

**UTAH STATE OFFICE OF EDUCATION
UTAH STATE BOARD FOR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION**

**MINUTES
March 14, 2000**

Minutes of the meeting of the State Board for Applied Technology Education and the State Board of Education held March 14, 2000, at the Utah State Office of Education, Salt Lake City, Utah. Meeting commenced at 8:10 a.m. Board Chairman Jill G. Kennedy presided.

Members present were:

Chairman, Jill G. Kennedy
Vice Chairman, Kim R. Burningham
Member Bette O. Arial
Member Linnea S. Barney
Member Janet A. Cannon
Member Cheryl Ferrin
Member Greg W. Haws
Member Susan C. Henshaw
Member Judy Larson
Member Denis R. Morrill
Member Marilyn Shields

Members Haslem, Hurst, Jensen and Richards 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
Public Information Officer, Eileen Rencher
Executive Director, USOR, Blaine Petersen
Board Secretary Twila B. Affleck

Also present for portions of the Board meeting were:

Members of the Press:

Leo Dirr, Standard Examiner
Kathy Kapos, Salt Lake Tribune
Jennifer Toomer-Cook, Deseret News
Deanie Wimmer, KSL-TV

Brent Wallis, Superintendent, Ogden-Weber Applied Technology Center
Richard L. Maughan, Superintendent, Bridgerland Applied Technology Center
Mike Bouwhuis, Superintendent, Davis Applied Technology Center
Max A. Packineau, Coalition of Minorities Advisory Committee
Susan Kuziak, Utah Education Association
Jim Eldredge, Utah Education Association
Race Davies, Governor's Office of Planning and Budget

Bo Hall, Acting Superintendent, Wasatch Front Applied Technology Center
Juneil Lyon, Utah PTA
Con Rowley, Governor's Office
Vance Randall, Brigham Young University
Alan Cheung, Brigham Young University
Jamie Jones Schroader, Coalition of Minorities Advisory Committee
Jeanette Misaka, Coalition of Minorities Advisory Committee
Kathy Black, Salt Lake City School Board
Gary K. Ricks, Legislative Fiscal Analysts Office

Members, State Office of Education Staff:

LesLee Ardelean, Applied Technology Education Services
Pat O'Hara, Agency Services
Sandra H. Johnson, Instructional Services
Carolee Gunn, Planning & Project Services
Mary Shumway, Applied Technology Education Services
Edie Park, Planning & Project Services
Richard Gomez, Planning & Project Services
Linda Alder, Instructional Services
Patricia G. Bradley, Instructional Services
Nan Gray, Instructional Services
Marv Johnson, Applied Technology Education Services
Bonnie Morgan, Instructional Services

The Board repeated the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Member Linnea S. Barney offered the reverence.

Board secretary Twila B. Affleck recorded the minutes.

Chairman Kennedy excused Board Members Lynn Haslem, C. Grant Hurst, Boyd F. Jensen and Joyce W. Richards.

Installation of New Board Member

Douglas F. Bates, Director, Law, Legislation, Licensing and Equity, and a Notary Public, issued the Oath of Office to Greg W. Haws who was appointed by Governor Michael O. Leavitt in District 5, following the resignation of John L. Watson, December 31, 1999. Mr. Haws will fill the remainder of the term previously held by Mr. Watson.

Chairman Kennedy introduced Greg's wife Debbie and his mother, Marine. She asked Debbie to tell a little bit about Greg and what he can offer to the State Board of Education. Debbie responded that Greg's greatest asset is his eight children. He has been involved in education for a long time, has been very supportive of the education process. She indicated that his mother was a teacher and education has been a great concern of their family.

Mr. Haws indicated that he and his mother started first grade the same year. She taught first grade for 25 years. He said that since it was announced that he would be in this position he has found that everyone has an opinion on education. He indicated that it was an honor to be appointed to the Board and looked forward to working with everyone on the Board. The Board recessed to Committee Meetings.

The Board reconvened at 10:15 a.m.

