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Utah School Boards Association 91st Annual Conference

***“Building Better School Boards for
our Future Leaders”***



**January 5 – 7, 2023
Little America Hotel
Salt Lake City, Utah**

Greetings from your Officers



Brigit Gerrard
President-Elect



Teri Rhodes
Vice President



Linda Hanks
President



Amber Shill
Immediate Past President



Richard C. Stowell
Executive Director

Welcome to the USBA 91st Annual Conference. We have planned this Conference with you in mind; thanks to your suggestions we have lined up some extraordinary speakers and outstanding presentations for the breakout sessions.

We recognize and appreciate that you are making a significant contribution of your time to participate in this Conference. We are confident that you will find it educational and will return to your district inspired and equipped for today's tough challenges. We hope that you will build new friendships with fellow Board Members from around the State and get acquainted with the many Superintendents and Business Administrators who attend and participate in the Conference.

IT'S BACK...

USBA Health Fair

Located in the Sinclair Room on the Main Level

Free Services provided by Healthy Utah include:

- Blood Pressure Check
- Cholesterol
- Blood Glucose
- Body Composition
- Health Consultation
- And more...

Sponsored by USBA and Public Employees Health Plans (PEHP)

Thanks to Our Exhibitors and Sponsors

Each year at the Conference, Exhibitors and Sponsors help support our overall program and provide a wealth of information to Conference attendees. USBA extends a big "Thank You" to our Sponsors and Exhibitors.



Clint Pulver

Keynote Speaker

Speaker, author, workforce expert, pilot, and musician, Clint Pulver is known as an expert in employee retention. Through his research as the Undercover Millennial, he has assisted large corporations like AT&T, McDonald's, and Keller Williams in creating lasting employee loyalty. His best-selling book *I Love It Here: How Great Leaders Create Organizations Their People Never Want To Leave* provides insight through thousands of employee interviews into the importance of connection, mentoring, engagement and inspiration.

Mr. Pulver won an Emmy Award in 2020 for his short film, *Be a Mr. Jensen*, the story of how a teacher changed his world and the course of his life in a single moment.



Frank Henderson, Jr.
President, National School Boards Association;
Board Member, Seaman School District (KS)

Featured Speaker

Frank S. Henderson, Jr. was elected President of the National School Boards Association (NSBA) in 2022.

Currently in his fifteenth year on the Seaman USD 345 Board of Education in Topeka, Kansas, Henderson is also its Past President as well as a Past President of the Kansas Association of School Boards. He has also served on the Board of Directors and Legislative Committee. Henderson has also served on the Board of Directors of the Kansas State High School Activities Association, the Governor's Advisory Council on Education, and as a commissioner on the Education Commission of the States.

He has also held several positions with NSBA including Secretary-Treasurer, Director of the Western Region, President of the National School Board Action Center, as well as two terms on the Board of Directors of NSBA's National Black Council.

In addition to his service to NSBA and as a school board member, Mr. Henderson worked in Kansas State Social Services and in the criminal justice system for more than twenty-five years, providing services to the poor and mentally ill including victims and offenders.

Henderson holds a bachelor's degree from Washburn University and a master's degree from Kansas State University. He and his wife, Lorraine, have two adult children and one grandchild.



The Bryce Canyon Wranglers

Featured Entertainment

The Bryce Canyon Wranglers entertain visitors from around the world at their home base — Ebenezer's Barn & Grill, located in Bryce Canyon, Utah. The band is a mixture of seasoned Nashville performers and up and coming talent. Their show, “A Song Like Me” debuted in 2019 and their subsequent album by the same name made it to Number 15 on the Billboard Country Album Charts. The Bryce Canyon Wranglers continue to create new music while fostering young talent both locally and regionally. Enjoy a special evening listening to a combination of traditional and contemporary country music.

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FIRST GENERAL SESSION Thursday, January 5, 2023 Little America Ballroom

3:00 p.m.	Registration and Booth Exhibits Foyer
7:00 p.m.	Conducting Linda Hanks, USBA President
	Reverence. Robin McClellan, USBA Board of Directors
	Flag Ceremony Northridge High School Air Force JROTC Honor Guard Commander: Major Eric Allen, USAF (retired), Senior Aerospace Science Instructor
	National Anthem Juab High School Choir Directed by Kelly Rowley
	Music Ridgeline High School Choir, Cache School District Directed by Jeremy Baer

