

Utah State Board of Education Minutes - December 2, 1997

Minutes of the meeting of the State Board for Applied Technology Education and the State Board of Education held December 2, 1997, at the Utah State Office of Education, Salt Lake City, Utah. Meeting commenced at 10:55 a.m. Board Chairman Katharine B. Garff presided.

Members present were: Chairman Katharine B. Garff, Vice Chairman John L. Watson, Member Linnea S. Barney, Member Neola Brown, Member Janet A. Cannon, Member Cheryl Ferrin, Member Lynn Haslem, Member Susan C. Henshaw, Member C. Grant Hurst, Member Boyd F. Jensen, Member Jill G. Kennedy, Member Kay McDonough, Member Joyce W. Richards, Member Marilyn Shields, Member Waynette Steel

Also present were: Executive Officer Scott W. Bean; Deputy Superintendent Laurie A. Chivers; Associate Superintendent Robert O. Brems; Associate Superintendent Steven O. Laing; Executive Director, USOR, Blaine Petersen; Public Information Officer; Eileen Rencher; Board Secretary Twila B. Affleck; Associate Superintendent Jerry P. Peterson [was] Excused

Also present for portions of the Board meeting were:

. . . *Members of the Press:* Jennefer Toomer-Cook, Deseret News; Kathy Kapos, Salt Lake Tribune;

. . . *[Others:]* Gary Carlston, Governor's Office; Con Rowley, Governor's Office; Steven H. Peterson, USBA/USSA; Gayle Ruzicka, Eagle Forum; Ron Ford, Citizen; Susan Kuziak, Utah Education Association; Carl Holmes, Superintendent, Sevier Valley Applied Technology Center; Georgia B. Petersen, Congressman Cook's Office; Deborah Simpson, Utah Eagle Forum.

. . . *Members, State Office of Education Staff:* Pat O'Hara, Agency Services; Ron Stanfield, Planning & Project Services; Mae Taylor -Sweeten, Instructional Services; Earl Gurr, Agency Services; Mary Beth Clark, Instructional Services; Valerie Davis, Agency Services; Dawn West, Agency Services; Dianne Brewer, Agency Services; Becky Andrews, Agency Services; Dixie Van Wagoner, Agency Services; Vicky Welsh, Agency Services; Nate Taggart, Agency Services; Patty Bowles, Agency Services; Max Jensen, Agency Services; Max Kieffer, Agency Services; Brad Warenski, Agency Services; Clark Ballard, Agency Services; Burton Lorensen, Agency Services; C. Derek Howard, Agency Services; David Hughes, Agency Services; Robert Abram, Agency Services; Matt Sung, Agency Services; Paul Pearson, Agency Services; Deanna White, Agency Services; John Flagg, Agency Services; Jerry L. Evans, Instructional Services; Richard K. Harmston, Instructional Services; Barbara Banks, Instructional Services; Hal L. Sanderson, Instructional Services; Judy DeWaal, Agency Services; Barbara Lawrence, Instructional Services; William Montoya, Instructional Services

Introduction of Staff

Deputy Superintendent Laurie A. Chivers introduced the staff of the District Computer Services Section in the Agency Services Division.

Superintendent Bean introduced Ron Stanfield Coordinator Teacher Certification and Mae Taylor-Sweeten Director At Risk Section.

Executive Session

Motion was made by Member Marilyn Shields and seconded by Member C. Grant Hurst to move into executive session to discuss personnel and possible legal issues. The Board was polled and by unanimous consent of those present the Board moved into Executive Session at 11:10 a.m.

Motion was made by Member Waynette Steel and seconded by Member Jill Kennedy to reconvene into open meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The Board reconvened at 12:50 p.m.

Board Leadership

Motion was made by Member Jill G. Kennedy and seconded by Member C. Grant Hurst to suspend the rules and elect by acclamation Katharine B. Garff as Chairman, John L. Watson as Vice Chairman, and appoint Twila B. Affleck secretary.

Coalition of Minorities Advisory Committee CMAC

Motion was made by Member Waynette Steel and seconded by Member Kay McDonough to appoint Janice Schroeder, Dr. John Peregoy, Joel Alba, Tony Gonzales, Harry Bonner, Safiyyah Usman, Jeanette Misaka, Tri Huynh, and Salesi Havili to the Coalition of Minorities Advisory Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind Institutional Council

Motion was made by Member Waynette Steel and seconded by Member John L. Watson to appoint Dr. Michael Lloyd, and to reappoint Ernest Robison and Mary Ann Smail to the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind Institutional Council. Motion carried unanimously.

