

UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

January 17, 1997

Minutes of the meeting of the State Board for Applied Technology Education and the State Board of Education held January 17, 1997, at the Utah State Office of Education, Salt Lake City, Utah. Meeting commenced at 9:00 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 Kennedy
Member Joyce W. Richards
Member Waynette Steel

Members McDonough and Shields were excused.

Also present were:

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

Also present for portions of the Board meeting were:

Members of the Press:

Christin Allred, KUTV
Angela An, Fox
Cheryl Buchta, Standard Examiner
Duane Cardall, KSL-TV
Marjorie Cortez, Deseret News
Debbie Dujanovic, KTVX, Channel 4
Kathy Kapos, Salt Lake Tribune

Allyson Stenquist, Citizen
James Stenquist, Citizen
Leland G. Stenquist, Citizen

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Kirsten Stenquist, Citizen
Maria L. Stenquist, Citizen
Jonathan N. Jensen, Citizen
Beverley K. Jensen, Citizen
Emily Ivory Jensen, Citizen
Boyd F. Jensen, III, Citizen
Barbara Willie, Utah PTA
Vern Henshaw, Citizen
Chris Henshaw, Citizen
Karilyn Henshaw, Citizen
Marjani Henshaw, Citizen
Emilee Henshaw, Citizen
Mathew Henshaw, Citizen
Mildred Collett, Citizen
Edward Collett, Citizen
Mark Ferrin, Citizen
Brent Wallis, Superintendent, Ogden-Weber ATC
Fran Peterson, Bonneville Elementary
Deborah Simpson, Utah Eagle Forum
Lorraine Jorgensen, Utah Eagle forum
Karen Clark, Utah Eagle Forum
Lee Robinson, Superintendent, Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind
Con Rowley, Governor's Office of Planning and Budget
Corrine Hill, Governor's Office
Fran Stultz, Governor's Office
Susan Kuziak, Utah Education Association

State Office of Education Staff:

Lynn Jensen, Applied Technology Education
Jerald Mikesell, Agency Services
Sharyl Smith, Instructional Services
Carol Ann Goodson, Instructional Services
Doug Bates, Agency Services
Carl Jensen, Instructional Services
Linda Alder, Instructional Services
Sue Isom, Agency Services
Lorraine Austin, Administration
Jerrie Givan, Instructional Services
Sonja Buys, Strategic Planning Services
Nate Taggart, Agency Services

The Board repeated the Pledge of Allegiance.
Board Member Jill Kennedy offered a reverence.
Board secretary Twila B. Affleck recorded the minutes.

INSTALLATION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Lieutenant Governor Walker indicated that education has to be a top priority in determining the future of Utah. She stated that she had grown up with education, her father being a superintendent and her mother a teacher. She expressed appreciation to those that were willing to run for the state board and for the service they will give.

Lieutenant Governor Olene S. Walker issued the Oath of Office to newly elected board members Linnea S. Barney, Cheryl Ferrin, Lynn Haslem, Susan C. Henshaw, C. Grant Hurst, Boyd F. Jensen, Jill Kennedy, and Joyce W. Richards. Mrs. Walker indicated that each would receive a Certificate of Election from her office.

Chairman Garff expressed appreciation to Lt. Governor Walker.

Newly elected Board Members introduced members of their families who were attending the meeting.

RECOGNITIONS

The Board recognized Judy Maxfield, specialist in the Applied Technology Education Division who was recognized at the American Vocational Association Convention in Cincinnati, Ohio last month for her service to VIM, the Vocational Instructional Materials organization. Judy has served as a membership chair, a curriculum judge, and is currently representing Utah in the second year of a three-year elected term as the organization's treasurer.

The Board recognized Lynn Jensen, coordinator in the ATE Division who was recognized at the American Vocational Association Convention in Cincinnati, Ohio last month by the Counseling and guidance Division of the American Vocational Association for his outstanding service. Lynn was the recipient of this prestigious award given to only one association member annually to recognize their contributions and achievements.

Board Member Waynette Steel who was present at the AVA Convention presented each of these employees with a certificate from the Board for their accomplishments.

Both Mrs. Maxfield and Dr. Jensen expressed appreciation to the Board for their support.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

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

Staff Inservice -- Staff Inservice was held on Monday, January 13, 1997 and emphasized technology. This emphasis came from different areas: satellite hookup that provides education services in a variety of areas. It was an interesting two-way discussion with an individual in another state. Also we had the people from Utah Link with Internet services and others, and the Utah Education Network.

