

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

**December 3, 2015**

A meeting of the Utah State Board of Education acting as the governing board for the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind (USDB Board) was held December 3, 2015 at the Utah State Office of Education, 250 East 500 South, Salt Lake City, Utah. Chair David Crandall conducted.

**Board Members Present:**

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

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

Joel Coleman, USDB Superintendent	Lorraine Austin, Board Secretary
Brad Smith, State Superintendent	Emilie Wheeler, Board Communication Specialist
Carolyn Lasater, USDB Associate Supt.	
Letty Debenham, USDB Finance Director	

**Others Present:**

JoAnn Wong; Coalition of Minorities Advisory Committee; Joylin Lincoln

**Call to Order**

Chair David Crandall called the meeting to order at 5:20 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION** was made by Member Wright and seconded by Member Allen that the Board approve the minutes of the November 5, 2015 meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

### **Deaf Central Division Report**

USDB Superintendent Joel Coleman introduced Jennifer Salazar from the USDB Deaf Central Division. Ms. Salazar gave a presentation about the work of that division. She reported that a major focus is using cochlear implants or hearing aides as early as possible.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Coleman reported on the progress of the proposed purchase of the Grant building in Springville. The state Division of Facilities and Construction Management took a team to the building to make an assessment on how much it would take to completely rehabilitate the building. Superintendent Coleman voiced his concern that the amount of work they are suggesting is not necessary for the school's needs. He recommended having a third-party assessment. He will be meeting with the State Building Board to request their support for purchasing the building.

### **USDB Financial Report**

USDB Finance Director Letty Debenham gave the monthly financial report. She introduced new hires in the USDB Finance Division, Jessica Hardy and Victoria Summers. She also reported that a Purchasing Agent has been hired that will start on December 14.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Lorraine Austin, Board Secretary  
Minutes approved January 6, 2016