Nominating Committee for the Board of Trustees of the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration

Motion was made by Member C. Grant Hurst and seconded by Member Boyd F. Jensen to appoint Daryl Barrett, Karen Rupp, Evan Stevenson, Lynn Haslem and Margaret Bird to the Nominating Committee for the Board of Trustees of the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Officer Report

Superintendent Scott W. Bean reported on the following items of information:

Home School Study Committee - Dr. Bean distributed a copy of the recommendations for Home School Study Committee. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 7852.)

Business Education Partnership Legislative Recommendations - Dr. Bean distributed a copy of the Business Education Partnership Legislative Recommendations. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 7853.) Dr. Bean reported that he and Member Hurst had attended the Business Education Partnership meeting where they picked out legislative issues that the partnership could promote and support. These all have to do with business interests.

Career Ladder Conference. Dr.. Bean complimented those in charge of the Career Ladder Conference and indicated he was pleased to see so many board members there. He felt it was critical that board members come to an understanding of how teachers and administrators feel about career ladders and also critical that they receive suggestions from board members.

Washington County Proposal - Dr. Bean distributed a copy of a recommendation from a committee of superintendents and business officials relative to the proposal made by the Washington County School Board regarding funding. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 7854.) Dr. Laurie Chivers reported that after the committee discussed the issue, it was felt that it would be a problem if we made changes to the formula in one area without looking at the entire formula. The committee therefore concluded that it the entire school finance formula be studied.

Professional Development Programs for Educators Resolution -- Dr. Bean indicated that this Resolution was passed by the Education Interim Committee. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 7855.) He reviewed the last item on the second page which encourages the Joint Liaison Committee and the Advisory Task Force to continue to bring to the Legislature recommendations for legislation or policies, or both, to improve teacher learning opportunities in the state and focus professional development activities in support of standards-based reforms. Dr. Bean indicated this is a positive resolution that can help us look at the requirements for continued professional development in teaching and have some effect on improvements in that area.

USBA Regional Meetings - Dr. Bean expressed appreciation to the board members who have attended the USBA Regional Meetings. He reported that he had attended the meeting in Cedar City. The main issues discussed at those meetings were high school activities and charter schools.

CCSSO Conference - Dr. Bean reported he had attended the Council of Chief State School Officers annual meeting. In the meeting they reported on federal legislation and appropriations. He indicated that a year ago the federal government appropriated a 15% overall increase for education, which was the largest appropriation they have had for years. This year, their appropriation is a 12% increase over that. Dr. Bean stated he was not sure what was driving these increases except for the message that was given by the public during the last presidential election. He indicated that it was not 12% in every category, they select the categories they want to increase, for example, special education probably received almost a 20% increase.

Governor's Budget - Dr. Bean stated that the Governor's announcement on the budget was as close to a ten as you could get. He expressed appreciation to board members for their attendance at the announcement. He indicated that all of the items are included in the State Board of Education's request. Dr. Bean expressed appreciation to the Governor's staff, Con Rowley and Gary Carlston for their work in discussion on the state board's budget. They have been extremely sympathetic to the board's desires and needs of the children of the state. Dr. Bean indicated that it might be a positive step to make a statement of support to the Governor for the appropriation suggestions he has made.

Motion was made by Member C. Grant Hurst and seconded by Member Boyd F. Jensen to authorize staff to draft a resolution on behalf of the state board, thanking the Governor and his education staff for their support of public education in this year's budget message to the legislature.. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Bean, on behalf of the staff, wished the Board a great holiday season. He expressed appreciation in working for the Board. He stated that we have an excellent Board, and all contribute in a very positive way.

Board Chairman Report

Member Boyd Jensen suggested that Board Members should meet with their legislators and share the information from the Governor's budget release earlier this morning. He suggested that the Board Members need to be better politicians than they have been.

Member Grant Hurst suggested that staff prepare a list of the legislative districts for each Board Member so they can then deliver the budget recommendations to each of their legislators. A listing was provided to each Board member prior to the end of the meeting.

Member Jensen also suggested that Board Members visit with their legislators each month with information about public education.