Signing of HB 177 - Assessing, Reporting and Evaluating Student Performance **Governor Leavitt**

Chairman Jill Kennedy welcomed Governor Michael O. Leavitt to sign HB 177, Assessing, Reporting and Evaluating Student Performance. Governor Leavitt indicated that the State Board was the vital keystone in making this legislation reach its full potential. He commented that this has been a banner year in the State of Utah where the Legislature has committed a substantial investment in public education. Governor Leavitt further commented that this legislation represents the turning point where we will begin to create formally a new culture that values learning, that measures progress in terms of student achievement as opposed to the process of measuring time. He acknowledged the sponsors of the legislation, Representative Tammy Rowan and Senator Howard Stephenson. He further acknowledged the work of the Accountability Task Force which produced the positive results to move this forward. He indicated that the State Board of Education would now have the responsibility to assure that the core curriculum measures what it is we value most, and that we are teaching the things that we value, and we are measuring the things that we are teaching.

Governor Leavitt stated that there has been a lot of discussion about the word accountability. It is easy to place a lot of responsibility on teachers and expect them to produce miraculous results. However, there is a chain of accountability in which we are all a part. It begins with the learner, and we must continue to teach children they are responsible for outcomes of their performance. Then it is the parent's responsibility to ask if their child has homework, and gets involved in their child's education. Also, principals, administrators, teachers, local and state boards and voters all have responsibilities in this matter.

Governor Leavitt then signed HB 177 - Assessing, Reporting and Evaluating Student Performance. He noted that this year we begin with not just investing more, but now expecting more from all of us.

Chairman Kennedy expressed appreciation to the Governor for coming to the Board Meeting to sign this bill. She indicated that the State Board of Education has taken their responsibility very seriously. We appreciated the opportunity to participate on the accountability task force and to provide input into that process. She commented that the Board feels that we are moving in a good direction with regard to accountability, and hope this next year the task force will continue that effort and we can come up with something that will be a great benefit to the children of Utah.

Superintendent Laing acknowledged the budget request put forth by the Governor and its correlation with the Board's budget request. Dr. Laing noted that compared with the rest of state government, education was well treated. He expressed appreciation to the Governor for his support.

Governor Leavitt commented that he felt great about the education budget. It was a bold step on the part of the legislature. It is just the beginning, obviously, and we have lots of ground to cover. However, coupled with this accountability measure it moves us in a positive direction.

Coalition of Minorities Advisory Committee (CMAC) Report

Janice Jones Schroader, Chair of the Coalition of Minorities Advisory Committee introduced Alan Cheung, a student from Brigham Young University, who presented CMAC's position paper with regard to an initiative to place before the voters a referendum to consider "English as the Official Language of Utah" for the fall 2000 elections. The Committee reported that they have been working for several months on this issue and that this referendum could have direct impact on public education programs such as Child Nutrition, Special Education, and K-12 and Adult English as a Second Language. (For complete details of their report, see General Exhibit No. 8321.)

Ms. Schroader expressed appreciation for the opportunity to present their position relative to this issue. She commented that the use of a common language would divide us as a nation. The use of another language would change America's identity. Ms. Schroader further commented on the changes and how

they would divide and not bind. She then gave further examples of how this referendum will not be good for the diverse population of our state or our nation.

Ms. Schroader introduced Jeanette Misaka and Max Packineau members of the Coalition of Minorities Advisory Committee.

Motion was made by Member Judy Larson and seconded by Member Cheryl Ferrin that the Board receive the report.

Superintendent Laing commented that the Board in the past actions has displayed its desire to recognize diversity and incorporate diversity. Further, that the Board would want to scrutinize very carefully anything that would compromise that action before any type of supportive position was given. He encouraged the Board to watch this referendum, and as we get further definitive language from it, it may be more appropriate at that time to take more formal action. He felt that the Board was in harmony with what has been presented in this position paper, but before we go further we need to see the language of the referendum.