District Superintendent Changes -- Richard Averett, Superintendent Grand District returned to a district in California, and Bill Meador has been named acting superintendent there. J. Dale Christensen, Superintendent, Morgan District, left to be the transportation director in Davis District and Paul Waner has been named acting superintendent there. Superintendent Laing who left the Box Elder District to come to be an Associate Superintendent in the State Office, and Richard Kimber has been named acting superintendent.

Legislative Committee Chairs -- All of the public education committee chairs have changed. The House Education Standing Committee Chair is Lloyd Frandsen; Senate Education Standing Committee Chair is Lorin Jones. Superintendent Bean reported that he and Laurie Chivers had met with these chairs along with Corrine Hill and Jim Wilson. He indicated that Senator Jones would be a positive asset in the Senate Standing Committee and we look forward to working with him. In the Public Education Appropriation Subcommittee there are two new co-chairs Representative Bill Wright and Senator Robert Montgomery. The Legislature has given us two hours next Friday to provide an orientation for new members on school finance.

New Board Member Orientation -- John Watson, Cheryl Ferrin, Susan Henshaw, Jill Kennedy and Joyce Richards spent an afternoon in understanding the functions as state board of education members. Staff felt good about the meeting and we feel we have excellent Board members.

New Superintendents Orientation -- Ten or so superintendents attended the orientation with some of the same things as the new board member orientation, but also included an overview of the different divisions in the State Office, and their functions in supporting districts. Dr. Bean indicated he felt good about the new superintendents that have been selected in the state; they have great potential to improve public education in a positive way. He indicated we have lost a lot of experience, but have great hopes they will bring experience to their position and renewed energy.

Public Education Concerns -- Superintendent Bean indicated that yesterday he expressed concerns for different areas for public education, things that needed to be done. He reviewed three of those concerns.

First, we are in a situation where **180 days of school** does not make a lot of sense. We need to have **200 days of school** for every child in the state. We have education requirements now that we didn't have years ago, needs that need to be filled. In order to do it adequately we need a greater number of days in the school year.

Secondly, in secondary education we need to increase number of **required hours of instruction per day**. Dr. Bean felt that the Board needed to look at this seriously and say that 5 and a half hours are not enough.

Third, we need to look at **an additional language requirement**. He suggested that the most proper language requirement in addition to English is that all children be required to study Spanish and one other additional international language. English certainly is the spoken language in the United States, and he feels that people coming here should be assimilated into our system speaking English within one year. However, our students should be able to speak other languages because we are in an international situation, especially with neighbors to the south.

Defense Depot Ogden -- Associate Superintendent Rob Brems reported that following the closure of the Defense Depot in Ogden, a "Re-Use" Committee was formed to examine ways for the facility to be converted to public or private use. The Committee has contacted the Ogden and Weber School Districts and the Ogden/Weber ATC to investigate their potential usage of the facility.

One idea being looked at is the possibility of the ATC moving their existing Warehouse Management program to DDO and utilizing the combined warehouse of the Ogden and Weber School Districts as an "on-the-job" training site. The space would be available at no cost, however their maintenance and operation costs would have to be considered by the ATC and the school districts.

Board Members Watson and Hurst accompanied Mr. Brems on a visit to the proposed locations at DDO. They requested approval to further investigate and develop a proposal for presentation at the February 14th Board meeting.

Member Hurst commented that from a business standpoint there isn't any decision to make, it makes economic and practical sense. This will provide a great educational opportunity for that warehousing program, and for a service facility.

Motion was made by Member C. Grant Hurst to request staff to continue that investigation and come back with a proposal in the next meeting.

Superintendent Brent Wallis of the Ogden-Weber ATC commented that there is a period of time coming up very shortly in which the reuse committee has an opportunity of public conveyance of the property to us at no charge. As soon as that time period is up, about the middle of March, the reuse committee will turn it over to be developed privately.

Member Watson commented that this property would be deeded to an entity such as the ATC through the state board. It is property we would take position of with no legal tender given back. He indicated that the facilities are older, but in excellent shape.

Motion seconded by John Watson. Motion carried unanimously.

BOARD CHAIRMAN REPORT

Chairman Garff presented a **revised meeting schedule**. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 7693.) She indicated that the Superintendent is encouraged to **invite the Board throughout the year to various field trips**. She encouraged board members to participate in those where possible.

