

**MEETING MINUTES OF THE UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BOARD FOR THE UTAH SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND (USDB)**

August 11, 2016

A meeting of the Utah State Board of Education acting as the Governing Board for the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind was held August 11, 2016 at the Utah State Board of Education Building, 250 East 500 South, Salt Lake City, Utah. Chair David Crandall conducted.

**Board Members Present:**

Chair David L. Crandall	Member Brittney Cummins
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Chair David L. Thomas	Member Linda B. Hansen
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair Jennifer A. Johnson	Member Mark Huntsman
Member Dixie L. Allen	Member Stan Lockhart
Member Laura Belnap	Member Jefferson Moss
Member Leslie B. Castle	Member Terryl Warner
Member Barbara W. Corry	Joel Wright

**Board Members Excused:**

Member Spencer Stokes

**USDB Executive Staff and Board Staff Present:**

Joel Coleman, USDB Superintendent	Scott Jones, USBE Deputy Superintendent
Carolyn Lasater, USDB Associate Supt.	Lorraine Austin, Board Secretary
Michelle Tanner, USDB Associate Supt.	Emilie Wheeler, Public Information Officer
Letty Debenham, USDB Finance Director	
Sydnee Dickson, State Superintendent of Public Instruction	

**Others Present:**

Angie Stallings, Glenna Gallo—USB E; Cindy Boring, USDB; Taunya Paxton; Chance Paxton—USDB student; Chris Godfrey, Utah School Employees Association; Gina Coleman, USDB parent; Dick Burton, David Oka, Mark Palesh—West Jordan City

**Call to Order**

Chair Crandall called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION** was made by Member Huntsman and seconded by Member Lockhart that the Board approve the minutes of the June 9, 2016 meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

### **Educational Support Services Division Report**

USDB Superintendent Joel Coleman introduced Cindy Boring, director of USDB Educational Support Services. She gave a presentation of the work of the Support Services Division, which includes transportation, audiology, speech and language pathologists, nursing, occupational therapy, physical therapy, adaptive physical education, orientation and mobility, and psychology and counseling.

She reviewed the areas. LISTEN

### **USDB Financial Report**

USDB Finance Director Letty Debenham gave the monthly budget report.

Member Lockhart asked why there is over \$1 million in carryforward. Ms. Debenham responded that the carryover is about two percent of their overall budget, and Superintendent Coleman added that they are allowed to have five percent carryforward. Ms. Debenham reported that accountability has tightened up and resources are being saved. Superintendent Coleman also noted that carryforward is used for one-time needs, such as improving facilities.

### **Deaf Education License**

Superintendent Coleman reviewed information regarding a proposed deaf education license that will come to a Board standing committee next month. He will be working with Board staff to write a rule and get feedback from the field. He indicated there are some great individuals who have deaf education degrees that don't currently qualify for a license, and therefore, good teachers are lost.

Superintendent Coleman reported that the rule will come to the USDB Advisory Council before coming to the Board, and they are open to all input. The goal is to open the market to people with deaf education degrees.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Coleman reported on the following items:

- The Board approved in policy this year having an annual planning meeting with the Board and the USDB Advisory Council. Superintendent Coleman recommended November 3 as the date, from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- USDB will be moving into its Salt Lake building on August 15. The ribbon-cutting ceremony will take place on October 6 at 3:00 p.m.
- USDB has submitted a letter of intent to purchase property in Springville.
- The USDB received two audits recently from the State Auditor. The first audit uncovered illegal activity and they anticipate hearing back from the Ogden Police Department by the end of the month. The second audit concerns the previous Memorandum of Understanding between the USDB and Sound Beginnings. The audit showed that it was not a good agreement.
- The USDB Annual Report will be presented to the Board in its next meeting.

### **Public Comment**

Chance Paxton - attended the School for the Deaf from preschool to second grade. He indicated after leaving the school he had consultants and speech therapy. He is where he is because of his parents and wonderful teachers, speech therapists and language specialists at the School for the Deaf. Because of them he is able to speak and right now he is 16 and working on getting his driver's license, attending a college prep school, and gearing up to start calculus. He is also in his fourth year of learning Mandarin. He wanted to give the Board an example of what happens with the funding received by the school.

### **Adjournment**

**MOTION** was made by Member Lockhart and seconded by Vice Chair Johnson that the meeting adjourn.

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Lorraine Austin, Board Secretary  
Minutes approved September 8, 2016