Deputy Superintendent Gary Carlson commented that he has had the opportunity to work with CMAC and they have worked hard to prepare this information. He indicated that we have checked with the Lt. Governor's office yesterday, with regard to the status of this particular initiative, and it is our understanding that there are about 37,000 signatures which have been gathered. They need approximately 72,000 signatures to get it on the ballot and take care of those that may have signed it inappropriately. They have until sometime in June to have this initiative placed on the November ballot. Member Denis Morrill questioned if it would be appropriate to become more active to oppose this initiative via publicity or other means legally or politically to try to slow this down?

Superintendent Laing responded that one thing would be to reiterate the Boards position in respecting and valuing diversity, including the diversity of language. However, we need to know the official language on the referendum is so it would be more helpful in determining our next steps.

Chairman Jill Kennedy stated that the Board values diversity, and appreciated the presentation, which was very well done. She suggested that the Board wait to take a position until we see the language of the referendum.

Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Burningham suggested that the Board instruct staff to investigate what language does exist and see if some motion for consideration would be appropriate at a future meeting.

Motion was made by Vice Chairman Kim R. Burningham, seconded by Member Bette O. Arial to instruct staff to find out the exact nature of any language that may or will exist, and if appropriate prepare a motion for the Board at a future meeting when feasible. Motion carried unanimously.

Final Legislative Report

Douglas F. Bates, Coordinator, Law, Legislation, Licensing and Equity presented actions of the 2000 Legislature and how they may affect public education policy. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 8322.)

The following are actions taken by the Board relative to certain bills identified:

HB 22 - School District Size

Legislation assigned to the Board but was not given money for the study. This also gives the opportunity to the Board to designate a task force or to appoint a subcommittee of the Board

to do this study.

Member Judy Larson suggested that the Board study this to the point we have the funds to study it.

Deputy Superintendent Gary Carlston reported that in discussions with the superintendents last week, it was mentioned that this may be an opportunity not only to look at just the size of a school and size of the student body, etc. but possibly this is talking about more personalization, opportunities to provide certain kinds of services that are not provided in large settings. This may also help us with elementary counselors and other initiative steps.

Vice Chairman Kim Burningham commented that this study gives the opportunity to explore costs of doing this. If we simply say that it is good to have smaller schools that is one thing, but we need to say these are the advantages and to do it in our state it would require this kind of expenditure.

Motion was made by Vice Chairman Kim R. Burningham and seconded by Member Susan C. Henshaw to direct staff to make a recommendation for our next meeting as to how this task force would be organized to study this matter. Motion carried unanimously.

HB 411 - Public Education Curriculum Amendments

Following Dr. Bate's explanation on the history and inconsistencies of the legislation, Member Susan Henshaw suggested that the Board prepare a statement supporting the curriculum adopted by the Board, and sending it to the Governor requesting that he veto the bill.

Dr. Bates indicated that the Board could indicate that the curriculum was adopted after a thoughtful process, a number of public hearings were held prior to the adoption of it. Motion was made by Member Susan C. Henshaw and seconded by Member Bette O. Arial that the Board prepare and send a statement to the Governor which would include the statement presented by her previously about fidelity and abstinence, when the Board adopted the curriculum; that the Board adopted the curriculum after a thoughtful process, a number of public hearings and careful consideration; and further that the legislation is unnecessary and as drafted is inconsistent, and encourages him to veto the legislation.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Kennedy expressed appreciation to Doug Bates for his close attention to these matters in the legislature and his work on the bills, and commended him for all his hard work during this legislative session.

Final Budget and Overall Budget Comparisons 2000-2001

Associate Superintendent Patrick Ogden reviewed the final budget figures and comparisons of the State Board recommendations on the 2000-2001 budget with the Governor, the Fiscal Analyst and the Public Education Appropriations Subcommittee. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 8323.)

Member Marilyn Shields compliment Pat Ogden on how he had laid out the budget and presented it in a way that it was easily understood. She indicated it was refreshing to be able to see the results, and be able to understand it all.

Vice Chairman Kim Burningham commented that the overall funding level is good, and the way the Board priorities were addressed was very good. However, he was troubled by the things that were skipped such as reading, textbooks, staff professional development and library services. He felt that programmatic things got full attention, and qualitative things were a little neglected. He would like to be able to

approach the legislature so that they understand that if they really want to make differences in the quality of education they need these things and we need to make this message again and again.