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8:30 p.m. Adjournment

SECOND GENERAL SESSION

Friday, January 6, 2023

- 8:00 a.m. Registration and Booth Exhibits
- 8:30 a.m. Conducting Brigit Gerrard,
USBA President-Elect
- Music Jordan High School Madrigals
Canyons School District
Directed by J. P. Kentros

USBA Business Session

- Nominations for USBA Vice President
Amber Shill, USBA Immediate Past President
- Annual Report
Teri Rhodes, USBA Vice President
- Divide into Regions to elect Single District Region
Board of Director Members and
Delegates at Large for Single District Regions
and Delegates at Large for Multi District Regions

Region I – Sun Valley Room

Cache, Logan, Rich

Region II – Ballroom

Box Elder, Morgan, Ogden

Region III – Ballroom

Davis

Region IV – Flagstaff Room

North Summit, South Summit,
Park City, Wasatch

Region V – Ballroom

Salt Lake City

Region VI – Ballroom

Granite

Region VII – Snowbasin Room

Murray, Provo, Tooele

Region VIII – Wyoming Room

Carbon, Daggett, Duchesne, Emery,
Grand, San Juan, Uintah

Region IX – Ballroom

Jordan

Region X – Idaho Room

Juab, North Sanpete, Piute, Sevier,
South Sanpete, Tintic, Wayne

Region XI – Arizona Room

Beaver, Garfield, Iron,
Kane, Millard

Region XII – Ballroom

Alpine

Region XIII – Ballroom

Weber

Region XIV – Ballroom

Nebo

Region XV – Ballroom

Washington

Region XVI – Ballroom

Canyons

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

9:45-10:45 a.m. — 11:00-12:00 Noon

ETHICAL LEADERSHIP: SCHOOL BOARD PROFESSIONAL GOVERNANCE STANDARDS Wyoming Room

Presented by Linda Hanks, USBA President

In this breakout session, participants will gain insight into the power of the ethical leader. Ethical leaders understand the impact they have on both individuals and the team as a whole. As school board members, we understand that we are elected to represent the community and advocate for all public education students — the role requires ethical leaders who set high ethical standards and act in accordance with them. Strategies and resources will be explored that contribute to being an ethical and effective school board member. Effective school boards work within their authority to facilitate high-quality education for each child and recognize that qualities such as respect, integrity, accountability, engagement, and collaboration contribute to a highly effective and ethical leader.

TEEN DROP-IN CENTERS: AN INNOVATIVE AND COLLABORATIVE INITIATIVE Idaho Room

Presented by Jodi Lunt, Davis School District/Davis Education Foundation and Jenica Whitworth, Teen Center and DCLC Coordinator Facilitator:

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We invite you to join in an innovative discussion about solutions to a quiet, but pervasive problem affecting our youth population: homelessness. In Davis School District there are more than 1,400 children experiencing homelessness, 300 which are high school students. These children live in cars, abandoned buildings, storage units, or couch surf every night. They may be on their own, with school acting as the only place they can obtain food and safety from the elements. Often, they do not have a place to shower, wash their clothes, or attend to basic hygiene needs.

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BOARD UNITY: INTERPERSONAL STYLE (2 HOURS)

Arizona Room

Presented by Sterling Petersen, Director of Custom Fit,
Bridgerland Technical College
Facilitator:

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RISK DEBRIEF: WHERE WE'VE BEEN AND WHERE WE'RE GOING

Snowbasin Room

Presented by Darin Dennis, Assistant Director, State Risk Management
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Facilitator:

We will discuss what we cover, coverage and claims issues, claims statistics for the last 5 years, loss control training, and rates and premiums.

BEST PRACTICES FOR ADMINISTRATOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Flagstaff Room

Presented by Gary Thomas and Tim Smith, Cache School District
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LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

Sun Valley Room

Presented by Lexi Cunningham, USBA Associate Executive Director
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LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

THIRD GENERAL SESSION

Friday, January 6, 2023

1:30 p.m.	Conducting Teri Rhodes, USBA Vice President
	Prize Drawing Amber Shill, USBA Immediate Past President
	Music Carbon High School Wind Ensemble Carbon School District Directed by Adam Cunningham
	Remarks. Frank Henderson, Jr. National School Boards Association President
	Explanation of the UHSAA Elections Rob Cuff, UHSAA Executive Director

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

2:15-3:15 p.m. — 3:30-4:30 p.m.