Member Joyce Richards indicated that she was very concerned about the new history book. She reported she had received several letters of concern so she took the opportunity to read it from cover to cover. She indicated she had hunted for the "terrible things" people seemed concerned about and she could not find them. After further review of the things some had objected to, she could find reasons to leave them in the book. She also took the time to read the current book, *Discovering Utah*. She found quite a few things the very same in each book, including a lot of the charts. She also noted that the Indian Legends that was objected to in the new book was in the present book almost word for word. She felt the people sending the letters have a personal reason for sending it, but we need to keep an objective view for all people.

Member Richards indicated that we should give our teachers credit for being able to teach and not let groups sway them. They are professional, much better able and prepared in the subject areas.

Statewide Testing Program Results

Barbara Lawrence, Coordinator, Evaluation and Assessment reported that the Statewide Testing Program was

mandated by the Legislature in 1990. That mandate included that we test virtually all students in grades 5, 8 and 11. Dr. Lawrence reviewed the criteria of the tests indicating a change from the Stanford 8 to the Stanford 9 test. She then presented a summary of the Statewide Test results for fall of 1997. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 7856.)

Discussion ensued relative to the differences in the language arts results and the science results. It was noted that a great deal of inservice has been going on in the science area. Also, that the differences in the tests from the Stanford 8 to the Stanford 9. Further, there is currently a great deal of inservice being provided in the language arts areas.

Motion was made by Member C. Grant Hurst and seconded by Member Boyd F. Jensen to receive the report with commendation. Motion carried unanimously.

Fall Enrollment Report

Patty Bowles, Specialist, School Statistics presented the Fall Enrollment figures for the 1997-98 school year. She indicated that these figures will be used for this school year and reported to the National Center for Education Statistics. (For complete details of the report, see General Exhibit No. 7857.)

Motion was made by Member Lynn Haslem and seconded by Member Jill Kennedy to adopt the enrollment report with commendation.

Committee Reports

Administration, Finance, Planning & Legislation Committee

Member Marilyn Shields, Chairman, Administration, Finance, Planning & Legislation Committee presented the following recommendations from the Committee:

Certification Committee Agenda

The Committee reviewed the recommendations from the Professional Practices Advisory Commission and recommend the following actions:

Motion from the Committee that in Case No. 96-398 that action be tabled until the entire Board has been given access to the full report and case findings of the Professional Practices Commission. The Committee further recommends that Board Members carefully review the differences between suspension and revocation of a certificate prior to making a determination. Motion carried unanimously.

It was clarified that this information is confidential and Board Members were encouraged if possible to come to the office for their review of the information. If Board Members are unable to come to the office, the report would be mailed, certified mail, which they then must return to the office by the January meeting.

Motion from the Committee that in Case No. 96-402 the Board revoke the certificate of Richard Borg, a former teacher in the Salt Lake City School District. This is as a result of bomb threats to the elementary school in which he taught. It was noted that he is currently incarcerated in the Nevada State Prison and has not responded to communications from the Professional Practices Commission, consequently the recommendation is a decision by default. Motion carried unanimously.

The Committee reviewed the requests for temporary authorizations and moves that the Board approve the requests for temporary authorizations as presented with the exception of one teacher in the Washington School District on page 215, Terrel Dutson. Motion carried unanimously.

(For complete details of the Certification Committee Agenda, see General Exhibit No. 7858.)

Early Childhood, Elementary, Secondary, Special Education (K-12), Communication Disorders, and Special Education

(Birth-Age 5) Certification Rule R277-504

The Committee reviewed the amendments to the Special Education (Birth-Age 5) which will now require certificate holders to have Hearing Impaired (Birth-Age 5) and/or Visually Impaired (Birth-Age 5) endorsements if they teach preschool special education hearing impaired and/or visually impaired students. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 7859.)

The Committee approved the rule on first reading and moves that the Board approve Rule R277-504, Early Childhood, Elementary, Secondary, Special Education (K-12), Communication disorders, and Special Education (Birth-Age 5) Certification on second reading. Motion carried unanimously.

Use of Alcoholic Beverages on School Property, Rule R277-468

The Committee reviewed the new rule on Use of Alcoholic Beverages on School Property. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 7860.) Due to the fact that there is currently a request before the Alcoholic Beverage Commission for an event that would be held early in January, the Administration, Finance, Planning and Legislation Committee approved Rule R277-468 Use of Alcoholic Beverages on School Property as an emergency rule on first reading and moves that the Board approve Rule R277-468, Use of Alcoholic Beverages on School Property as an emergency rule on second and third readings. Motion carried unanimously.