Member Janet Cannon commented that the Utah School Boards Association was looking at and trying to promote bills and ideas that would bring future ongoing funding into the education coffers. She suggested that the Board needs to continue to look at future revenue sources and how we might work with the legislature in obtaining that.

Chairman Jill Kennedy commented that if education was funded at an adequate level, districts could fund reading specialists from the monies in the minimum school program. She further commented that as a first attempt at prioritizing the Board did very well and the results were good. She indicated that in the Board retreat we need think about ways to make sure that what we consider most important gets the ear of the legislature so they understand what we need in the system to help our children succeed.

Blaine Petersen, Executive Director of the Utah State Office of Rehabilitation reported on the funding of capital facilities requests for the Deaf Center addition and the relocation of maintenance facility at Ogden-Weber Applied Technology Center.

Chairman Kennedy commented that our success this year was because of the joint efforts between us, the Governor's Office, Utah School Boards Association, Utah Education Association the Coalition for Quality Public Education and that we were united. She suggested that we need to continue these efforts to be united.

Four-Day Week Experiment Status Report

Superintendent Steven O. Laing reported that in 1997 the Utah State Legislature passed HB 341 which established a five-year study of the four-day week in small, southern Utah high schools. Two of the intended five years of the study have been completed. The study is being conducted by the Institute for Behavioral Research in Creativity (IBRIC), under a contract with the Utah Rural Schools Association. Superintendent Laing reviewed the Conclusions and Recommendations from the Year Two Report entitled *"An Evaluation of the Modified School Week Program in Small Southern Utah High Schools."* (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 8324.)

Dr. Laing reported that there continues to be requests for other schools to go onto the four-day week.

Executive Session

Motion was made by Member Denis R. Morrill and seconded by Member Judy Larson to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel and potential litigation issues. The Board was polled and by unanimous consent of those present the Board moved into Executive Session during lunch at 12:40 p.m.

Motion was made by Member Susan C. Henshaw and seconded by Member Bette O. Arial to reconvene into open meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reconvened at 1:35 p.m.

Open Meeting

School and Institutional Trust Lands Board of Trustees Nominating Committee

Motion was made by Member Susan C. Henshaw and seconded by Member Kim R. Burningham to appoint Margaret Bird and Janet Cannon to serve on the School and Institutional Trust Lands Board of

Trustees Nominating Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Applied Technology Center and Applied Technology Center Service Region Board Appointments

Motion was made by Member Cheryl Ferrin and seconded by Member Bette O. Arial to appoint the new and continuing members of the Applied Technology Center Boards and Service Region Boards as presented in the agenda. Motion carried unanimously

NASBE Policy Leader of the Year

Motion was made by Member Linnea S. Barney and seconded by Member Bette O. Arial to nominate Doug Bates for the NASBE Policy Leader of the Year Award. Motion carried unanimously.

Advisory Committee Appointments

Motion was made by Vice Chairman Kim R. Burningham and seconded by Member Susan C. Henshaw to approve the appointments to the following advisory committee:

Adult Education Advisory Committee

Yvonne Ahumada, Cecily Davis, Steve Leatham, Gary Wixom, Val Finlayson and Dan Nelson to the Adult Education Advisory Committee, terms to expire 12/2001.

Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities

Daniel J. Reilley and Todd A. Cummings to the Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities, terms to expire 10/2003.

Coalition of Minorities Advisory Committee (CMAC)

Joel Alba (2/2002), John Peregoy (2/2001), Sal Jansson (2/2001), Soulee L.K.O. Stroud (2/2002), Jeanette Misaka (2/2001), and Harry Bonner (2/2001) to the Coalition of Minorities Advisory Committee (CMAC). Terms to expire as noted following their names.

Motion carried unanimously.

