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Kristi Swett, President
Salt Lake City School District, Board
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Re: Board Agenda Process

Dear President Swett,

I want to thank you and Heather for conducting my second board orientation meeting this past Friday with Mckell and Janet.

I am so honored to be elected to serve on an American institution that predates even the founding of this country (Dorchester, Massachusetts 1645).

As a follow up to our meeting, I wanted to clarify something I said and elaborate a little more on one of the concerns that I expressed.

In doing so, you should know that I hold dear the core principles that our country was founded on. I share that with you, because as we embark on this new chapter together, I want you to understand and hopefully appreciate my motives and decision making process as issues come before us.

OATH OF OFFICE

On the issue of taking the oath of office; I did send McKell the reference in the election code that states that a judge can indeed administer the oath. “Utah Code 10-3-828 specifies who may administer the Oath of Office:

The oath of office required under this part shall be administered by any judge, notary public, or by the recorder of the municipality.”

Recognizing that historically the County Clerk has administered the oath of office to newly elected and reelected board members, I nevertheless must underscore my desire to have someone other than the county clerk administer the oath of office.

I believe that our county clerk made several mistakes in running the school board election this past cycle and when mistakes were brought to her attention she did not make any corrections or attempts to clarify misunderstandings.

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Señor Florez –Deseret News