Member Grant Hurst reported that he has attended two meetings of the **Utah Partnership**. At their Annual Meeting two weeks ago, the thrust was a considerable agenda for the public education and higher education with legislative format. He indicated that the partnership is as strong as it has ever been. Member Hurst reported that the new incoming chair of the Partnership will be Bob Eagan of IBM. The items that will be going before the legislature that will get support from the Partnership will deal with both public education, support of increased funding for WPU and higher education's capital budget. There are also a couple of tax issues they will take positions on. Member Hurst indicated that as those papers come forward, he will see that they are forwarded to the board. This legislative session will be an interesting one with a lot of issues vying for money, and it is the Partnership's hope that we keep the focus on educational issues. Member Hurst expressed appreciation to Board leadership for his continued service on the Partnership.

Member Hurst reported that he had occasion to meet with two school districts. The Jordan District issue was capital outlay. He indicated that the districts along the Wasatch Front and Washington School District have some **major capital issues** facing them. These issues are not easily solved and he encourage to Board members to look at the districts they represent to see what we can do to help them resolve those issues internally. He also met with the Granite District relative to the equity report issue.

Motion was made by Member C. Grant Hurst that the Board withdraw or reconsider the acceptance of **the equity report** presented by Dr. Vance Randall that was presented at the December meeting.

Member Hurst indicated that as some of the issues have been examined some of the criteria and data included in that report are such that they need to be revised. He felt that if the Board had known the concerns of the district that was involved we would have taken a different approach.

Motion was seconded by Member Boyd F. Jensen.

Superintendent Bean indicated that on that particular report the district involved did point out some of the negatives. The report is basically positive indicating equity in the district is very good. However, there were some very glaring errors in the report. The report had two parts, **statewide equity and then the district internal review**. Our report focused on the statewide portion. We had concerns with that and it was reviewed and changes were made. We did not review the internal report carefully and there were some thing totally in error. One part of the report indicated that one school received \$750 per student in donations. For that school it would have amount to approximately \$500,000 which is ridiculous.

Dr. Bean indicated that there were other errors in the report and a few statements that did not make sense comparing what is considered wealthy areas and low income and implying that there was a difference between them in equity, when in fact there wasn't any difference. The result of the report should have been to say that the equity is good. We have agreed with the district that they will give us a listing of specific areas of the report they feel are in error and we will review that internally with the people who served on the equity committee and then with Dr. Randall and ask him to come back to the Board and report on any changes they will make to correct those errors.

Superintendent Bean reported that **a report by Coopers & Lyrand was given at the Education Commission of the States meeting** last summer and in that report there were people from Utah who attended and the indication was that this district, [one of about 150 participating in this test project] had the lowest per pupil expenditure and the highest percentage going to instruction -- Granite School District. This meant it was the most equitable distribution of all the districts reported there.

Motion carried unanimously.

COUNT ON READING PROJECT

Sharyl Smith, Library Media Specialist reported on the Count on Reading Project. (For complete details of the project, see General Exhibit No. 7694.) She indicated that the project is jointly sponsored by the State Office of Education and the American Association of School Librarians. In Utah we call the project "Count on Reading -- Count on Utah". The theme has been one hundred years, one hundred books. We have challenged all Utahans of all ages to read 100 books. This did not necessarily mean individually, but they could get together in school groups, church groups, literary clubs, etc.

Ms. Smith shared the success of the program.

There was a special success story presented on Channel 4. She shared a video clip of that news story.

Ms. Smith indicated that books and library media centers are just as important as they have ever been. Computers are wonderful, but we need balance that provides a whole range of resources for our children.

Ms. Smith introduced the Co-Chairs of the project, Fran Peterson, Library Media Teacher Bonneville Elementary, and Annie Olsen, Box Elder Middle Library Media. Together these two produce a newsletter, which they shared with the Board.

Gary Martin, Principal, Crestview Elementary presented an example of a project in his school that has gone beyond the challenge of reading 100 books. Mr. Martin introduced two outstanding third grade teachers, Linda Buchman and Janet Bragg.

Mrs. Buchman and Mrs. Bragg displayed two quilts made by the students. The quilt blocks indicated the favorite books the children had read. Their program focused on encouraging kids to read books.

Ms. Smith indicated our goal in Utah was to try to read a million books. We have 243 sites participating, most are school library media centers. Our current count is 660,144 books read since January 1st. Deadline for reading one million is the end of March.

Ms. Smith shared excerpts from three letters she has received from students relative to the project.

Motion was made by Member Boyd F. Jensen and seconded by Member John L. Watson to receive the report with commendation. Motion carried unanimously.

