UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION LEGISLATIVE MEETING MINUTES

January 26, 2012

The Utah State Board of Education held a legislative meeting on January 26, 2012 at the Utah State Office of Education, Salt Lake City, Utah. Meeting commenced at 12:04 p.m. Chair Debra Roberts conducted.

Board Members present:

Member Debra RobertsMember Leslie CastleMember Dixie AllenMember David CrandallMember Laurel BrownMember Michael JensenMember Kim BurninghamMember Mark OpenshawMember Janet CannonMember David Thomas (part)

Member participating electronically:

Member Keith Buswell (part) Member Joel Coleman (part) Member Tami Pyfer

USOE Staff present:

Larry K. Shumway, State Superintendent of Public Instruction Martell Menlove, Deputy Superintendent Brenda Hales, Associate Superintendent Todd Hauber, Associate Superintendent Judy Park, Associate Superintendent Don Uchida, USOR Executive Director Larry Newton, School Finance Director Natalie Grange, Internal Auditor Elizabeth Ziegler, Social Media Specialist Lorraine Austin, Board Secretary

Utah School Boards Association Request

Patti Harrington, Executive Director of the Utah Schools Superintendents Association and Bruce Williams, Tooele School District Business Administrator, distributed and reviewed information on local property tax replacement funding for Utah's charter schools and state calculation of charter school replacement funds. Dr. Harrington indicated there is push by legislators to take 100 percent of charter school needs from districts.

The Utah School Boards Association, Utah School Superintendents Association, and Utah Association of School Business Officials will oppose any attempt to take more property tax revenues from districts for charter schools. The groups requested the State Board's support to continue the current structure. [For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 11806.]

As there is no bill currently in place, the Board did not take a position.

Reports from Legislators

Representative Craig Powell

Representative Powell discussed HB 258 *Education Funding Amendments*. In the 2011 Legislative Session base budget bill, language was included that discontinued the practice of counting the hours that students are away from their public school at an ATC as part of the allocation for that student. Representative Powell has been working with rural school districts and ATCs for several months to look at solutions to the loss of funding. HB258 will repeal the action done last year and reinsert the original language.

Representative Powell also mentioned HB 62 *Provisions Regarding School Supplies*. The bill will allow teachers to produce a list of recommended classroom supplies and send the list home with all the necessary disclaimers indicating that the supplies are not required.

Representative Patrice Arent

Representative Arent discussed HB 65 *College and Career Counseling for High School Students*. The proposed legislation appropriates funding for 18 pilot programs that would use students in counseling Masters programs to provide additional counseling to students in applying to colleges and obtaining scholarships.

Motion was made by Member Janet Cannon and seconded by Member David Crandall that the Board support the concept of HB 65 *College and Career Counseling for High School Students*. Motion carried.

Education-related Bills

Deputy Superintendent Martell Menlove reviewed education-related bills. The following actions were taken.

HB 53 Utah Education Network Amendments

Motion was by Member Dixie Allen and seconded by Member Mark Openshaw that the Board take a position of support for HB 53. Motion carried; Member Thomas absent.

HB 62 Provisions Regarding School Supplies

Motion was made by Member Dixie Allen and seconded by Member David Crandall that the Board take a position of support for HB 62. Motion carried, with Member Janet Cannon opposed; Member David Thomas absent.

HB 84 Teacher Licensing

Motion was made by Member Janet Cannon and seconded by Member Laurel Brown that the Board oppose HB 84.

Substitute motion was made by Member Dixie Allen and seconded by Member Mark Openshaw that USOE staff work with the sponsor of HB 84 to resolve the issues, and that the Board not take a position at this time. Motion carried with Members Jensen, Burningham, Brown, Crandall, Castle, Openshaw, Pyfer, and Roberts in favor and Member Cannon opposed; Members Thomas and J. Coleman absent.

HB 258 Education Funding Amendments

Motion was made by Member David Crandall and seconded by Member Dixie Allen that the Board support the concept of HB 258, and prioritize the bill with other bills that have fiscal notes. Motion carried; Members Thomas and J. Coleman absent.

SB 10 College and Career Readiness Assessment

Motion was made by Member Laurel Brown and seconded by Member Tami Pyfer that the Board take a position of hold for further study on SB 10. Member Crandall opposed the motion, as the bill is one of the Board's initiatives.

Motion was made by Member Mark Openshaw and seconded by Member Dixie Allen that the Board move on from the discussion. Motion failed, with Members Allen, Cannon, Crandall, Openshaw, Pyfer, and Roberts in favor and Members Brown, Burningham, Castle and

Jensen opposed; Members Thomas and J. Coleman absent.

Motion to take a position of hold for further study failed, with Members Brown, Burningham, Castle, Jensen, Openshaw and Pyfer in favor and Members Allen, Cannon, and Crandall opposed; Members J. Coleman and Thomas absent.

SB 31 Classroom Size Amendments

Motion was made by Member Mark Openshaw and seconded by Member Laurel Brown that the Board support the concept of SB 31 *Classroom Size Amendments*, with the recognition that LEAs and local control are important in these decisions. Motion carried; Members J. Coleman and Thomas absent.

Member Keith Buswell joined the meeting.

HB 62 Reconsideration

Motion to reconsider the vote on HB 62 was made by Member Leslie Castle and seconded by Member Tami Pyfer. Member Castle expressed her concern that students might feel social pressure to bring supplies.

Motion failed, with Members Cannon, Castle, and Pyfer in favor and Members Allen, Brown, Burningham, Crandall, Jensen and Openshaw opposed; Members J. Coleman and Thomas absent.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Member Laurel Brown and seconded by Member Dixie Allen that the meeting adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 2:02 p.m.

Lorraine Austin, Secretary to the Board Approved March 2, 2012