THE FIRST LADY'S SHOW UP INITIATIVE: WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO, AND HOW YOU CAN MAKE AN IMPACT

Wyoming Room

Presented by Abby Cox
Facilitator:

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CURRENT LEGAL ISSUES

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Presented by Dan Harper, Canyons School District Attorney
Facilitator:

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PANDA EXPRESS OR PARAPROFESSIONAL: HOW CAN UTAH SCHOOL DISTRICTS COMPETE WITH PRIVATE INDUSTRY FOR CLASSIFIED WORKERS?

Flagstaff Room

Presented by Koby Willis, Superintendent, Piute County School District and Brent Bills, Business Administrator, Washington School District
Facilitator:

Fast food and retail industries are fast advancing their starting pay for entry level workers. Wages across the nation went up at a faster rate in 2021 than the previous 20 years. Some industries saw wage increases of more than 7% in entry level positions. Despite great gains, however, these increases are not keeping up with inflation and many corporations are

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PUTTING THE "POPS" IN YOUR DISTRICT'S INTEGRATED ART PROGRAM

Sun Valley Room

Presented by POPS Educators from the Springville Museum of Art and Shannon Acor, Head of Education and Programs, serving on the Nebo Board of Education

Professional Outreach Program in Schools (POPS) is managed by the Utah State Board of Education and is funded through the legislature, bringing educational programs from professional art organizations to the schools at minimal or no cost. Springville Museum provides vibrant virtual, museum and in-class art experiences as a POPS participant. Their educators are available to teachers and art specialists as a resource for grades K-12 at no cost. You can learn more about Springville Museum at www.smafa.org/k-12programs. This presentation will introduce the options available through POPS and will walk through a virtual tour of Art Talk.

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5:00 P.M. Utah High School Activities Association region elections to elect Boards of Trustees:

Idaho Room

6A Classification — Alpine, Canyons, Davis, Jordan, Weber and possibly Granite and Salt Lake, depending on the results of the most recent UHSAA realignment of member schools.

Wyoming Room

1A Classification — Beaver, Daggett, Duchesne, Emery, Garfield, Kane, Millard, Piute, Rich, San Juan, Tintic, Tooele, USDB and Wayne.

Announcement of the results of the balloting will be made during a USBA general session on Saturday, January 7, 2023. The UHSAA is pleased to have a positive relationship with the USBA and supports an ongoing cooperation between the Associations.

FOURTH GENERAL SESSION
Evening Banquet
Friday, January 6, 2023

6:00 P.M. Conducting Linda Hanks, USBA President
Reverence Kristi Swett,
President-Elect, National School Boards Association
Buffet Ballroom
Master Boards Award USBA Officers
Introduction of Entertainment Linda Hanks,
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The Bryce Canyon Wranglers



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FIFTH GENERAL SESSION
Saturday, January 7, 2023
Casual Dress

7:00-8:15 a.m. Networking Breakfast Buffet Arizona and
 Idaho Rooms

8:30 a.m. Conducting Amber Shill,
 USBA Immediate Past President

Reverence

Prize Drawing Amber Shill,
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President's Report Linda Hanks, USBA President

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

9:30-10:30 a.m. — 10:45-11:45 a.m.

THE DIGNITY INDEX
Wyoming Room

Presented by Tamy Pyfer
 Facilitator:

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The Dignity Index was recently piloted in Utah, in partnership with the University of Utah, the Hinckley Institute of Politics, and the Kem C. Gardner Institute. Although designed primarily to measure political speech of Utah's federal senate and congressional races, numerous businesses, civic, and community organizations have embraced the Index as a framework for their own culture and organizational communications. Universities have reached out asking for ways to incorporate the Index in their genEd classes, and one high school teacher asked how to bring the Index into his AP government coursework.

This breakout session would introduce school boards and district administration to the Dignity Index, and offer ideas on how to incorporate the Index in their board meetings and interactions with parents and the general public.

YOU TOO CAN BE A MASTER BOARD MEMBER!
Idaho Room

Presented by USBA Master Boards Certification Committee

Join us for learning the ins and outs of board member continuing education and certification.

**CANYONS SCHOOL DISTRICT STRATEGIC VISION AND PLAN:
 BUILDING OUR NORTH STAR**
Arizona Room

Presented by Nancy Tingey, President and Dr. Rick Robins,
 Superintendent, Canyons School District
 Facilitator:

While the last 13 school years have been remarkable, CSD is looking to the future. To further the vision, mission, and tenets of CSD, the Canyons Board of Education and Administration developed a strategic plan through a process by design including stakeholder input from our school community. The vision of our community is reflected in the emerging focus areas of high quality learning, access and opportunity, human centered supports, and operating systems. Our goal was to develop a plan to guide CSD's direction for the coming decade and beyond. Join us for a brief overview and panel discussion with our board members as they share their experience and insight into the journey of building and implementing the CSD strategic vision and plan.

