

MINUTES

January 8, 2004

Minutes of the special meeting of the State Board of Education held January 8, 2004, at the Utah State Office of Education, Salt Lake City, Utah. Meeting commenced at 10:20 a.m. Chairman Kim R. Burningham presided.

Members present were:

Chairman Kim R. Burningham
Vice Chairman, Janet A. Cannon
Member Dixie L. Allen
Member R. Michael Anderson
Member Linnea S. Barney
Member Tim Beagley
Member Laurel Brown
Member Edward A. Dalton
Member Greg W. Haws
Member Denis R. Morrill
Member David L. Moss
Member Jed H. Pitcher
Member Joyce W. Richards
Member Debra G. Roberts
Member Sara V. Sinclair
Member Teresa L. Theurer

Members Laurel Brown and John C. Pingree were excused.

Also present were:

Executive Officer Steven O. Laing
Associate Superintendent Patti Harrington
Associate Superintendent Patrick Ogden
Associate Superintendent Raymond Timothy
Executive Director, USOR, Blaine Petersen
Public Affairs Director Mark Peterson
Board Secretary Twila B. Affleck

Also present were:

Members of the Press:

Jennifer Toomer-Cook, Deseret Morning News
Tiffany Erickson, Deseret Morning News
Ronnie Lynn, Salt Lake Tribune
Amy Stewart, Standard Examiner
Cheryl Phipps, Utah PTA
Martine Smith, Citizen

Utah State Office of Education staff:

Sandra Johnson, Student Achievement and School Success
Carolee Gunn, Student Achievement and School Success
Lynn Greenwood, Student Achievement and School Success

Patricia Bradley, Law, Legislation and Education Services
Vicky Dahn, Student Achievement and School Success
Hal Sanderson, Student Achievement and School Success

Board Member Joyce W. Richards lead the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Member R. Michael Anderson offered the Reverence.

Board Secretary Twila B. Affleck recorded the minutes.

Chairman Burningham excused Board Member John C. Pingree. Also, Laurel Brown who was present during the Committee meetings this morning, but could not stay for the Board meeting.

Chairman Burningham noted that the petition given to Board Members last meeting relative to legislation and guns in schools should be mailed to Havens for Learning, P O Box 3868, Salt Lake City, 84110-3868.

Chairman Burningham indicated that January 22, 2004, is the Utah School Boards Association Day on the Hill. It is a chance for school boards to have meetings together and to work with their legislators. He encouraged Board Members to attend if at all possible beginning at 10:00 a.m. in Room 129.

Adequate Yearly Progress

Louise Moulding, Director, Evaluation and Assessment presented a summary of the 2002-03 AYP results for Utah schools. She indicated that the results for Utah schools were released on December 15, 2003. Dr. Moulding also updated the Board on the total process for identifying school outcomes. (For complete details of the report, see General Exhibit No. 9225.)

Public Participation/Comments

Todd Cusick presented information on a proposal for eligibility rule changes for high school athletics. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 9226.) He asked the Board to consider drafting a new rule to stop high school athletes from transferring from their home schools to schools with perceived better sports programs. The new rule would remove one year of athletic eligibility for any athlete playing outside his or her home school for strictly sports reasons (the exception being if the home school does not offer that sport).

Member Denis Morrill commented that this points out the absurdity of the athletic program and he felt it should be done away with.

Chairman Burningham noted that this may be an issue the Law and Policy Committee would want to discuss.

Recognition of Outgoing Board Member Denis Morrill

Chairman Burningham recognized Denis Morrill who is retiring from the Board to become the President of the Missionary Training Center in Guatemala. He presented a brief biography of Member Morrills public service, especially to public education. Chairman Burningham stated that he has the highest regard for Member Morrill. His

expertise, particularly in certain areas, has been of great value to the Board. He will be deeply missed. Chairman Burningham presented Member Morrill with the traditional school bell.

Member Morrill commented that his service on the Board has been a wonderful experience for him. The best part of the experience has been the wonderful people he has worked with. He complimented that Board on the fact that although they have seriously disagreed on certain issues, they have never been disagreeable. He commented that we have a real challenge in the state that we must realize and that is that we produce children faster than income. The children are our future and we need to help them achieve all they can. He expressed appreciation to the leadership of the Board for the direction they are taking the Board.

Member Morrill was excused from the remainder of the meeting.

Executive Session

Motion was made by Member Teresa L. Theurer and seconded by Member Tim Beagley to move into an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel issues. The Board was polled and by unanimous consent of those present, the Board moved into an executive session at 11:55 a.m.