Board Committee Reports

Planning, Finance, & Legislation Committee

Member Judy Larson, Chairman of the Planning, Finance, & Legislation Committee presented the following recommendations from the Committee:

Testing Procedures, Rule R277-473

Rule R277-473, Testing Procedures will establish policies and procedures for school districts in the handling and administration of achievement tests, based on H.B. 33, passed by the 1999 Legislature. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 8325.)

Motion from the Committee that the State Board of Education approve Rule R277-473, Testing Procedures on third and final reading.

Vice Chairman Kim Burningham voiced a concern with the section relative to the requirement that school districts have to turn in their test within one to two weeks, but there is not a requirement for us relative to when we will give back the answers.

Deputy Superintendent Gary Carlston responded that the reason for the requirements for the districts to get the tests back is for security purposes. Further that it takes time to process the 3.7 million answer sheets we receive. We have, however, made offers to the districts that any district can schedule with the Computer Services Section and get their scores immediately. Dr. Carlston further commented that the accountability bill, as it passed, requires that we need the results back before the end of school. He indicated this is a pilot year and we will try it this year and perhaps adjust the testing window and other areas next year.

Motion carried unanimously.

Educator Licensing Committee Agenda

The Committee reviewed the recommendations of the Utah Professional Practices Advisory Commission.

Motion from the Committee that in Case No. 99-469 the State Board accept the recommendation of the Licensure Committee and revoke, based upon default, the teaching license of Richard C. Torgerson, a former teacher in Salt Lake City School District based upon default. This is a result of his accompanying 130 of his choir students off campus during school hours to harass a craft store owner. The default is recommended following numerous attempts to contact Mr. Torgerson both individually and through his attorney. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion from the Committee that in Case No. 99-473 the State Board accept the recommendation of the Licensure Committee and revoke, based upon default, the teaching license of Thomas R. Phelon, a former teacher in Alpine School District. This is based on his access of pornography on a school computer during school hours, which resulted in lack of supervision of students. Despite numerous attempts, Mr. Phelon did not respond to Commission correspondence. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion from the Committee that in Case No. 99-481 the State Board accept the recommendation of the Licensure Committee and revoke, based upon default, the teaching license of Eric Jensen Zobell, a former teacher in Alpine and Provo School Districts. This is based on his being charged with two misdemeanor drug offenses, storing of pornographic images on his school computer, and throwing firecrackers out of his school windows at students. Despite numerous attempts, Mr. Zobell did not respond to Commission correspondence. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion from the Committee that in Case No. 99-479 the State Board accept the recommendation of the Licensure Committee and accept a stipulated agreement whereby Gary M. Smith, a former educator in Ogden School District, voluntarily surrenders his teaching license, in lieu of a hearing, for purposes of revocation by the State Board of Education. This is a result of his access of several inappropriate and sexually-explicit Internet sites on school equipment during school hours. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion from the Committee that in Case No. 99-482 the State Board accept the recommendation of the Licensure Committee and accept a stipulated agreement whereby Gregory Neil Shreeve, a former educator in Davis School District, voluntarily surrenders his teaching license, in lieu of a hearing, for purposes of suspension for at least one year based on intimate, inappropriate, and unprofessional activities with an adult female student as observed and reported by the school security guard. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion from the Committee that in Case No. 99-485 the State Board accept the recommendation of the Licensure Committee and accept a stipulated agreement whereby Carey Lee Naylor, a former educator in North Sanpete District, voluntarily surrenders his

teaching license, in lieu of a hearing, for purposes of suspension for at least 18 months based on unprofessional conduct, which included exposing himself to female students over the course of two days from his home and yard as the students walked home from school. Motion carried unanimously.

The Committee reviewed the requests for temporary authorizations as submitted by the school districts and moves approval of the requests. Motion carried unanimously.

(For complete details of the Educator Licensure Committee agenda, see General Exhibit No. 8326.)

Curriculum and Instruction Committee

Member Marilyn Shields, Chairman of the Curriculum and Instruction Committee presented the following recommendations from the Committee:

Elementary Library Media Core Curriculum

A public hearing was held during the committee meeting to receive input on the proposed Elementary Library Media Core Curriculum and review the input for changes to or inclusion in the document. (For complete details of the Elementary Library Media Core Curriculum, see General Exhibit No. 8327.)

