team member Scott Petitt passed away a couple of weeks ago. He was a crucial member of our team here and we are so appreciative of all that they contributed to Summit

Consent Agenda

Meeting Minutes: Board Meeting 11/20/2025

Meeting Minutes: Board Retreat 01/08/2026

Meeting Minutes: Board Meeting 02/09/2026

3108 -> 3109 Enrollment Documentation Policy

A Motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes for November 20, 2025, for Summit Academy Schools was given by Liz Lau

A second was given by Wilson Sivertson

Vote - Yes- Peter Baxter, Chelsea Welch, Elizabeth Lau, Jared Morgan, and Wilson Sivertson

Motion carries

A Motion to approve Meeting Minutes for January 8, 2026, for Summit Academy Schools was given by Wilson.

A second was given by Daynia MacArtney

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

Motion carries

A Motion to approve Meeting Minutes for February 9, 2026 for Summit Academy Schools was given by Liz Lau.

A second was given by Daynia MacArtney

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

Motion carries

A Motion to approve XXX for Summit Academy Schools was given by NAME.

A second was given by NAME

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

Motion carries

A Motion to approve Policy # 3109 Enrollment Documentation Policy for Summit Academy Schools was given by Liz Lau.

A second was given by Wilson Sivertson

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

Motion carries

Director's Report

Academic Update

Bluffdale recently had a parent Teacher conference where 98% of parents attended or scheduled another time to meet.

Summit had 54 students that had perfect attendance last quarter. They were there every day on time. They had a doughnut party and were recognized.

At the Draper campus, the boy's basketball team won the championship and then they teamed up against the teachers and adults.

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A second was given by Wilson Sivertson

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

Motion carries

We had the quarterly growth awards given out.

The High School just had student body elections, and they are very excited to get things planned for next year.

Alison Linear is a Sterling Scholar this year

We are seeing an increase in registrations this year compared to this time last year. We are up 128 students.

Final Land Trust Reports – There are some final reports in your folder tonight. We will get those submitted this week

Accreditation Update- We have had some great meetings. There are some really positive things that are happening.

Finance Report

Finance Update (Postponed to April)

Discussion and Action item to review

Finance Approval – Striping and Fill Pothole/Cracks- We will be taking care of this work at the Draper and Independence Campuses.

A Motion to Approve the Expenditure for Eccles Paving for Summit Academy Schools was given by Liz Lau.

A second was given by Wilson Sivertson

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

Motion carries

Policies

7104 Acceptable Use Policy – Update per State requirements

A Motion to approve Policy # 7104 Acceptable Use Policy for Summit Academy Schools was given by Wilson Sivertson.

A second was given by Chelsea Welch

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

Motion carries

7302 Student Data Collection and Privacy Policy – Update – These are all directly linked to code. Peter Baxter states that it doesn't say who it must be. It doesn't have to be your IT person. It is checks and balances. You don't want the fox guarding the henhouse.

A Motion to approve Policy #7302 Student Data Collection and Privacy Policy for Summit Academy Schools was given by Chelsea Welch

A second was given by Wilson Sivertson

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

Motion carries

Fee Schedules 2026-2027 1st Reading – Chelsea requests that we really try to capture all fees. Peter Baxter asks about the early morning training that is provided for a charge, and Ms. Grimmer notes that anyone can come to participate.

Independence, Draper, Bluffdale, and SAHS

Sex Education Curriculum Review – Preparation for April Approval- This is a first reading. We are doing what the law asks us to do, no more and no less. It follows right in line with what the state law requires. We won't need to vote until next month.

Committee Reports

Executive committee- None

Academic Committee- Accreditation is moving along. The survey is coming along. Liz is new to Qualtrics. Chelsea says that data is collected and presented at a board meeting and then shared to the different campuses. Liz will share access to individuals that would like to view it.

Finance/Audit Committee- None

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Governance Committee- None

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Development Committee- Liz and Jared met. They have had two meetings with a school parent that is volunteering. You can't pursue funding unless you have a very concrete plan. We are looking into that promise of phase two funding the Performing Arts Center. The next step is looking at utilities that is underneath the land. The most logical site is no longer an option. The big question is whether or not there are utilities underneath the ground. We need a site survey. We need a pre-approval from the city after we get a solid proposal

Board Business - None

Follow up items

Next meeting – April 16, 2026 – Peter Baxter is out of town for that meeting.

Closing comments

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 Lau.

A second was given by Chelsea Welch

Single Voice Vote - Peter Baxter-Yes, Chelsea Welch-Yes, Elizabeth Lau-Yes, Wilson Sivertson-Yes, and Daynia MacArtney-Yes.

Motion carries

Those attending closed session

Closed session began at 8:34

Open session resumed at 10:17 p.m.

A Motion to adjourn was given by Chelsea

A second was given by Tracy Ellis

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

Motion Carries

Meeting adjourned at 10:18 p.m.