

UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

MARCH 1, 1996

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of the State Board for Applied Technology Education and the State Board of Education held March 1, 1996, at the Utah State Office of Education, Salt Lake City, Utah. Meeting commenced at 10:30 a.m. Board Chairman Marlon O. Snow presided.

Members present were:

Chairman, Marlon O. Snow
Vice Chairman Linnea S. Barney
Member Daryl C. Barrett
Member Neola Brown
Member Janet A. Cannon
Member Keith T. Checketts
Member Thomas F. Davidson
Member Katharine B. Garff
Member C. Grant Hurst
Member Boyd F. Jensen
Member Milton Kendrick
Member Kay McDonough
Member Marilyn Shields
Member Waynette Steel

Member Lynn Haslem, excused.

Also present were:

Executive Officer Scott W. Bean
Deputy Superintendent Laurie A. Chivers
Associate Superintendent Robert O. Brems
Associate Superintendent Bruce Griffin
Associate Superintendent Jerry P. Peterson
Executive Director, USOR, Blaine Petersen
Public Information Officer Eileen Rencher
Board Secretary Twila B. Affleck

Also present for portions of the Board meeting were:

Members of the Press:

Marjorie Cortez, Deseret News

Hillary Groutage, Salt Lake Tribune

Jan Ferre, Coalition for Disabilities
Fran Stultz, Governor's Office
Barbara Willie, Utah PTA
Linda M. Parkinson, Utah PTA
Paula Plant, Utah PTA
Jim McCoy, Citizen
Billie Telford, Utah Eagle Forum
Keele Johnson, Utah State House of Representatives

Members, State Office of Education Staff:

Barbara Lawrence, Instructional Services
Judy Peterson, Applied Technology Services
Pat Smart, Applied Technology Services
Bonnie Morgan, Instructional Services
Dick Harmston, Instructional Services
Robert Petersen, Agency Services
Jerald L. Mikesell, Agency Services
Nate Taggart, Agency Services
William Montoya, Instructional Services
Judy DeWaal, Agency Services
Max Jensen, Agency Services

The Board repeated the Pledge of Allegiance.
Board Member Boyd F. Jensen, offered a reverence.
Board secretary Twila B. Affleck recorded the minutes.

Chairman Snow excused Member Lynn Haslem.

Chairman Snow announced that following the regular business of the meeting the Board would have a work meeting. He indicated that there would not be any formal action taken.

Recognitions

Member Katharine Garff recognized Davis District Teacher of the Year, Robert H. Campbell. She indicated that Mr. Campbell is the music teacher and band director at South Davis Junior High, and at least one-third of the student body takes a class from him. Member Garff expressed the importance of the arts, music, and cultural things that are an intrinsic value to the human soul in our society. The Board asked Mr. Campbell to keep them posted on the important issues concerning the arts.

Mr. Campbell expressed his appreciation for the efforts of the Board to make the education system work in the state. He thanked them for the things that make his job easier and to see that our children are properly educated.

Executive Officer Report

Superintendent Scott W. Bean presented the following items of information:

Calendar of Educational Events in Utah - Distributed a Calendar of Educational events and indicated that through the Internet we are able to pick up all of the education conferences which are included in this calendar.

Legislature - Reported on the different meetings held in conjunction with the legislative session which included: USOE Legislative Team, Public Education Coalition, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel, and USBA/USSA. Also the legislative committee meetings and discussions with legislators.

Superintendent Bean expressed appreciation to the Board and complimented them for their work during the legislative session. In particular, to Chairman Snow and Member Shields.

Dr. Bean expressed appreciation to the Governor and the staff of his office that works closely with the legislature for their support of public education; Corrine Hill and Con Rowley.

Dr. Bean expressed appreciation to the following for their work and support during the legislative session: Utah PTA, Paula Plant and Linda Parkinson; Darrell White, USB/USSA; Legislative Leadership, in particular, Lyle Hillyard and Kevin Garn; and Jim Wilson, Legislative Research and General Counsel.

Dr. Bean expressed great appreciation to the Office of Education staff, Bruce Griffin, Blaine Petersen, Rob Brems, Jerry Petersen, Laurie Chivers, Doug Bates, Jerald Mikesell and Judy DeWaal.

Dr. Bean indicated that because of the co-chairs of the House Committee, there was a courteous exchange and more positive bills were presented and passed. He commended the co-chairs, Representatives Beverly Evans and Keele Johnson, for their work and support. On the Senate side, Senator Stephenson was amenable to working with us on some of the more difficult bills. The Appropriations Subcommittee which was co-chaired by Representative Alexander and Senator Rees, we worked with them through all of the day to day issues in a positive way.

Dr. Bean expressed appreciation to all who worked so hard, indicating that this year was the best year for funding for public education.

