

Utah State Board of Education
Utah State Board for Applied Technology Education
Minutes
September 28, 1999

Minutes of the meeting of the State Board for Applied Technology Education and the State Board of Education held September 28, 1999, at the Utah State Office of Education, Salt Lake City, Utah. Meeting commenced at 9:30 a.m. Board Chairman John L. Watson presided.. Members present were:

Chairman, John L. Watson
Vice Chairman, Jill G. Kennedy
Member Bette O. Arial
Member Linnea S. Barney
Member Janet A. Cannon
Member Cheryl Ferrin
Member Lynn Haslem
Member Susan C. Henshaw
Member C. Grant Hurst
Member Judy Larson
Member Denis R. Morrill
Member Joyce W. Richards
Member Marilyn Shields

Members Kim R. Burningham and Boyd F. Jensen were excused

Also present were:

Executive Officer Steven O. Laing
Deputy Superintendent Gary L. Carlston
Associate Superintendent Robert O. Brems
Associate Superintendent Patrick Ogden
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:

Jennifer Toomer-Cook, Deseret News
Heather May, Salt Lake Tribune
Loretta Park, Ogden Standard Examiner
Richard L. Maughan, Superintendent, Bridgerland Applied Technology Center
Bo Hall, Acting Superintendent, Wasatch Front South Applied Technology Center
Brent Wallis, Superintendent, Ogden-Weber Applied Technology Center
Richard Jones, Uintah Basin Applied Technology Center
Lee W. Robinson, Superintendent Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind

Members, State Office of Education staff:

Bonnie Morgan, Curriculum & Instruction
Linda Alder, Curriculum & Instruction
Randy Upton, Agency Services
Judy DeWaal, Agency Services
Brent Hackett, Agency Services

Pat O'Hara, Agency Services

The Board repeated the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Member Marilyn Shields offered a reverence.

Board secretary Twila B. Affleck recorded the minutes.

Chairman Watson excused Members Burningham and Jensen who are out of town on business.

Executive Officer Report

Superintendent Steven O. Laing presented the following items for information:

Starshine Satellite Project — Dr. Laing expressed appreciation to the Bridgerland Applied Technology Center students for the Starshine Satellite Project display in the board room. Dr. Laing expressed appreciation and commendation to Board Members Hurst and Arial for their presentations at the National Association of State Directors of Applied Technology Education Conference.

Associate Superintendent Rob Brems indicated that Board Member Arial spoke to the group about the history of the St. George area and her ancestors. Board Member Hurst's remarks focused on applied technology education and his views relative to state leadership in that area. Mr. Brems reported that following their presentations, the main comments from those attending the conference were: "Where do you get board members like that?" And, "We would kill for board members like that." He indicated that everyone at the conference was amazed we could have such great state board support for what we are trying to do.

Legislative Strategic Planning Committee -- The first quarterly meeting of the legislative strategic planning committee was held this past week. Dr. Laing indicated that the agenda was primarily to review the master plan from higher education. There was no one from higher education at the meeting so they focused on public education.

Navajo Mountain High School Dedication -- Last week we attended the Navajo Mountain High School dedication. It is a small high school that has been built on the Navajo Reservation just inside the Utah border. Dr. Laing commented that this is the culminating result of litigation that has been going on for approximately 25 years. It is a beautiful facility and our visit was a positive experience.

WestEd Board of Directors Meeting -- Utah hosted the WestEd Board of Directors Meeting. Dr. Laing indicated that WestEd started out as a regional laboratory under the federal government's education research laboratory contract. A few years ago, two of those regional laboratories, the Far West Lab and the Southwest Education Laboratory combined to form WestEd. WestEd is essentially an education research group who applies for and receive a contract from the education department to be the regional laboratory, but they do many other kinds of things as well. Dr. Laing expressed appreciation to the Board Members who were able to join in the dinner.