**INCREASING STUDENT LEARNING THROUGH
 BUILDING EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT**
Snowbasin Room

Presented by Frank Stewart, Vice President and Frank Schofield,
 Superintendent, Logan School District
 Facilitator:

We all know that the stresses educators have faced over the last few years have often had a negative impact on employee morale and engagement. However, data shows that as employee engagement rises, student achievement also increases. In order to promote employee morale, and provide the positive environment employees need to succeed, the Logan City School District uses an annual process of surveys and structured discussions to build employee engagement in every school. Session attendees will leave with an overview of basic principles that promote employee engagement, and the steps in the process that any leader can use to increase engagement in their organization.

DO YOU WANT TO GET REVVED UP ABOUT BOARD POLICY?

Flagstaff Room

This Session will be as exciting as Top Gun with famous people like Superintendent Anthony Godfrey, Jordan School District and Superintendent Shane Farnsworth, Alpine School District. You can listen to how these two large districts adopt New Board policy and their secret to keeping their policies up to date. Moderator, Richard Stowell, USBA Executive Director

AVOIDING THE PITFALLS OF POOR PERCEPTION

Sun Valley Room

Presented by Geoff Liesik, Communications Specialist,
Uintah School District
Facilitator:

We're all familiar with the phrase, "Perception is reality." The phrase admittedly has some flaws, but people's perceptions do affect what they believe about your school board and about you. The way board members conduct themselves in meetings, in other public settings, in media interviews, and online shapes the way your district is viewed as a whole. This presentation will provide participants with easy to implement steps that will improve public perception of their performance as elected officials, and help their district put its best foot forward.

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This Session will be as exciting as Top Gun with famous people like Superintendent Steve Carlsen, Box Elder School District and Superintendent Ben Dalton, Kane School District. You can listen to how these two districts adopt New Board policy and their secret to keeping their policies up to date. Moderator, Richard Stowell, USBA Executive Director

AVOIDING THE PITFALLS OF POOR PERCEPTION

Sun Valley Room

Presented by Geoff Liesik, Communications Specialist,
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Facilitator:

We’re all familiar with the phrase, “Perception is reality.” The phrase admittedly has some flaws, but people’s perceptions do affect what they believe about your school board and about you. The way board members conduct themselves in meetings, in other public settings, in media interviews, and online shapes the way your district is viewed as a whole. This presentation will provide participants with easy to implement steps that will improve public perception of their performance as elected officials, and help their district put its best foot forward.

**SIXTH GENERAL SESSION
Luncheon Session
Saturday, January 7, 2023**

12:00 Noon	Conducting	Brigit Gerrard, USBA President-Elect
	Luncheon Buffet.	Ballroom
	Election Results	Linda Hanks, USBA President
	Installation of Incoming President	Linda Hanks, USBA President
	Prize Drawing	Amber Shill, USBA Immediate Past President
1:30 p.m.	Adjournment	Brigit Gerrard, USBA President