Superintendent Bean reported that one important funding item dealt with the Navajo Mountain situation in which we needed to receive \$2 million to help resolve the issues there. He expressed appreciation to Representative Keele Johnson who worked with us and the fiscal analyst to accomplish this.

Superintendent Bean requested that Representative Johnson be given some time to discuss the studies on the education interim committee list.

Representative Johnson distributed copies of SJR 18, the master list for interim committees to study. (For complete details of the List, see General Exhibit No. 7525.) Representative Johnson reviewed and briefly discussed the items on the list that will be studied by the education interim committee.

Considerable discussion ensued relative to the issues of extracurricular clubs and extracurricular activities in the schools. Of particular concern was the time out of school for travel by some schools to participate in sports activities. It was noted that three years ago the Utah School Superintendents Association had passed a motion requesting that the Utah High School Activities Association reduce the number of games by ten percent. The Activities Association turned that request down. It was hoped that these legislative studies will bring this issue to the forefront. Chairman Snow shared two letters he had received on this issue.

Superintendent Bean commented that high school activities are positive for kids, but the travel and time out of school are getting to the point where we need to check and see what is reasonable. He indicated that the Utah High School Activities Association will be holding a hearing on March 12 for public input and presentations on these issues. If the Board wished to make comment a letter indicating such would need to be sent today.

Motion was made by Member C. Grant Hurst and seconded by Member Thomas F. Davidson that the Board send a letter to the Utah High School Activities Association, by the most efficient means, requesting time at that hearing to give testimony. Motion carried unanimously.

Representative Johnson expressed appreciation for the service provided by the Members of the State Board of Education and the tremendous job they do to provide the best possible education for children.

Board Chairman Report

Member Daryl Barrett distributed a copy "Measures of Child Well-Being in Utah, 1996, published by Utah Children. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 7526.) She encouraged Board Members to read it, especially the mission statement.

Member Grant Hurst reported attending the opening of the new Jordan High School in the Jordan District. He encouraged Board Members to go and visit the school.

Member Kay McDonough encouraged Board Members to attend the Families in Education Conference at Taylorsville High School on March 22-23, 1996.

Member Tom Davidson commented that the Board passed a motion on January 11, 1996, expressing opposition to federal laws which restrict the ability of local boards of education to exercise clear control over the formation of school based clubs. With regard to the developments going on in the state relative to this issue since the January meeting, Member Davidson moved and it was seconded by Member Boyd F. Jensen to direct the State Superintendent to send a letter to the Utah Congressional Delegation requesting that they undertake an effort to amend the Federal Equal Access Act to allow local boards of education to exercise clear control of school based clubs. Furthermore, that we invite the Utah School Boards Association, Utah School Superintendents Association, State PTA, the Governor, and other education related groups to join us in making a similar request. Motion carried unanimously.

Member Keith Checketts indicated that he and Member Barrett would be attending the NASBE Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C., later in the month, and they would be happy to take that letter to the Congressional Delegation and discuss the issue with them.

Board Committee Reports

Administration, Finance, Planning, and Legislation

Board Member C. Grant Hurst, Chairman of the Administration, Finance, and Legislation Committee reported on the following recommendations from the committee:

Committee Purpose and Function

The Committee reviewed and received the report as presented. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 7527.) Motion from the Committee to receive the report with the additional caveat that in the April meeting there be a specific item that would be a review of staff and administrative salaries for the State Office of Education as an annual review basis. It was suggested that it be noted in the agenda that this would be an executive session. Motion carried with Members Barney, Barrett, Brown, Cannon, Checketts, Davidson, Hurst, Jensen, Kendrick, McDonough, Shields, and Steel voting in favor; Member Garff absent.

Status Sheet for the 1996 Legislative Session

The Committee reviewed in detail the items on the status sheet for the 1996 legislative session dealing with administration, finance, and planning. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 7528.)

Motion from the Committee to accept the report of the 1996 Legislative Session. Motion carried with Members Barney, Barrett, Brown, Cannon, Checketts, Davidson, Hurst, Jensen, Kendrick, McDonough, Shields, and Steel voting in favor; Member Garff absent.

Utah Goals 2000 Subgrant Applications

A 26-member review committee, reviewed the 40 applications for the second round of subgrants under the federally funded Goals 2000: Educate America Act Program. Twenty-two (22) of these projects were approved by the State Board of Education on January 11, 1996. The remaining applications have been undergoing

extensive staff work and negotiations since January. A list of ten (10) additional collaborative projects totaling \$939,399 were recommended for funding during FY 1997. (For complete details of the ten projects, see General Exhibit No. 7529.)