FINE ARTS ELEMENTARY CORE CURRICULUM

Carol Ann Goodson, Specialist, Fine Arts Education presented the Fine Arts Elementary Core Curriculum. She indicated that the curriculum is written to communicate what students are expected to know and be able to do in dance, music, theater, and visual art. The Core espouses no specific methodologies but supports the experiential development of primary arts skills as the natural vehicle for discovering the attendant history, culture, aesthetics, critiquing, and other relevant connections to the student's world in and out of school. (For complete details of the Fine arts Elementary Core Curriculum, see General Exhibit No. 7695.)

Steve Richins, Music Consultant, Vice Principal Viewmont High School, presented the Elementary Music Standards.

Tom Wood, Visual Art Consultant, Teacher, Brighton High School, presented the Elementary Art Standards.

Trudy Hansen, Dance Consultant, Teacher, American Fork High School, presented the Elementary Dance

Standards.

Xan Johnson, Theatre Consultant, Professor of Theatre, University of Utah, presented the Elementary Theatre Standards.

Member Grant Hurst commented that there are two critical issues in this curriculum besides those that are self evident. This provides an area for those students interested to excel in an area and make a contribution, these programs keep students motivated in school.

Motion was made by Member C. Grant Hurst and seconded by Member Janet A. Cannon to adopt for implementation the Core Curriculum for Elementary Fine Arts.

Member Janet Cannon voiced concern about teachers and their training in this area. She felt the Board needed to look at elementary teacher training in this area. Also, we need to provide instruments in our schools so that they are available for students to learn to play.

Member Cannon reported that she had attended one of the workshops on the core. One of the things she gained from that workshop was that if we want higher SAT scores, we need to teach the arts. The arts are a wonderful way to learn. She provided statistics relative to arts education and SAT scores. She felt that we need to provide all we can for students in this area.

Member Cannon reported that she represents the Board on the Public Education Coalition and they have put together a brochure for presentation to the legislature. One of the things in that was that we would like our legislators to know that all education groups agree to provide ongoing experiences in the fine arts for all Utah school children.

Member Neola Brown questioned how this would or is working in the rural areas. Ms. Goodson responded that the most successful programs, and those who have received grants from our office are in the rural areas. Areas such as Tintic, Daggett and North Summit. Each of these districts have received large grants this year. They have begun to identify resources in the community and to work as feeder systems.

Ms. Goodson reported that the grants are funded to assist in inservicing, special projects, etc., but they don't overstep what district should do.

Superintendent Bean commented that this is a good curriculum and we need to adopt it. With regard to the teacher training, there are two parts, training and retraining. On the Initial training we have worked carefully with colleges and universities through the SACTE Committee to insure that the teacher training is adequate and responsible. Certainly, some teachers have more of an affinity for working in this area. We would encourage districts to implement this curriculum fully. In order to do that it is a statement that they need to start looking at some instrument situations for elementary schools which they have not had before.

Member Lynn Haslem expressed commendation for what was presented.

Member Waynette Steel questioned how the dance makes you a better citizen and prepares you for career readiness? Trudy Hansen responded that a lot of the activities are written to be performed in small and large groups so they are working with each other, leading, following, etc. They provide opportunity for problem solving, synthesizing, etc. Learning to work with one another, how to fix things and create solutions to solve problems.

Chairman Garff commented that the fine arts provide a source of self assurance and dependability.

Motion carried unanimously.

LEGISLATION FOR 1997-98

Doug Bates, Coordinator, School Law and Legislation presented the legislation thus proposed for the 1997 legislative session. Dr. Bates presented recommendations for the Board's consideration on each of the bills. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 7696.)

Following questions of clarification and some discussion on the legislation, motion was made by Member Waynette Steel and seconded by Member Boyd F. Jensen to approve the recommended positions as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion Grant Hurst seconded by Member Lynn Haslem to approve the General Consent Calendar. Motion carried unanimously.

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of the Meeting of the State Board for Applied Technology Education and the State Board of Education held December 16, 1996.

2. Contracts

The following contracts recommended for approval by the Board were approved:

(A) Rick Webber. \$3,500. 1/1/97-6/30/97.

Payment for consulting services rendered in the research, coordination, planning and production of a training module relating to armed and physical violence in the school transportation environment. To include the production of video film(s), handbook(s), and other training materials.

(B) Psychological Corporation. \$188,866. 2/1/97- 12/1/2003

To purchase tests and support materials for the 1997 Utah Statewide Testing Program.