Motion was made by Member Linnea S. Barney and seconded by Vice Chairman Janet A. Cannon to reconvene into open meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Denis Morrill absent. The Board reconvened into open meeting at 12:15 p.m. The Board recessed for lunch.

The Board reconvened into open meeting at 12:35 p.m.

Representative Marda Dillree joined the Board for lunch and reviewed a draft of legislation she will be sponsoring relative to establishing a new school district for charter schools.

The Board informally dialogued with Representative Dillree relative to the proposed legislation and other legislative issues.

Representative Dillree expressed her appreciation for the invitation to come and share the information on the proposed legislation. She also expressed appreciation to the Board for their service.

Chairman Burningham expressed appreciation to Representative Dillree for her service in the legislature and her support of public education.

Executive Session Action

Utah Professional Practices Advisory Committee Recommendations

Motion was made by Member David L. Moss and seconded by Member Tim Beagley to adopt the Commission's recommendation in Case No. 94-357 and reinstate the educator license, with conditions, of a former teacher in the Cache School District. The license was previously suspended as a result of the educator's conviction of one count of issuing a bad check, a third-degree felony in 1994 and seven criminal charges related to handling student and school funds in May, 2001. The educator received a previous warning letter from UPPAC and warnings from the

school district. A copy of the hearing report was reviewed by the Members of the Board. Motion carried with Members Allen, Barney, Beagley, Brown, Cannon, Dalton, Moss, Richards, Roberts and Theurer voting in favor; Member Anderson opposed; Member Haws absent.

Motion was made by Member David L. Moss and seconded by Member Tim Beagley to adopt the Commission's recommendation in Case No. 00-495 and reinstate the license of a former educator in the Box Elder School District. The license was previously suspended as a result of the educator's inappropriate activities with female students. A copy of the hearing report was reviewed by the Members of the Board.

Member Moss stated that he is uncomfortable with the reinstatement due to the fact that based upon the hearing report reviewed today, the educator was not forthcoming with some of the action he/she may have in fact participated in. Until he is more comfortable or more aware with what some of those actions were, he is reluctant to vote to reinstate this individual's license.

Motion failed with Members Barney, Beagley, Dalton and Theurer voting in favor; Members Allen, Anderson, Cannon, Moss, Richards and Roberts voting against; Member Haws absent.

Motion was made by Member David L. Moss and seconded by Member R. Michael Anderson to send Case No. 00-495 back to the Professional Practices Advisory Commission for further investigation. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Member David L. Moss and seconded by Member Tim Beagley to adopt the Commission's recommendation in Case No. 03-651 to accept a stipulated agreement, including conditions of the agreement, whereby a former teacher in the Jordan School District voluntarily surrenders his educator license in lieu of a hearing for purposes of suspension for a period of three years from the date of formal action by the State Board of Education. The suspension results from engaging in sexually-explicit e-mail conversations with a female student. Motion carried with Members Allen, Anderson, Barney, Beagley, Cannon, Dalton, Moss, Richards, Roberts and Theurer voting in favor; Member Haws absent

Motion was made by Member David L. Moss and seconded by Member Tim Beagley to adopt the Commission's recommendation in Case No. 03-656 to accept a stipulated agreement, including conditions of the agreement, whereby a former teacher in Davis School District, voluntarily surrenders his educator license in lieu of a hearing for purposes of suspension for one year from the date of formal action by the State Board of Education. The suspension results from inappropriate conduct with a student. Motion carried unanimously.

(For complete details of the Utah Professional Practices Advisory Commission report, see General Exhibit No. 9227.)

Board Standing Committee Reports

Law and Policy Committee

Member Davis L. Moss, Chairman of the Law and Policy Committee presented the following recommendations from the Committee:

Electronic High School, R277-725

Rule R277-725, Electronic High School, is to satisfy statutory language, Section 53A-17a-131.15, that requires the Board to provide a rule for distribution of funds for the electronic high school program. The rule also provides procedures for determining courses and credit, student eligibility for enrollment, services for students with disabilities, student fees or tuition, and teacher requirements and payments. (For complete details of the rule, see General Exhibit No. 9228.)

The Committee approved R277-725, Electronic High School on first reading and moves that the Board approve R277-725 on second reading. Motion carried with Members Allen, Anderson, Barney, Beagley, Cannon, Dalton, Moss, Richards, Roberts and Theurer voting in favor; Member Haws absent.