Curriculum and Instruction Committee

Member Waynette Steel, Chairman, Curriculum and Instruction Committee presented the following recommendations from the Committee:

Survey Results of Services for Children with Sensory Impairments

Superintendent Lee Robinson of the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind presented findings of a survey to assess services to deaf, blind and deaf-blind students. Responses were received from 20 districts representing approximately 49 percent of the students enrolled in Utah public schools. The survey included items on: identification and assessment; early intervention, family support, and preschool; source services, materials, and equipment; and the preferred way to fund services. Staff of the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind will continue efforts to improve the assessment process and to support families of children who have sensory impairments.(For complete details of the report, see General Exhibit No. 7861.)

Motion from the Committee to receive the report. Motion carried unanimously.

Reading/Language Arts Improvement Plan

The Committee received a presentation on the five-year plan for improving reading/language arts in Utah public schools. Components of the plan include a reading endorsement/master's program and elementary and secondary reading staff development programs. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 7862.)

Motion from the Committee to receive the report with commendation to the staff.

Member Grant Hurst suggested that the board create a cooperative effort or task force with the PTA, UEA, Utah School Superintendents Association, Utah School Boards Association and the Governor's office to talk about how we solve this reading process.

Superintendent Bean felt this would be reasonable and staff can bring this up with each of these groups. However, he indicated he had discussed this with Governor Leavitt three years ago indicating that reading was a critical problem in this state. It doesn't have to do with instruction in school, but it has to do with family living patterns. This is the thing that has changed in society, and we are seeing a reflection of that in what children do in education. Dr. Bean indicated that it needed to be more than the education community, it needs to be PTA and other groups, possibly the Business Education Partnership to say that we need to turn off the television set and have kids read with their parents. We also

have a greater number of students who are non-English speaking which increases the complexity of the issue.

Chairman Garff mentioned the newspaper article about French people turning off their televisions and suggested that we need to be as bold to make that kind of statement.

Bonnie Morgan, Curriculum Director, indicated that there are some things we can act upon, that we can control and move forward with. She commented that it took real courage on the part of Superintendent Bean to work with Representative Haymond on the reading initiative. Dr. Morgan reported that we are working with kindergarten students to find out how prepared kids are coming to school. We then can help teachers understand how they might plan an instructional program based on needs of the children. We have made literacy a priority, and this is where we are going to put our time and energy especially in K-3. We can do inservice training, but it does take money. She indicated that our teachers are doing their very best, but we have a whole new body of literature on how to teach reading and language arts that most of our teachers have not had access to unless they are new teachers and have received it in their training. Also we do not have the materials in the classrooms.

Member Cheryl Ferrin commented that it takes a long time for teachers to understand good reading concepts. She further indicated that we do not have teachers with masters degrees teaching in the elementary grades.

Member Janet Cannon commented on the direct instruction model that the Board had visited which was being very successful. She further commented that behavior has a lot to do with student success in the classroom. She felt it important that when we have something that is working we need to support it. She also mentioned another successful program in Jordan District entitled Accelerated Reader where they have raised the SAT scores in reading a two year level in one year.

Motion to receive report, carried unanimously.

Applied Technology and Rehabilitation Committee

Member Lynn Haslem, Chairman, Applied Technology and Rehabilitation Committee presented the following recommendations from the Committee:

ATC/ATCSR Annual Membership Hours Report

Marv Johnson, Management Information Systems Specialist presented a report of his recently completed annual review of applied technology center and service region membership hours. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 7863.)

Motion from the Committee to receive and approve the fiscal 1997 ATC/ATCSR Membership Hour Report with commendation to Dr. Marv Johnson. Motion carried Members Barney, Brown, Cannon, Ferrin, Haslem, Henshaw, Jensen, Kennedy, McDonough, Richards, Shields, Steel and Watson voting in favor; Member Hurst absent.

ATC Annual Space Utilization Study

Jim Christensen, Facility Utilization Specialist presented a report on the recently completed annual review of the 1997 ATC Space Utilization. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 7864.)

Motion from the Committee to receive the report. Motion carried with Members Barney, Brown, Cannon, Ferrin, Haslem, Henshaw, Jensen, Kennedy, McDonough, Richards, Shields, Steel and Watson voting in favor; Member Hurst absent.