(C) Utah Parent Information and Training Center. \$48,400. 11/1/96-8/31/97. Fed.

The Utah Parent Center is the only center in the State which serves as a **statewide clearinghouse** for parents with disabled children. UPC provides information, referral, training and support to parents.

(D) Art Access/VSA Utah. \$34,000. 11/1/96- 10/30/97. - Fed. - Amend.

Ensure integrated arts education for students with disabilities. Provide training to students, teachers, aides, parents and administrators of both school aged and preschool children/students. Plus, the addition of several festivals to the list of activities in locations such as the Hartvigsen School and Moab Festivals. Create public awareness utilizing both print and broadcast media for events, opportunities and outstanding achievements for persons in our programs.

(E) Asay Advertising. \$110,000. 1/1/97-12/31/97 - Amend.

Legislative mandate: Develop a multi-media campaign focusing on current labor market information and the excellent training opportunities available through ATE. Improve the impact and promote the importance of ATE in providing individuals with technical, occupational, personal, and academic skills necessary to succeed in a global society.

(F) Department of Community and Economic Development. \$10,000. 12/1/96

6/30/07. - Accounts Receivable.

To provide a grant of funds to administer the Governor's Young Entrepreneur Search award program in Utah high schools.

(G) Xerox Corporation. \$148,800. 1/1/97- 1/1/02.

To provide one Xerox 5390 copier for use in the print shop.

(H) Xerox Corporation. \$447,540. 1/1/97- 1/1/02.

To provide one Xerox DocuTech NP 135-2 with network server, job manager and signature booklet maker, for use in the print shop.

(I) IBM. \$6,413.46. 11/07/96-6/30/97.

To maintain IBM 6262 Printers (2) which are used to provide printing services for the school districts of the State of Utah.

(J) Winn & Sons Services. \$37,600. 1/1/97- 12/31/98.

To provide cleaning and routine maintenance of building and grounds, including yard work and snow removal at the Murray B. Allen Center for the Blind.

(K) Ogden-Weber Applied Technology Center. \$5,506.56. 7/1/96-6/30/98. - Fed.

Sublease agreement for office space located at: 559 East AVC Lane, Ogden, Utah.

(L) National Federation of the Blind. \$90,000. 2/1/97-1/31/02.

To provide free telephone access for the blind to national and local newspapers.

(M) Research & Development Consultants. \$36,000. 1/1/97-12/31/97. - Fed. -

Amend.

Federal regulations require an annual report from the LEAs to the SEA and from the SEA to the Secretary of Education. This report includes statistical information on services provided and an evaluation of the effectiveness of the programs funded. R&D Consultants collect and produce the information required.

(N) ReNae R. Jessop. \$103,530. 1/1/97-9/30/97. - Fed.

Service contract to maintain a statewide training network for Child Nutrition Programs.

(For complete details of the Contracts, see General Exhibit No. 7697.)

3. Authorization of Student Clubs and Organizations, Rule, R277-617

The Authorization of Student Clubs and Organizations Rule is presented for third reading with minor non-substantive changes which clarify definitions. The Board approved Rule R277-617, Authorization of Student Clubs and Organizations on third and final reading. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 7698.)

4. 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. 7699.)

5. List of Applicants for Certificates

A summary of the list of applicants for initial and renewal certificates. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 7700.)

6. Financial Statement and Claims Report

The Claims Report in the amount of \$164,049,990.22, and Financial Statement ending December 31, 1996. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 7701.)

UTAH SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Motion was made by Member John L. Watson and seconded by Member C. Grant Hurst to elect Linnea S. Barney to serve on the Board of Directors of the Utah School Boards Association. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board received notice of vacancies on the Adult Education Advisory Committee and the State Textbook Commission; and nominations for the Disability Determination Services Advisory Council Alternate.

Member Janet Cannon questioned with regard to the State Text Book Commission that a person she nominated last time indicated to her that they had not received textbooks for review prior to the meeting at which they were to approve the textbooks.

Member Lynn Haslem commented that he had served on that committee and each of the publishers inundated the members with textbooks.

Member Cheryl Ferrin who has recently served on the committee indicated she has not received any book.

Superintendent Bean assured the Board that this would be reviewed to see why this has happened. He indicated that the Committee does have subcommittees that review the subject areas and they may be the ones receiving all the books.

Motion was made by Member Neola Brown and seconded by Member C. Grant Hurst to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.