Superintendent Laing noted that at some future time the Board will need to address a diploma from the Electronic High School.

Board Procedures: Sanctions for Educator Misconduct, R277-514

Rule R277-514, Board Procedures: Sanctions for Educator Misconduct is being amended to eliminate provisions about the Licensure Committee and make the rule consistent with current practice, i.e. the whole Board receiving recommendations from the Utah Professional Practices Commission and taking action. (For complete details of the rule, see General Exhibit No. 9229.)

The Committee approved R277-514, Board Procedures: Sanctions for Educator Misconduct on first reading and moves that the Board approve R277-514 on second reading. Motion carried with Members Allen, Anderson, Barney, Beagley, Cannon, Dalton, Moss, Richards, Roberts and Theurer voting in favor; Member Haws absent.

Finance Committee

Member Tim Beagley a Member of the Finance Committee presented the following recommendations from the Committee:

Child Nutrition Programs and Activities Review

Laura Oscarson Wilde reviewed the Child Nutrition Programs. They reported that in 2002, \$93 million for meals and other services to Utah's school children and other dependents was spent across the state under the Child Nutrition Programs. (For complete details of the report, see General Exhibit No. 9230.)

The committee requested further information to be presented at the next meeting relative to vending machine revenues and the amount of time allowed in high schools for lunch break, and an explanation of time periods under 30 minutes.

No action was required.

Other Business

The Committee questioned whether or not the Board would meet again this year on Fridays during the legislative session to review and take action on pending legislation. Superintendent Laing was requested to develop a schedule for such meetings.

Superintendent Laing suggested that the meetings start on January 30, followed by the Board meeting the next week and then the next three Fridays, February 13, 20 and 27, beginning at 10:00 a.m. He noted that there needs to be a quorum of the Board present.

Budget Review

The staff reviewed Governor Walker's budget recommendations and relevant action taken by the legislative Executive Appropriation Committee at its December 17th meeting. The Board's FY 2005 Budget request was also presented. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 9231.)

Member Beagley reviewed the budget recommendations and the comparisons between the State Board request and the Governor's request.

The Finance Committee recommended that the Board make a statement in support of Governor Walker's budget recommendations as a good first step towards achieving the Board's FY 2005 budget recommendations.

Motion was made by Member Tim Beagley and seconded by Vice Chairman Janet A. Cannon that the Board make a statement in supports Governor Walker's budget recommendations as a good first step toward achieving the Board's FY 2005 budget recommendations.

Member Greg Haws voiced concern of supporting the Governor's budget when it is significantly less than our proposal. He felt we may want to recognize the limitations that exist, and we will be a team player to try to make it work.

Member Beagley commented that the Governor's budget reflects only a small portion of the Performance Plus Proposal, and our budget reflects the entire amount and that is the largest difference in the two budget requests.

Vice Chairman Janet Cannon commended Associate Superintendent Patrick Ogden for the Board's Budget request document.

Motion carried unanimously.

Curriculum Committee

Member Teresa L. Theurer, Chairman of the Curriculum Committee presented the following recommendations from the Committee:

Distribution of Funds to Arts and Sciences Organizations, R277-444

S.B. 1, passed by the 2003 Legislature, provided an appropriation to the Utah State Office of Education to distribute funds to two (an art and a science) organizations which are identified as “RFP organizations” within the legislation.

Based on the Legislation, amendments to R277-444, Distribution of Funds to Arts and Sciences Organizations, were recommended as follows: (1) R277-444-3-B is no longer valid and has been eliminated; (2) Clarifications have been made in the definitions of Arts and Science organizations; (3) Items E and F of Accountability have been moved to Applications and Funding; and (4) The provisions in the rule for reporting and accountability are still necessary for both the Line Item organizations and the “RFP” organizations. (For complete details of the rule, see General Exhibit No.9232.) The Committee amended the rule on lines 71 and 72 to read: Organizations that receive arts/science funding shall submit an annual evaluation report to the USOE by July 1.

The Committee approved R277-444, Distribution of Funds to Arts and Sciences Organizations on first reading as amended and moves that the Board approve R277-444 on second reading. Motion carried unanimously.

Accreditation of Schools

The Utah State Accreditation Committee has reviewed the Annual Northwest Association of Schools and of Colleges and Universities (Northwest) Report and determined an accreditation status. The accreditation process provides an important vehicle for school accountability regarding student achievement, compliance with state rules and regulations, regional standards, and schoolwide improvement. Utah public high schools are required to be accredited by Northwest (R277-413). The recommendations of the Utah State Accreditation Committee and Northwest reflect the status of schools with respect to the state standards and to Northwest standards. (For complete details of the report, see General Exhibit No. 9233.)