Dr. Laing reported that during the course of those meetings, presentations were made by staff from our agency on professional development. There were teachers from several of the school districts who made presentations and Ron Stanfield represented our licensure/certification division. In one of the subcommittee meetings Brett Moulding reviewed some work that had been going on in the development of the science core. We have had some contracts with WestEd to be a part of that core development. All of our presentations were well received by those attending the conference.

Safe To Learn - Safe To Worship Act -- Dr. Laing reported that at the press conference yesterday Chairman Watson did an excellent job on making a statement on behalf of the board about the purpose behind keeping weapons out of public schools.

Vice Chairman Jill Kennedy reported she and other board members also attended the press conference. She

complimented Superintendent Laing on the wonderful job he did relative to this issue.

Board Chairman Report

Chairman Watson reported that several Board Members will be participating in the NASBE Annual Meeting in New Orleans in October. He commented that the Board knows they will be represented exceptionally well.

Board Committee Reports

Applied Technology and Rehabilitation Committee

Member Joyce Richards, Chair of the Applied Technology and Rehabilitation Committee presented the following report of the Committee:

Applied Technology Education Master Planning

Member Richards reported that at the April Board Retreat it was proposed that the Applied Technology Committee revise the policies and rules and develop an applied technology education master plan. The discussion today focused on a beginning for this process.

Member Richards reported that at the Southeast ATCSR Board meeting on September 16, 1999 the Board unanimously passed a motion to pursue the prospect of legislation to become an ATC under the State Board of Education and to do so in concert with the Southwest ATCSR.

Member Lynn Haslem commented this action by the Southeast ATCSR board is not without risk, it is a good move that they have the courage to do what is best for kids.

Associate Superintendent Rob Brems indicated that the Southwest ATCSR Board has this issue on their meeting agenda which is scheduled for tomorrow. He further indicated that this is in conjunction with the expansion plan we talked about openly with the legislature last July.

Chairman Watson commented that the Board is grateful that there is unity and we realize the charge we have because applied technology education is important to us. We want applied technology education to continue to develop and grow and be stronger in the state of Utah.

Member Lynn Haslem commented that in the committee meeting this morning, every ATC superintendent was in full support of the service regions becoming ATCs.

Advanced Placement and Course-Taking Patterns

Dr. Barbara Lawrence, Coordinator, Evaluation and Assessment presented information on the state performance on Advanced Placement and Course-Taking Patterns for high school students. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 8230.)

Dr. Lawrence reported that there is a down trend in Utah of students taking higher level math courses. She also suggested that we need to focus on males taking more language arts and writing courses.

NAEP Eighth Grade Writing Assessment Results

Dr. Barbara Lawrence, Coordinator, Evaluation and Assessment presented information on the state performance on the 1999 NAEP eighth grade writing assessment results for State-by-State National Assessment. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 8231.)

She indicated that this is the first time for reporting state by state 8th grade comparisons in writing.

Dr. Lawrence reported that the National Assessment results are reported according to proficiency levels, defined as Advanced, Proficient, Basic, and Below Basic. She feels that the Basic level is the best indicator of where students should be. In Utah 22% of the students scored below the basic level. Again, females far out performed males — 32% of males performed below basic compared to 12% of females. She indicated that this is not just a Utah phenomenon, but it is national.

Dr. Lawrence indicated that the percentages of racial minorities are growing and they tend to perform, as in other states, not as well as white students. She feels that our system really needs to become aware of this so that we are meeting the needs of all of the students in our schools.

Discussions ensued relative to the comparison of writing scores and class size. Also the fact those reading skills are also reflective of writing skills.

Further discussion ensued relative to the importance of writing and other communication skills that are needed as students enter the workforce. It was noted that this is the most common complaint of businessmen in hiring people for their businesses.

Motion was made by Member Susan C. Henshaw and seconded by Member C. Grant Hurst to accept both reports with commendation to Barbara and her staff. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Member C. Grant Hurst to direct staff on this issue, based upon the discussion, to take these two reports into their consideration in addressing the reading and assessment goals in a specific way. Member Susan Henshaw requested an amendment to the motion that these items also be addressed in the budget prioritizations. Member Hurst accepted the amendment. Motion was seconded by Member Denis R. Morrill. Motion carried unanimously.