Motion from the Committee to award the professional development subgrants to the ten new projects for the 1997-97 fiscal year with the condition that each of these projects satisfactorily meet all of the requirements of funding prior to the actual allocation of funds. Motion carried with Members Barney, Barrett, Brown, Cannon, Checketts, Davidson, Hurst, Jensen, Kendrick, McDonough, Shields, and Steel voting in favor; Member Garff absent.

Evaluation of Utah's Centennial Schools Program

The Western Institute for Research and Evaluation (W.I.R.E.) Has conducted a major statewide evaluation of Utah's Centennial Schools Program. The results of the second year of this study, Centennial Schools Evaluation Second Year Report: 1994-95 was presented by

(For complete details of the report, see General Exhibit No. 7530.)

Motion from the Committee to accept the results of the report with the understanding that a true executive report be prepared. The executive report would be used to encourage districts and principals of schools who have not implemented centennial schools to go through a process of looking at that; and also to encourage the PTA and others to get involved to help encourage individual schools and school groups to participate in the Centennial Schools Program. Further, to commend the Western Institute for Research and Evaluation for a job well done, and to authorize staff to disseminate the report where appropriate. Motion carried with Members Barney, Barrett, Brown, Cannon, Checketts, Davidson, Hurst, Jensen, Kendrick, McDonough, Shields, and Steel voting in favor; Member Garff absent.

Certification Committee Meeting

The Committee reviewed the Certification Committee Agenda. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 7531.)

Motion from the Committee to approve the Certification Committee Agenda including the recommendation from the State Advisory Committee on Teacher Education (SACTE) to approve the School Psychologist Certification Standards; and to approve the requests for temporary authorizations with the following exceptions: Jordan School District, Maria Brown, Bill Ennis, Susan Stacy, and John Vance; Park City District, Debora A. Collins and Jean Holecomb; and Salt Lake City District, Brenda Rhodes. Motion carried with Members Barney, Barrett, Brown, Cannon, Checketts, Davidson, Hurst, Jensen, Kendrick, McDonough, Shields, and Steel voting in favor; Member Garff absent.

Curriculum and Instruction Committee

Board Member Neola Brown, Chair, Curriculum and Instruction Committee presented the following recommendations from the Committee:

Committee Purpose and Function

The Committee reviewed each of the purposes and functions under the committee. Many questions were answered during this process. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 7532..)

Reading/Language Arts K-6 Core Curriculum

The Committee reviewed and discussed the new Reading/Language Arts Core which is a comprehensive skills and literature view of what students in grades K-6 should know and be able to do in the area of reading/language arts. It will provide extensive opportunities for students to read varied books and materials, offer explicit opportunities for students to read varied books and materials, offer explicit instruction in comprehension and oral language development, and teach other skill strands such as spelling, the more complex syllabication patterns, word and language structure, grammar, composition, vocabulary, and mechanics. The new core builds on the old core but represents a more thorough description of literate behaviors in regard to reading,

writing, speaking, and listening. (For complete details of the Reading/Language Arts K-6 Core Curriculum, see General Exhibit No. 7533.)

The document has been reviewed by district curriculum directors and reading specialists and by university pre-service educators. Their suggestions and comments were incorporated into the new core.

Motion from the Committee to approve the Reading/Language Arts K-6 Core Curriculum.

Member Tom Davidson commented on what an outstanding document this is and it is one of the finest pieces of work he has seen. He complimented all the people who worked on it.

Member Davidson also commented on the Social Studies Core which was mailed to the Board earlier in the week. He felt that it was an outstanding document as well.

Member Katharine Garff cautioned that we need to evaluate and make sure we are teaching our children to read.

Motion carried unanimously.

Status Sheet for the 1996 Legislative Session

The Committee did not have time to review the Status Sheet for the 1996 Legislative Session.

Applied Technology and Rehabilitation Committee

Board Member Marilyn Shields, Chair, Applied Technology and Rehabilitation Committee presented the following recommendations from the Committee:

Committee Purpose and Function

The Committee reviewed its purpose and function. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 7534.)

Comprehensive Guidance Rule, R277-462

The Committee reviewed the minor changes in the Comprehensive Guidance Program Rules. These changes reflect a need to modify language which has been interpreted as exclusionary relative to the personnel hired to deliver this program. The program is designed to be delivered by school counselors, in some instances districts may desire or need to use other personnel in the program. (For complete details of the Rule, see General Exhibit No. 7535.)

The Committee approved the proposed changes to Rule R277-462, Comprehensive Guidance on second reading. Motion from the Committee that the Board approved Rule R277-462, Comprehensive Guidance on third and final reading. Motion carried unanimously.

Sight Conservation Services Report

The Committee heard a report on the sight conservation services provided by the Division of Services for the Visually Handicapped for pre-school and kindergarten children. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 7536.)

Motion from the Committee to receive the report, and that a letter from the Board be sent to school districts to encourage their participation in this program. Further that a letter be written to DSVH for their work. Motion carried unanimously.