Motion from the Committee that the State Board of Education approve the new Elementary Library Media Core Curriculum.

Motion carried unanimously.

Concurrent Enrollment

The Committee reviewed the Concurrent Enrollment program as well as the work of the joint public education/higher education Concurrent Enrollment Committee. Linda Alder, Coordinator, reviewed the agreements and statistics of this program. (For complete details of the report, see General Exhibit No. 8328.)

Motion from the Committee that the Board receive the report. Motion carried unanimously.

Youth In Custody Carry Over Funds

Staff presented steps taken in response to the recommendations made in "*A Limited Review of Utah's Youth In Custody Carry Over Funds.*" It was noted that the State Office of Education has begun programming for the creation of a new pupil accounting system which will address problems uncovered in this audit. (For complete details of the materials presented, see General Exhibit No. 8329.)

Motion from the Committee that the State Board of Education receive the report. Motion carried unanimously.

Associate Superintendent Jerry Peterson noted that in regards to the recommendation of the Auditor the Curriculum Committee will become the oversight committee for the Youth In Custody Program.

Applied Technology and Rehabilitation Committee

Member Linnea S. Barney, Chairman of the Applied Technology and Rehabilitation Committee presented the following recommendations from the Committee:

Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998

The Carl D. Perkins Act has been in effect for approximately 12 years through two authorizations in Congress. The Act is the primary source of federal funding for vocational and applied technology education. In Utah, the State Board for Applied Technology Education is the designated entity to apply for and oversee these funds. Utah is currently operating under a "transition" authorization with a new state plan due in April. The Committee reviewed the key issues relating to the development and implementation of the plan. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 8330.) Following approval by the Board the plan will be submitted to the United States Department of Education for review and approval.

Motion from the Committee that the State Board for Applied Technology Education approve the proposed Utah application for the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act. Motion carried unanimously.

Utah State Office of Rehabilitation 1999 Annual Report and Vocational Rehabilitation Performance Report

Blaine Petersen, Executive Director, Utah State Office of Rehabilitation and various staff members reviewed with the Committee the Annual and Performance reports. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 8331.) It was noted that 3,413 individuals with disabilities were placed into employment in 1999. Also, 21,452 individuals with disabilities were provided services through vocational rehabilitation. Utah's Vocational Rehabilitation Program is the most productive and cost-effective program of the ten intermountain states. Nationally, Utah ranks second in percent of persons with successful employment outcomes; third highest for average weekly earnings, and fourth in cost per successful closure.

Motion from the Committee that the Board receive the report. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Meeting

Executive Officer Report

Superintendent Steven O. Laing, presented the following items of information:

Prudential Spirit of Community Initiative. We received notice from the Prudential Spirit of Community Initiative on their Top Youth Volunteers in Each State. They recognize America's 104 most outstanding youth volunteers two from each state, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico for exemplary acts of volunteerism. Each of the 104 State Honorees will receive \$1,000, an engraved silver medallion and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., in May for several days of national recognition events. Ten of them will be named America's top youth volunteers for 2000 at that time. The two youth that were named from Utah are Ryan Tripp, Parowan High School and Shannon Babb, Utah County 4H. He indicated letters of congratulations will be written to these two students.

National Board Certification Process. We have received a letter expressing appreciation for our support, from the people in Utah currently pursuing their National Board Certification. These people were given up to \$2,000 to complete this process.

State Office of Education Audit. Dr. Laing commended Judy DeWall and the finance staff at the Utah State Office of Education for their excellent work. He indicated that annually we receive an audit by the State Auditor relative to the financial status of the State Office of Education and Office of Rehabilitation.

This year there were only three minor concerns noted in that audit.

Innovations in Education Conference. There was concern expressed about the State Office of Education being listed as a co-sponsor of an Innovations in Education Conference. Dr. Laing indicated that we have participated in the past. It does not mean that we endorse the concepts advocated, but support the discussion. The same was true this year, but there was some inclusion of material for the conference that looked to be problematic, having to do with an unsubstantiated brain research. We asked to be taken off the list of sponsors because of this material. Unfortunately, the programs have gone out, but the organizers have assured us they will issue a disclaimer.