Budget Request for FY 2001

Associate Superintendent Patrick Ogden presented the preliminary building block requests for which included Board Committee priorities and recommendations from staff. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 8232.)

Associate Superintendents, Executive Director, Utah State Office of Rehabilitation and the Superintendent, Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind explained each of the preliminary building block requests for their sections.

Board members were asked to indicate their priority ranking on each of the sections. The member's rankings for each section were requested to be turned into Twila Affleck by Friday, October 1, 1999.

Discussion ensued relative to the unfunded mandates by the federal government, especially in I.D.E.A. Member Janet Cannon commented that currently there is a federal budget surplus, and there is talk in Washington about using some of that surplus to finally fund I.D.E.A. at a reasonable level.

Motion was made by Member Janet A. Cannon and seconded by Member Linnea S. Barney that the Board write a letter to our congressional delegation and encourage them to look at the budget surplus in terms of funding I.D.E.A. Motion carried unanimously.

The preliminary supplemental requests and the preliminary on-time requests were presented by each associate superintendent, executive director and superintendent for the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind.

Discussion ensued relative to the need to prioritize the list to four or five items. It was noted that if the Board presented four or five priorities, but still included the needs, it may be received more favorably by the legislature.

Implementation of H.B. 350, Use of Internet on State School Fund

Postponed until the next meeting.

General Consent Calendar

Motion was made by Vice Chairman Jill G. Kennedy and seconded by Member Bette O. Arial to approve the General Consent Calendar. The Planning, Finance and Legislation Committee requested that Item E, Truancy Prevention, Rule R277-607 be pulled for discussion during the Committee report. Motion to approve the General Consent Calendar with the exception of Item E, Truancy Prevention Rule R277-607 carried with Members Arial, Barney, Cannon, Ferrin, Haslem, Henshaw, Kennedy, Larson, Morrill, Richards and Shields 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 September 10, 1999.

2. Contracts

(A) LASON. \$0. 9/10/99-7/1/2000. - Amendment to change name of vendor

To provide maintenance of optical imaging system.

(B) Dr. John W. Bennion. \$7,000. 7/1/99-9/30/00. - Fed. - Amend.

To provide consulting services to the Utah State Office of Education's Comprehensive School Reform & Demonstration program. Please refer to the attached "Scope of Work" for specific details.

(C) RaNae Jessop. \$320,000. 10/1/99-9/30/01. - Fed. - Amend.

To continue a service contract to maintain a statewide training network for Child Nutrition Programs and monitoring of Family Day Care homes.

(D) Utah Navajo Development Council. \$93,085.00. 10/1/99-9/30/2000. - Fed. - Amend.

Provide educational services and opportunities through funding from the Federal Even Start Family Literacy Program. The purpose is to enhance early childhood education and incorporate parents for a whole family program approach — a significant impact on later school achievement.

(E) Fast Forward LLC. \$5,000. 9/1/99-8/31/2000.

To provide video tape duplication: Under 30 minutes \$3.25/Over 30 minutes \$4.50. Interpreter Certification applicants are videotaped in a variety of video and audio situations for performance testing, these tapes are then copied for the certification evaluation panel members to review and evaluate performance levels.

(F) Utah Association for the Deaf. \$6,000-\$6,500. 11/1/99-10/31/2000. RECEIVABLE.

Provide space for the Utah Association for the Deaf (UAD) Bookstore for individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired.

(G) Kamp Data. \$0. 7/1/99-6/30/00 - Amended to change address.

Provide software support and perform software modifications, maintenance, and upgrades to accommodate the needs of the Utah Interpreter Services for its "Dynamics" accounting software.

(For complete details of the Contracts, see General Exhibit No. 8233.)