One change on the second page of the report the Electronic High School was left off and it has been approved by the Northwest Association of Schools and of Colleges and Universities. Each Board member was given a report on the schools in their areas.

Motion was made by Member Teresa L. Theurer and seconded by Member David L. Moss that the Board accept and release the Accreditation Report. Motion carried unanimously.

Performance Plus Task Force Reports

The details of Performance Plus continue to be recommended as additions/changes to the plan through task forces comprised of educators, parents, business, and community members from throughout Utah. The Committee received a report of the progress of the task forces and the directions they are recommending.

General Consent Calendar

Motion was made by Vice Chairman Janet A. Cannon and seconded by Member R. Michael Anderson to approve the General Consent Calendar as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of the Meeting of the State Board of Education held December 5, 2003.

2. Educator Licensing Requests for Temporary Authorizations

Requests for Temporary Authorizations as submitted by the Schools Districts. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 9234.)

3. Elementary and Secondary School Core Curriculum, R277-700

Performance Plus has been in statewide discussion for several months, culminating in the Governor's Summit in the fall of 2003. The Board has listened to broad public feedback and has taken action accordingly on some aspects of Performance Plus, preparing the plan for implementation in Utah schools. One such action is a motion to change the high school graduation requirements and the rule regarding graduation requirements to match the Performance Plus proposal of October 29, 2003. R277-700, Elementary and Secondary School Core Curriculum was amended to reflect the changes. The Board approved R277-700, Elementary and Secondary School Core Curriculum on second reading at the December 5, 2003 meeting. There have been no substantive changes to the rule since that time. The Board approved R277-700, Secondary School Core Curriculum on third and final reading. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 9235.)

4. Educator Licensing Renewal, R277-501

Amendments to R277-501, Educator Licensing Renewal were made to provide for specific amounts and types of professional development requirements for highly qualified teachers under No Child Left Behind. The amendments include an additional change that was requested at the November 14 Board meeting regarding consistency with SB 154 (noted in Sections J and K). The Board approved R277-501 Educator Licensing Renewal on second reading at the December 5, 2003 meeting. There have been no substantive changes to the rule since that time. The Board approved R277-501, Educator Licensing Renewal on third and final reading. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 9236.)

5. Monthly Budget Report

The Monthly Budget Report provides information to the Board in meeting its fiduciary responsibilities toward the Utah State Office of Education and the Utah State Office of Rehabilitation. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 9237.)

6. List of Applicants for Licenses

The list of applicants for initial and renewal licenses was approved by the Board. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 9238.)

7. Claims Report

The Claims Report in the amount of \$159,604,038.15 for December 31, 2003, was approved by the Board. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 9239.)

Executive Officer Report

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

ACT Perfect Score – Superintendent Laing reported that we have received information from ACT that Tyrie L. Vella, Mountain View High School achieved a perfect score of 36 on the ACT. He was the only Utah student, out of a total of about 10,000 who took the ACT in October and one of only 41 in the nation, out of 425,000, who were tested that month.

Wilson Center and Oquirrh Institute – On February 7, the Wilson Center and Oquirrh Institute are hosting a symposium on competency based education. They have invited the Deputy Secretary of Education, Eugene Hickok to attend as well as he and Chairman Burningham to participate. It is expected that all board members will also be invited. He noted that the Wilson Center will be recognizing two of our congressional delegation at that time.

Administrative Rules Committee – Superintendent Laing reported that the Administrative Rules Committee met yesterday and he and Carol Lear were invited to attend relative to the charter school authorization process. The committee did not take any action. However, it was clear that at least the chair, co-chair and a member of the committee were quite active in their criticism of the fact that the Riverside Charter School application was not approved. When asked what the issue was that brought us before the Administrative Rules Committee and what rule they were talking about, they did refer to our rule on charter schools. They criticized us around the following points: The people representing Riverside, Mr. Scott Brown and Mrs. Martinez claimed they were asked to do an impact study, to give documentation to support the history and conception of the initiative and they were forced into merger negotiations with the Governor's NUAMES school. The committee members that were exercised about this said none of those are part of the Board's rule or the criteria specified in the law for the approval of charter schools. They went on to chastize us about exercising legislative authority when it was their intention that we have administrative authority with regard to the approval of charter schools, i.e., if the charter school applicant has touched the bases outlined in the law and the rule that has been approved, should not be an issue. Superintendent Laing stated that he would convey the message to the Board, however, we did not feel that way. We felt that the Board has administrative responsibility as well as legislative responsibility. Dr. Laing further noted that there were several committee members who commented they would support legislation to create another chartering body.