General Consent Calendar

Motion was made by Member Waynette Steel and seconded by Member Marilyn Shields to approve the General Consent Calendar as presented. Motion carried with Members Barney, Brown, Cannon, Ferrin, Haslem, Henshaw, Jensen, Kennedy, McDonough, Richards, Shields, Steel and Watson voting in favor; Member Hurst absent.

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of the Meeting of the State Board for Applied Technology Education and the State Board of Education held November 7, 1997.

2. Contracts

The following contracts were approved by the Board:

(A) Bridgerland Applied Technology Center. \$10,000. 10/1/97-9/30/98. - Amend. Fed.

To develop a culinary guide to accompany nutrition curriculum.

(B) Northwest Association of Schools & Colleges. \$125,000. 7/1/97-6/30/2002. Receivable

To provide necessary funding in order to accomplish Northwest Accreditation requirements in the State of Utah

(C) Diane Zimmerman. \$5,000. 12/8/97-12/10/97.

To secure consultant for a two day Fellows Seminar and one day open seminar.

(D) Art Access/VSA Utah. \$34,000. 11/1/97-10/31/98. - Fed.

Ensure integrated arts for students with disabilities. Train and recruit professional artists to provide direct service to students and provide inservice training to teachers, aides, parents and administrators. Use 'Start With the Arts' Curriculum for preschoolers learning basic skills through art.

(E) Barbara Guy. \$12,885. 4/2/97-12/31/98 - Amend. - Fed.

As lead author of the ABLE Assessment Profile, provide training and technical assistance in strategies for using the ABLE analysis for transition planning with persons with profound disabilities. Fifteen days (15) of training will be completed within not more than six (6) trips.

(F) Jennifer S. Johns. \$18,500. 9/1/97-8/31/98 - Amend. - Fed.

To continue and update the evaluation of the Utah Community Partnership for Character Education Development.

(G) Joyce Muhlestein. \$27,300. 1/1/98-12/31/98.

To act as a training consultant for the Center for Families in Education.

(H) Council of Chief State School Officers. \$32,000. 1/30/98-6/30/01.

To purchase the service offered by CCSSO for the comprehensive social studies assessment project, under the state collaborative on assessment and student standards (SCASS)

(I) UAD Bookstore - Utah Association for the Deaf. \$1,350. 11/1/97-10/31/98. - Receivable.

To provide space for the Utah Association for the Deaf (UAD) to operate a Bookstore for the deaf, hearing impaired or speech-impaired individuals in Utah.

(J) Lois A. Huebner, Ph.D. \$24,000. 1/1/98-12/31/98. - Amend. - Fed.

Professional and technical medical services for USOR/DDS.

(K) Margaret R. Morre, Ph.D. \$100,000. 12/1/97-12/31/98. - Amend. - Fed.

Professional and technical medical services for USOR/DDS.

(L) John H. Gill, Ph.D. \$60,500. 1/1/98-12/31/98. - Amend. - Fed.

Professional and technical medical services for USOR/DDS.

(M) John D. Hardy, Ph.D. \$70,000. 1/1/98-12/31/98. - Fed.

Professional and technical medical services for USOR/USOE/DDS.

(For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 7865.)

3. Ratification of Employment

Brent Huffman was ratified as an Education Specialist, Pupil Transportation and Safety in the Agency Services Division.

Rebecca A. Anderson was ratified as an Education Specialist, Social Studies, in the Curriculum and Instruction Division.

4. List of Applicants for Certificates

A summary of the list of applicants for initial and renewal certificates were approved. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 7866.)

5. Financial Statement and Claims Report

The Claims Report in the amount of \$131,217,955.65 and Financial Statement ending November 30, 1997. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 7867.)

Chairman Garff made the following statement: "After working with the State Board of Education and the State Office of Education I am more assured than ever that programs have been and are being developed in each of the areas that hold my dreams, and that professional and dedicated employees are working effectively and reasonable for the children of our state. I continually marvel at the expertise of the State Office employees and especially admire Superintendent Bean and his administrative skills as well as his intelligence and wisdom. I wish everyone in the State of Utah could have an opportunity to serve as we do on the State Board so that they can feel confident that their concerns in education for our children are being addressed in a professional and caring manner. We all acknowledge that there are problems; but I feel fortunate to be a part of the team that is dedicated to finding solutions. She indicated that all the Board support and encourage the great staff we have. We have respect and admiration for all."

Meeting adjourned 2:20 p.m.