

**UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
SUMMARY OF ACTIONS**

November 6, 2015

**Board Members Present:** Chair David Crandall, First Vice Chair David Thomas, Second Vice Chair Jennifer Johnson, Members Dixie Allen, Laura Belnap, Leslie Castle, Barbara Corry, Brittney Cummins, Linda Hansen, Mark Huntsman, Stan Lockhart, Jefferson Moss, Spencer Stokes, Terryl Warner, Joel Wright.

All votes were unanimous unless noted otherwise. Board rules can be accessed at <http://schools.utah.gov/law/Administrative-Rules.aspx>.

- The Board held a hearing to receive public comment on charging fees for the Utah State Office of Education student information system—ASPIRE.
- The Board approved the minutes of the USDB Board meeting of October 8, 2015.
- The Board approved the General Consent Calendar.
- The Board approved making a recommendation to the legislature that the Electronic High School not be re-appropriated for next year, with Members Belnap, Castle, Cummins, Crandall, Hansen, Huntsman, Johnson, Moss, Stokes, Thomas, Warner and Wright in favor, and Members Allen and Corry opposed.
- The Board empowered its leadership to meet with the Attorney General about the Board hiring its own in-house counsel, and that depending on the results of the conversation and after advising the Board, leadership could request that a bill file be opened to facilitate the option.
- The Board revised its budget priorities for ongoing funding for state fiscal year (SFY) 2017. The priorities are as follows:
  - Student growth
  - WPU increase – One percent
  - 1. Risk Mitigation – \$862,200
  - 2. School Finance/Internal Audit - \$605,000
  - 3. Technology Grant Program - \$50,000,000
  - 4. Career Exempt Option Program - \$1,000,000
  - 5. Special Education - \$15,398,871
  - 6. Professional Development Grants - \$9,000,000
  - 7. Internal Staffing - \$330,000

- The Board voted to consider revisions to its request for one-time funds for SFY 17 in its December meeting.
- The Board approved making a recommendation to the legislature that state funding for the Utah State Office of Rehabilitation come from the General Fund instead of the Education Fund.
- The Board approved making a recommendation to the legislature for legislation that will grant the Board the authority to appoint and remove members of the State Charter School Board (SCSB) and select the chair of the SCSB, with Members Allen, Belnap, Castle, Corry, Cummins, Crandall, Hansen, Huntsman, Johnson, Stokes, Thomas, and Warner in favor, and Members Moss and Wright opposed; Member Lockhart abstained.
- The Board approved making a recommendation to the legislature for legislation that will change the voluntary school improvement process for charter schools to extend the time for action by the State Board of Education, once it has received a request from an authorizer, to sixty days, and that the process cannot automatically move forward in the absence of action by the State Board. Members Allen, Belnap, Castle, Corry, Cummins, Crandall, Hansen, Huntsman, Johnson, Moss, Stokes, Thomas and Warner in favor, and Members Lockhart and Wright opposed.
- The Board approved R277-726 *Statewide Online Education Program*, as amended, on second reading; Member Johnson absent.
- The Board approved R277-494 *Charter School and Online Student Participation in Extracurricular or Co-curricular School Activities*, as amended, on second reading, and directed that the rule come back to the Law and Licensing Committee in December for further discussion of the activity fee. Member Johnson absent.
- The Board approved R277-920-3 *Implementation of the School Turnaround and Leadership Development Act—Superintendent’s Designation of Low Performing Schools and Waiver Authority*, as amended, on second reading. Member Johnson absent.
- The Board approved using the SGP 40 formula for calculating a student growth target. Member Johnson absent.
- The Board directed staff to draft language that could be recommended to the legislature regarding calculating student growth that provides for a good measure of accountability. Member Johnson absent.
- The Board directed staff to research and find the most cost effective and academically sound commercial product for a kindergarten assessment. Member Johnson absent.
- The Board approved directing its representative to the taxing entity committees to vote with the local board on the Bountiful City C.B.D. Neighborhood Development Plan extension, with Members Belnap, Castle, Corry, Hansen, Huntsman, Lockhart, Thomas, and Warner in favor, and Members Allen, Cummins, Crandall, Johnson, Moss, Stokes, and Wright opposed.

- A motion to request that the legislature redistribute class size reduction funds through the WPU to be managed by the districts was postponed, with Members Thomas and Wright opposed; Member Belnap abstained.
- The Board approved seeking legislation that would give the Board and superintendent control over the salary ranges and categories for their staff.
- The Board approved requiring districts with out-of-state tuition payments to preapprove those payments with the Board on an annual basis, and directed that the requirement be added to Board rule.
- The Board approved the list of providers for child sexual abuse prevention instruction materials as presented; Member Johnson absent. The approved providers are:
  - Youth – Lauren’s Kids, Prevent Child Abuse Utah
  - Youth Serving Adults – Darkness to Light
  - Parents and Guardians – Darkness to Light, Prevent Child Abuse Utah
- The Board authorized Superintendent Brad Smith to schedule a hearing no later than November 23 for Board rule R277-920 *Implementation of the School Turnaround and Leadership Development Act*; Member Johnson absent.
- The Board approved its schedule of Board meetings for 2016 [schedule attached]; Member Johnson absent.
- The Board approved the Utah Professional Practices Advisory Commission (UPPAC) Consent Calendar; Members Allen, Corry, Johnson and Moss absent.
- The Board accepted the UPPAC recommendation in Case No. 15-38 and approved background clearance; Members Allen, Corry, Johnson and Moss absent.
- The Board accepted the UPPAC recommendation in Case No. 15-1284 for a letter of reprimand to be issued to the educator. Members Allen, Corry, Johnson and Moss absent.
- The Board approved issuing a remand order in Case 15-1276 to remand the case to UPPAC for a hearing; Members Allen, Corry, Johnson and Moss absent.
- The Board approved the findings and issuing the order to deny reinstatement in Case No. 91-251; Members Allen, Corry, Johnson and Moss absent.
- The Board accepted the findings in Case No. 14-1246 and approved issuing the order to suspend the respondent’s Level 2 Educator License for a period of no less than two years from the date of Board action on October 9, 2015; Members Allen, Corry, Johnson and Moss absent.

- The Board appointed the following to the Interpreter’s Certification Board for three-year terms: Amy Hardy and Callie Van Wagenen, representing interpreters for the deaf; Dan Mathis, representing consumers; Members Allen, Corry, Johnson and Moss absent.
- The Board appointed R. Neil Walter and Dan Griffiths to the School and Institutional Trust Lands Board of Trustees Nominating Committee for four-year terms; Members Allen, Corry, Johnson and Moss absent.
- The Board directed Superintendent Smith to move ahead with the settlement of the Roads to Independence contract.

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