Member Greg Haws indicated he was offended by the concept that anyone forced any efforts to negotiate with NUAMES.

Dr. Laing further indicated that the perception of three legislators is that they didn't feel there was legislative authority and it was a matter of checking to see if the criteria specified in the law or approved in the rule were met to a sufficient degree. They could not find anything in them that indicated whether or not we would consider the impact on districts, the competitive nature of schools being located close together, etc.

Wells Fargo Economic Outlook Report – Superintendent Laing reported that he attended the Wells Fargo Economic Outlook Report. Their economists projections are modest growth in improvement in the economic pictures

in Utah. He commented that they were quite accurate in projecting 2003's results. They are projecting that inflation will be approximately 2%; growth, still immigration state, but most is because of our fertility rate, and there we are again at the top of the list.

School Trust Proceeds. Dr. Laing reported that we have received a letter from the Attorney General's Office, relative to whether or not interest on school trust proceeds could be placed in the general fund. There has been a practice in the past that some interest generated on school trust land funds were being placed in the general fund. The opinion clarifies that all funds generated from school trust lands should go back to the designated beneficiaries, either the institution, or in our case the school trust land program. This has not been large amounts of money.

Association of Public Education Foundations – The Association of Public Education Foundations has been given approval to offer a vanity license plate. Dr. Laing noted that when relicensing your car and subscribe to one of these plates \$25 a year will go to the Public Education Foundation of your choice. The license plates are available now.

Utah School Boards Association Convention – Dr. Laing noted that tomorrow the Board is encouraged to participate in the Utah School Boards Association Convention at 9:00 a.m. The keynote speaker is Dr. Philip Boyle whose topic is “Public Leadership in a Democratic Society.”

Also tomorrow there will be a meeting with Senator Bob Bennett to talk about No Child Left Behind here in the Board room.

The Board will also meet again at 11:30 a.m. for Strategic Planning.

Beginning at 2:30 tomorrow there is a session at the USBA Convention where he and Chairman Burningham will be making presentations around graduation requirements and competency based education.

At 6:00 p.m. USBA Banquet.

Dr. Laing noted he had received a letter from former Governor Leavitt thanking the Board for the Resolution of Appreciation.

Dr. Laing shared a copy of a memorandum to the Board of Regents sent by Commissioner Kendall asking the Board of Regents to become involved with the legislature in a Higher Education Day on the Hill, to become aware of their legislators, and to make some contacts. He indicated this is something that State Board has been doing and they should be complimented for their example.

Dr. Laing shared with the Board how to access to the legislatures web information from the USOE home page, under 2004 Legislative Session. He encouraged the Board to use this.

Dr. Laing reported that Vicky Dahn, Curriculum Director, will be retiring next week. Also this past week Louise Moulding announced she will be leaving the office to go to Weber State University in July.

Board Chairman Report

Chairman Kim R. Burningham presented the following items of information:

Representative Lorraine Pace continues her effort to try to get the legislature to stop drafting legislation relative to education. He shared a letter from Representative Pace requesting the legislature to place a moratorium on education legislation for one year. (For complete details of the letter, see General Exhibit No. 9240.)

Superintendent Laing reported that there are 50 bills relative to public education filed thus far.

Member Joyce Richards requested to make a parliamentary motion.

Member Richards offered an apology Superintendent Laing for the abuse he took at the Administrative Rules Committee.

Motion was made by Member Joyce W. Richards and seconded by Member Greg W. Haws requesting that the State Board of Education reconsider the December vote on the Riverside Charter School, and the issue be placed on the agenda for the full Board for the February 6, 2004 meeting.

Member Richards also requested that if Board Members were interested in the application from Riverside it be furnished to them.

Member Greg Haws reported on the activities on this issue since the December 5th meeting. He and Member Richards called the two groups together asked them if there was a possibility for them to come back together to pursue working together. In the process we told them that if they could we would approve that charter and if they didn't we would approve the Riverside charter. He indicated they looked to them to mediate their differences. He stated that it was his feeling that the Board had legislative oversight over the charter schools and did not want to be a rubber stamp following review by staff. He indicated he is very concerned that these two schools begin operation at the same time. He is optimistic that between now and February they will come together. If not, he will vote to approve the Riverside charter. He indicated that during the December meeting when they were dealing with the Riverside charter it was his understanding that the NUAMES school was chartered and it has not been .