Proposed Board Workshop Schedule. Distributed a list of areas for workshops and asked the Board to rank them with their priorities. Dr. Laing recommended that we use the day before a board meeting or other times conducive to schedules for discussion of these items. He asked that Board member include their name so if we cannot get everyone together we will try to find times when we can get those that have identified the subject as a high priority together. Member Cheryl Ferrin suggested that inasmuch as we are the Board for Applied Technology Education she would like to have an entire board meeting just for Applied Technology Education at least twice a year or as needed.

Motion was made by Member Cheryl Ferrin and seconded by Member Bette O. Arial that the Board set aside a day at least twice a year, or as needed other than Board Meeting day, to meet as the Board for Applied Technology Education.

Motion carried unanimously.

Board Chairman Report

Chairman Jill Kennedy reported on her attendance along with Associate Superintendent Patrick Ogden at a **conference on funding adequacy sponsored by WestEd**. In preparation for the conference WestEd had participants read material prepared on this issue. Two of the people who had produced most of the material were presenters at the conference: Allan Odden, University of Wisconsin and John Alugenblick, a Denver-based Consultant. They had some interesting approaches on how to determine what is adequacy in funding for education and tying funding to accountability. Chairman Kennedy distributed copies of articles that they had received. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 8332.) The afternoon portion was an open discussion which was primarily dominated by people from California because of the location of the conference. It was noted that throwing huge amounts of money at class size reduction is not necessarily the answer.

Member Janet Cannon reported on the **NASBE Legislative Conference and Governmental Affairs Committee** meetings in Washington, D.C.

They received a booklet entitled "Do You Know the Good News About American Education?" Inside were charts taking American education through the last few years, showing we have fewer drop outs, we are taking more challenging courses, more children with disabilities are being mainstreamed into the classroom, etc. Member Cannon suggested that the Board create a booklet like this about Utah before the next legislative session: "Do You Know the Good News about Utah Education?" She also received a booklet: "A Brief History of the Federal Role of Education."

Member Cannon reported on her **visits with the Utah congressional delegation**. She reported that she had asked Utah's Teacher of the Year Jo Lynn Miller to ask her students to answer the question "What should Congress do to help Utah's children?" She then prepared a handout of the third graders' responses. She also shared with them information on every school in the state and how much money they get from the trust lands and a map showing how much land in each state is owned by the federal government.

Member Cannon reported that she talked with Representative Hansen about **the wilderness bill**. It was his

feeling that the best way is to deal with trust lands is to take them out of the legislation and deal with them in a separate bill. She also reported that she had two very good conversations in Senators Hatch and Bennett's offices, and both are working diligently on the **Title 1 formula**. She further reported that the Democrats do not want to see **ESEA** reauthorized this year because they feel that education has always been a down-size issue.

Member Cannon reported on the **Governmental Affairs Committee Meeting**. She indicated she was sitting with a delegate from Iowa and Kansas and in Utah we have 20,000 less students than Kansas and 20,000 more students than Iowa and they compared the federal dollars received in each of the states for education. She reported that NASBE is taking this information and will try to put it on a spread sheet to show comparisons with all states.

Member Linnea Barney reported that she attended the **NASBE Nominations Committee meeting** and the slate of officers for NASBE is particularly strong. Our nominee, Marilyn Shields, for western area director is so far unopposed.

Member Cheryl Ferrin reported that she had attended the **Retention or Social Promotion of Children Study Committee meeting**. She indicated that she is requesting that Superintendent Mike Bennett from Iron District make a presentation for this committee in June. The Committee is to finalize its work in June for presentation in October. She further indicated that everyone across the US is concerned about this issue and they feel that if they can fix this issue it will fix everything.

Chairman Jill Kennedy indicated that this is an issue that the **Accountability Task Force** will be discussing this year, and requested that any information Member Ferrin could share with that group would be appreciated.