3. Child and Adult Care Food Program Sponsors of Day Care Homes, R277-723

Changes to the rule include a definition of "Relative Care"; R277-723-3.c(2) was partially omitted in the original rule; and a new section was added, R277-723-7.B. These changes will provide a more timely resolution of audit findings. The Board approved Rule R277-723 on second reading at the September 10, 1999 meeting. There have not been any modifications to the rule since that time. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 8234.) The State Board of Education approved Rule R277-723, Child and Adult Care Food Program Sponsors of Day Care Homes on third and final reading.

4. Reading Performance Improvement Awards Program, R277-472

This new rule provides an application process and standards for school participation in the Incentive for Elementary Reading Performance Improvement legislation passed during the 1999 Legislative Session. It will provide the program participants the requirements for funding as they apply and participate in the Elementary Reading Performance Improvement Program. The Board approved Rule R277-472 on second reading at the September 10, 1999 meeting. There have not been any modifications to the rule since that time. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 8235.) The State Board of Education approved Rule R277-472, Reading Performance Improvement Awards Program on third and final reading.

5. Certification Agenda

The Board approved the Certification Agenda included recommendations for temporary certification authorization requests. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 8236.)

6. Visually Handicapped Trust Fund Expenditures

The Division of Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired Council unanimously approved the following grants to be paid out of the Visually Handicapped Trust Fund. The State Board of Education subsequently approved the requests.

The Braille Resource and Literacy Center, \$7,000.00 -- To fund the expansion of braille production capabilities and provide low cost braille to blind individuals.

Ogden Association of the Blind, \$7,500.00 — To provide subsidized cab and van transportation to blind individuals in Ogden, Weber, and North Davis Counties.

Palisade Pals Ride, \$1,400.00 — To provide low or no cost transportation to blind individuals living in the Manti area.

Utah Council of the Blind, \$1,500 — To provide low or not cost braille to blind individuals in the state.

Utah Council of the Blind, \$5,500 — To provide subsidized cab transportation to blind individuals in the Salt Lake City and St. George areas.

Utah Council of the Blind, \$3,500 — To provide ceramics classes to blind individuals in Salt Lake City and Ogden.

Utah Council of the Blind, \$4,000.00 — To subsidize the purchase of technology, usually computer access technology, to blind individuals who cannot afford it or are unable to obtain it through other sources.

Utah Industries for the Blind, \$2,000.00 — To provide year 2000 compliance computer equipment for their office.

National Federation of the Blind of Utah, \$2,600.00 — To expand cassette tape production and duplication capability.

7. Ratification of Employment

Dawn S. Kay was ratified as an Educational Specialist, Comprehensive Counseling & Guidance in the Applied

Technology Education Division.

Board Committee Reports Cont.

Planning, Finance, and Legislation Committee

Member Janet A. Cannon, Chairman of the Planning, Finance, and Legislation Committee presented the following recommendations from the Committee:

Driver Education Endorsement, R277-507

The rule provides specific standards in order for a teacher to become a qualified driver education instructor and examiner in the public schools. The rule incorporates the new licensing process outline in the law. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 8237.) The Committee made two amendments to the rule: R277-507-2A, Authority and Purpose, regarding the State Board of Education directing rules regarding the certification of educators change the word certification to *licensure*, and the Board to establish procedures and standards to certify teachers, change the word certify to *license*.

The Committee approved Rule R277-507 as amended on first reading and moves that the State Board of Education approve rule R277-507, Driver Education Endorsement as amended on second reading. Motion carried with Members Arial, Barney, Cannon, Ferrin, Haslem, Henshaw, Kennedy, Larson, Morrill, Richards, and Shields voting in favor; Member Hurst absent.

Success School Charter Amendment Request

The developers of Success School received conditional approval of their charter at the State Board's May meeting. This approval was conditional on the clarification of the school's relationship to the Granite School District. During the past several months, there have been extensive discussions and negotiations between Success School representatives and Granite School District officials. The request from both the Success School and the Granite District Board of Education is to amend the school's charter and recognize the district as the sponsor. (For complete details of the request, see General Exhibit No. 8238.)