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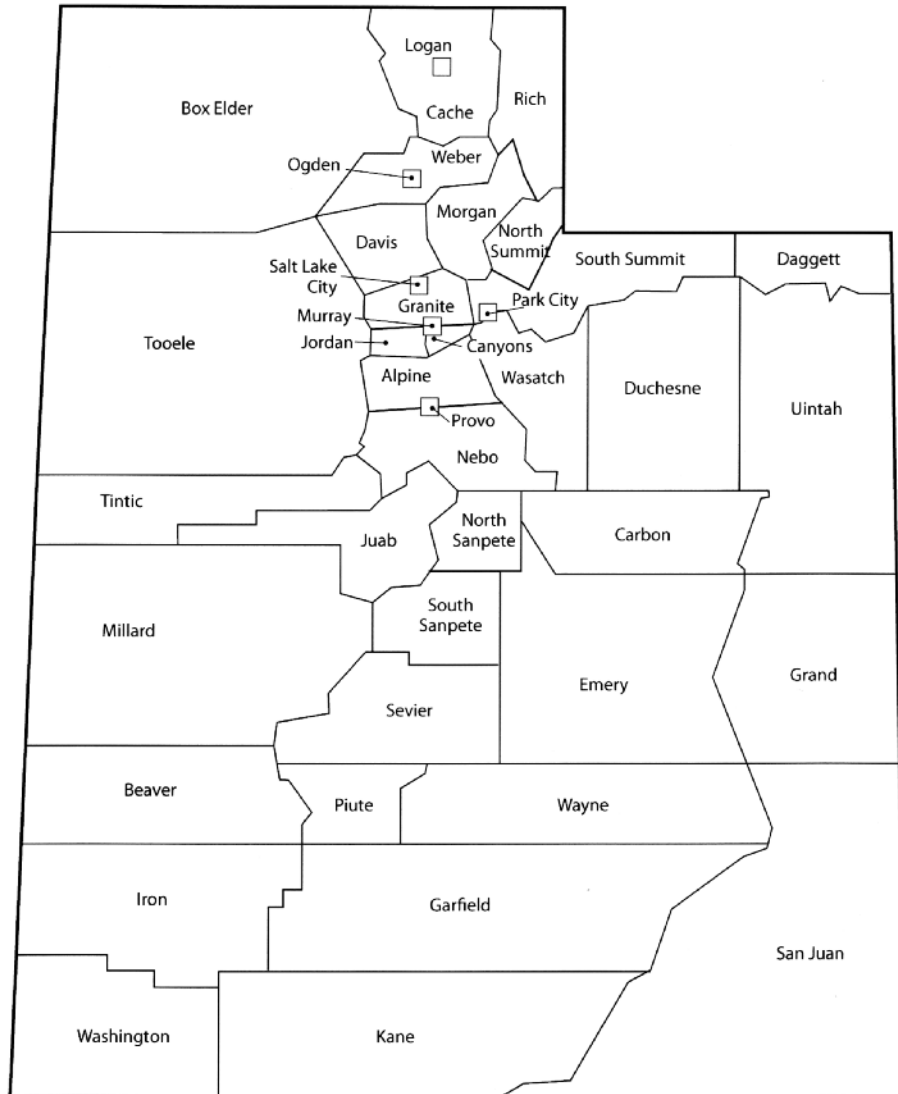
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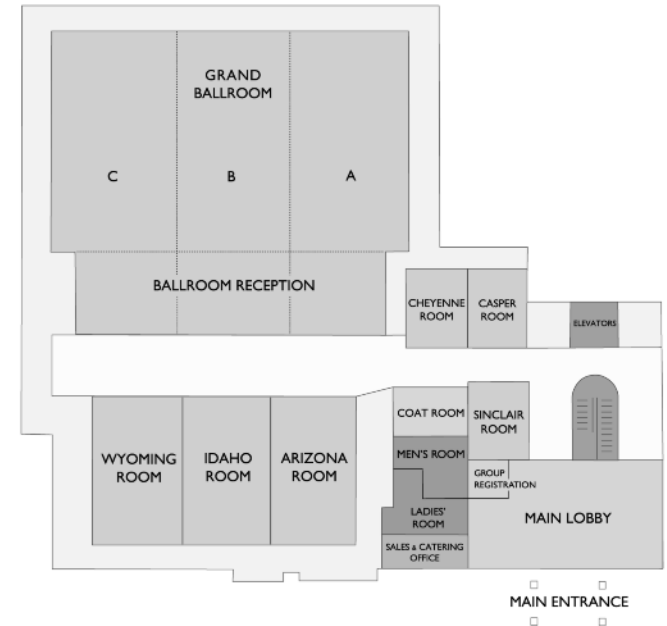
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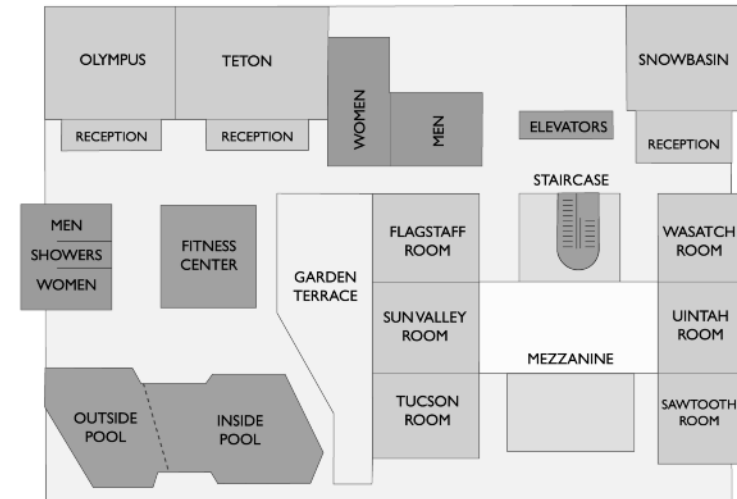


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