Status Sheet for the 1996 Legislative Session

The Committee reviewed the items on the status sheet for the 1996 legislative session dealing the applied technology and rehabilitation. The committee expressed appreciation to the legislators for their tremendous

support.

General Consent Calendar

Motion was made by Member C. Grant Hurst and seconded by Member Katharine B. Garff to approve the General consent Calendar as presented.

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of the Meeting of the State Board for Applied Technology Education and the State Board of Education held February 9, 1996.

2. Tintic School District Request for Permanent Interfund Transfer

The Tintic School District currently has a maintenance and operation reserve account which exceeds the 5% reserve allowed by Utah State Code Section 53A 19-103(1). At the same time the district has an excessive M&O reserve, it has two problems relating to its capital outlay and debt service budget. Their request for a permanent interfund transfer of \$125,000 from the maintenance and operation budget to the capital outlay budget as allowed by Utah State Code Section 53A-19-105 was approved by the Board. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 7537.)

3. Payroll Changes in the Utah State Office of Education and Utah State Office of Rehabilitation

Payroll changes in the Utah State Office of Education and the Utah State Office of Rehabilitation. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 7538.)

4. List of Applicants for Certificates

A summary of the list of applicants for initial and renewal certificates for February, 1996. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 7539.)

5. Financial Statement and Claims Report

The Claims Report in the amount of \$ and Financial Statement ending February 29, 1996. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 7540.)

Budget Summary for 1996-97

Deputy Superintendent Laurie Chivers presented the amounts appropriated by the legislature for the State Board of Education's budget. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 7541.)

Member Hurst indicated that he had visited one of the applied technology centers and did not feel it had the proper facility identification.

Motion was made by Member C. Grant Hurst and seconded by Member Thomas F. Davidson to direct Associate Superintendent Brems to insure that proper facility identification be made at the applied technology centers, designating what those centers are, including the words Applied Technology Center. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion ensued relative to the Tooele/Wendover situation and what might happen there without the budget allocation. It was noted that during the interim study, the executive department and the board will meet with counterparts in the Tooele District to see if this can be resolved. However, we have been trying to solve this for five years. The question is just for salary equalization, because a teacher can make approximately \$6,000 more

per year in Nevada.

Superintendent Bean commented that it is our intent to take up to \$500,000 to fund four reading specialists that will provide inservice basically for the rural areas over a two-year period of time, then we will ask for the ongoing funding from that point. In the summers, they will be available to do inservice for all districts in the state.

Dr. Chivers expressed appreciation to her staff, Judy DeWaal, Brent Hackett, Jerald Mikesell and Robert Petersen, for all their time and work during the legislative session.

Motion was made by Member C. Grant Hurst and seconded by Member Thomas F. Davidson to receive the report with gratitude. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session

Motion was made by Member C. Grant Hurst and seconded by Member Keith T. Checketts to move into executive session to discuss personnel issues and possible litigation. The Board was polled and by unanimous consent of those present the Board moved into executive session at 12:45 p.m.

Motion was made by Member Thomas F. Davidson and seconded by Member Boyd F. Jensen to reconvene into open meeting. The Board by unanimous consent of those present reconvened into open meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Utah State Textbook Commission Recommendations

Motion was made by Member Katharine B. Garff and seconded by Member Linnea S. Barney to appoint the following individuals to the Utah State Textbook Commission: Laura Drew, Karen Hopkinson, Cheryl Ferrin, Gail McBride, Deborah Samples, and Izar Martinez. Motion carried with Members Barney, Barrett, Brown, Cannon, Checketts, Davidson, Garff, Jensen, Kendrick, McDonough, Shields, and Steel voting in favor; Member Hurst absent.

Chairman Snow turned the gavel over to Vice Chair Barney.

Applied Technology Center Board Appointments

Motion was made by Member Thomas F. Davidson and seconded by Member Milt Kendrick to approve the appointments to the Applied Technology Center Boards as recommended as follows: **Bridgerland ATC**, Dr. Dwight Clark and Dr. Robert L. Gilliland; **Davis ATC**, Paul Liston, Fran Brown, Steve Barrett and Floyd Morgan; **Ogden-Weber ATC**, Mary Dean, Dr. Harold Ritchey, Steve Petersen, Lynn Wood, Mack Taft and Richard Richards; **Sevier Valley ATC**, Vincent Crawford, Nancy Jensen, Jerold Johnson; and **Uintah Basin ATC**, Mary Ann McAllister, Zane White and Lane Thomas. Motion carried with Members Brown, Cannon, Checketts, Davidson, Garff, Jensen, Kendrick, McDonough, Shields, and Steel voting in favor; Members Barrett and Snow abstained because of their personal relationship with some of the members recommended; and Member Hurst absent.

Meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.