Motion from the Committee that the Board approve the charter for Success School along with the proposed amendment to recognize the Granite School District as the sponsoring agent. Motion carried with Members Arial, Barney, Cannon, Ferrin, Haslem, Henshaw, Kennedy, Larson, Morrill, Richards and Shields voting in favor; Member Hurst absent.

Discussion and Clarification Regarding Charter Schools Oversight

Staff identified issues, concerns, processes, procedures as well as both fiscal and educational accountability within the Charter Schools framework. The committee discussed the agency oversight responsibilities for Utah's Charter Schools particularly. Areas related to the approval of minor and major changes in charters; the continuance or possible termination of charter status; and, day-to-day operational issues related to Charter Schools. The committee also discussed how to deal with answers for people wanting to start a charter school and to do an equitable job of serving them.

It was suggested that there be a new advisory committee formed that would meet with representatives from charter schools, the charter schools task force, USOE assessment staff, two state board members and others. This advisory committee would look at the issues being brought forth by the charter schools, and would help them with administration and interpretation and policy issues. This committee would then report the issues and concerns to staff to be brought back to the Board. It was clarified that this would be an advisory committee to staff.

The committee discussed issues relative to how to evaluate the charter schools, i.e. Are they schools that show improvement in student performance? Are they solvent? Are they schools that have been innovative? Also to look at

the innovations they have tried to see if they are successful, and if they can be used in all schools.

Associate Superintendent Gary Carlston reported that the state agency was successful in writing for federal grants of \$500,000 to be used as start-up funds for each of the charter schools for three years, or approximately \$1.5 million. These monies will be made available in addition to the state appropriation.

Chairman Watson clarified that this is only an advisory committee and has no ability to set policy or take action. Further, it was brought up that there should be people from the Planning, Finance and Legislation Committee on the advisory committee. It was suggested that Judy Larson and Janet Cannon be named the two representatives from the Board.

Discussion ensued relative to the task of the advisory committee, who would decide what issues would be dealt with, and how often it would meet.

Motion was made by Member Janet A. Cannon and seconded by Member Marilyn Shields that the State Board of Education direct staff to form an advisory committee to staff for charter schools; further that two members of the Board serve on that committee — Judy Larson and Janet Cannon.

Vice Chairman Jill Kennedy clarified that this advisory committee is to staff and recommendations can be made to the State Board, but the State Board has the final oversight of policy.

Motion carried with Members Arial, Barney, Cannon, Ferrin, Haslem, Henshaw, Kennedy, Larson, Morrill, Richards and Shields voting in favor; Member Hurst absent.

Truancy Prevention - Item E General Consent Calendar

The Truancy Prevention Rule, R277-607 was presented in the committee last month and approved by the Board on second reading. There have been minor modifications to the rule since that time to emphasize the idea of cooperation between parents and schools in the purpose section, to include language relating to students with disabilities, and to provide for a broader definition of “truancy citation.” These changes were made in response to comments from school district and USOE personnel. (For complete details of the rule, see General Exhibit No.8239.)

Motion was made by Member Janet A. Cannon and seconded by Member Susan C. Henshaw to approve Rule R277-607, Truancy Prevention on third and final reading. Motion carried with Members Arial, Barney, Cannon, Ferrin, Haslem, Henshaw, Kennedy, Larson, Morrill, Richards and Shields voting in favor; Member Hurst absent.

Executive Session

There was not a need for an executive session. The Board was made aware of vacancies in the Utah State Textbook Commission. Board members were requested to make nominations.

Other Business

Associate Superintendent Jerry Peterson reported that the Milken Distinguished Educators have been identified. These educators will be notified on October 5, 1:00 p.m. at Monument Valley High School in San Juan District; October 6, 9:00 a.m. Riverton High School, Jordan District; and 11:00 a.m. Bonneville High School, Weber District; and 2:00 p.m. Skyview High School in Cache District.

Motion was made by Member Lynn Haslem to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.