Member Judy Larson reported that she had attended the **Utah School Boards Association Board of Directors meeting** in St. George. She expressed appreciation and thanks from them for all the legislative help received from the State Office of Education. Member Larson reported that the National School Boards Association has a program, "Key Work of Boards." The Utah School Boards Association has adopted this program and is encouraging local boards to pursue this as well. Member Larson suggested that in support of them we have someone look into the program to see if it is worth having them come to one of our meetings.

Chairman Kennedy expressed appreciation from the Board to Member Larson for her work during the legislative session in keeping track of the bills and getting EMAIL updates to all the Board informing them about all the issues during the session.

Chairman Kennedy recognized that both Member Ferrin and Arial had written articles in the paper recently. Member Ferrin's article was in the *Standard Examiner* and *Deseret News* in support of the PTA and what they do for schools. Member Arial's article was in the *Deseret News* on the utilities deregulation bill.

Chairman Kennedy indicated that the **Board Retreat would be held on April 11th** following a shortened Board meeting. Location of the retreat will be announced at a later time. Chairman Kennedy also indicated that the first work/study session will be the afternoon of Monday, April 10th at the State Office of Education

General Consent Calendar

Motion was made by Member Judy Larson and seconded by Member Bette O. Arial to approve the General Consent Calendar as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of the Meetings of the State Board for Applied Technology Education and the State Board of Education held February 8, 2000 and February 18, 2000.

2. Contracts

(A) Assessment Training Institute. \$6,300.00. 2/7/00-2/9/00.

To secure a consultant for a two-day Fellows Seminar and a one day Open Seminar.

(B) T.V. Specialists, Inc. \$13,243.78. 4/1/2000-3/31/2003. - Fed.

To provide servicing and repair of closed circuit television (CCTV) read and write systems to blind and visually impaired Vocational Rehabilitation Clients.

(C) College of Eastern Utah. \$47,204. 1/16/00-1/15/01 - Amend. - Fed.

Expand and enhance vocational rehabilitation services to individuals with disabilities to increase successful employment outcomes.

(D) Utah Association of Community Services. \$17,065. 1/16/00-1/15/01 - Amend. - Fed.

Move individuals with severe disabilities who are currently in sheltered employment or other non-integrated settings, towards integrated competitive employment outcomes.

(For complete details of the Contracts, see General Exhibit No. 8333.)

3. Educator Licensing Renewal, Rule R277-501

The change in required license points makes requirements for professional development and license renewal consistent for inactive and active educators. The Board approved the rule on second reading at the February 8, 2000 meeting. The Board approved Rule R277-501, Educator Licensing Renewal on third and final reading. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 8334.)

4. Procedures for the Utah General Educational Development Certificate, Rule R277-702

The changes to this rule clarify that high school credit for successfully completing the GED may be applied to the Adult High School Diploma ONLY. It also clarifies eligibility for candidates who wish to take the GED tests. These changes will help improve the manner in which districts apply high school credit and will increase the understanding of eligibility credits. The Board approved the rule on second reading at the February 8, 2000 meeting. The Board approved Rule R277-702, Utah General Educational Development Certificate on third and final reading. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 8335.)

5. Utah State Office of Rehabilitation FY 2001 State Plan for Vocational Rehabilitation

Public hearings on the State Plan were held in Salt Lake City and St. George. Participants at these public hearings received a personal copy of the state plan and the plan was discussed in detail. Copies of the State Plan were also sent to other agencies for their review and comment. Comments received discussed various aspects of the vocational rehabilitation program and how it is implemented. The Rehabilitation Services council also provided consultation concerning the plan. The comments and the agency's response will be included as part of the plan that is sent to the Rehabilitation Services Administration. The State Board of Education

approved the 2001 State Plan for Vocational Rehabilitation. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 8336.)

6. Claims Report

The Claims Report in the amount of \$152,982,068.75 ending February 29, 2000, was approved by the Board. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 8337.)

Motion was made by Member Marilyn Shields and seconded by Member Susan C. Henshaw to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.