Chairman Burningham clarified that the motion is only to reconsider the previous motion relative to the Riverside Charter School.

Member Tim Beagley questioned why the Board should wait until the February meeting, if those who previously voted against the charter would now vote in favor. It was clarified again that the motion was to reconsider and the purpose in having it on the February agenda is to give public notice.

Chairman Burningham commented that he is pleased with the work Members Haws and Richards have done. This is their community and they have worked well in trying to get them together. He commended them on their work.

Member Dixie Allen commented that the Law and Policy Committee felt frustrated with the way things have been handled and that the Board needs to look at the statute prior to making the decision. She felt that the Board has made several decisions based upon the needs of districts rather than whether they filled out the proper forms. She

felt the Board should look closely at the reasons they support or reject a charter school before they make another decision.

Member Dave Moss commented that as the lone dissenting vote on the law and policy committee, they had an extraordinary amount of discussion on what would be best. Some of the questions have been why did we delay and ask for more information. He indicated that at that point they could have said no, but they all wanted to see if we could make this work. He felt that the information given was inadequate. It was an excellent application, if the NUAMES was not in the picture he could have gone for it. However, he was uncomfortable with using state money for two schools to be doing the same thing in the same area.

Vice Chairman Janet Cannon commented on the Board being Constitutionally charged with general control and supervision of public education and not administrators.

Motion to reconsider carried with Members Allen, Anderson, Barney, Cannon, Haws, Richards, and Roberts voting in favor; Members Beagley, Dalton, Moss and Theurer opposed. Motion was made by Member Debra G. Roberts and seconded by Vice Chairman Janet A. Cannon that a letter be drafted and sent to the Legislature concerning the Boards disapproval of the procedures followed by Rules Committee in calling up staff instead of the Board. Chairman Burningham assigned Member Debra Roberts to work with staff in drafting such a letter.

Member Joyce Richards commented that she did not think this would help, but only stir the pot.

Motion carried with Members Anderson, Barney, Beagley, Cannon, Dalton, Haws, Moss, Roberts and Theurer voting in favor; Members Allen and Richards opposed.

Chairman Burningham strongly encouraged support of Governor Walker's "Read to a Child Program." He stated that Governor Walker said that reading is the most powerful common denominator in education and it is vital to an individuals success. A point of view which all of the Board agrees with. With this program she would like, by the year 2005, that no less than 90 percent of Utah's children can read on or above grade level by the third grade. The *Deseret Morning News* reported on the success of the reading program at the Guadalupe School. The success of the program is that a parent read with every child every day. Governor Walkers recommendation is that each one of us spend 20 minutes a day reading with a child. Chairman Burningham suggested that if you don't have kids read with neighbor children, or volunteer at a school. He requested that the Board accept the challenge and lead out. He introduced three children his nieces and nephew whom he has been reading with every night: Madison McConkie, 10-years old, Abby McConkie, 8-years old and Bryan McConkie 4-years old. The three reported to the Board on the books they read and what they liked in the books that were read to them.

He encouraged the Board members to accept the challenge to go out of their way and read to some children, and at the next Board meeting report on their experience.

Chairman Burningham indicated that the Leadership Committee did not contemplate making any changes in committee assignments. However, if anyone is interested in taking Member Morrills place on the Law and Policy Committee to let him or Janet know as soon as possible.

Chairman Burningham reminded the Board of the dinner with the USBA Board of Directors at the Little America, Arizona Room. Following the dinner the USBA Pre-Conference session is a forum with the Gubernatorial candidates.

Chairman Burningham reported on a meeting he had with Representative Karen Morgan, Senator Karen Hale and Tom Bingham of the Employers Education Coalition relative to an amendment to the election of the members of the State Board of Education. The issue was whether or not that group could come to an agreement on an amendment. He indicated that Karen Morgan would like to sponsor legislation that would be a compromise to what she would hope the Employers Education Coalition would agree and the State Board could agree. They left the meeting with a possible idea that would keep all of the 15 local committees. The members of the committees will be define more definitely as a school district administrator, school board, teacher, parent and then four specific business elements. This would also increase the number of committee members from seven to eight.

Member Tim Beagley suggested it list the PTA rather than a parent. He indicated that the PTA has been very concerned and involved in trying to get this process changed back to the local community.

Meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.