

**UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
LEGISLATIVE MEETING MINUTES**

March 10, 2016

A legislative meeting of the Utah State Board of Education was held in Room E210 in the Senate Building, Utah State Capitol Complex, 350 North State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah. Chair David Crandall presided.

Board Members Present:

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

Members Excused:

Member Dixie L. Allen

Executive and Board Staff Present:

Sydnee Dickson, Interim Supt.	Lorraine Austin, Board Secretary
Rich Nye, Acting Deputy Supt.	Emilie Wheeler, Board Communications Specialist
Angie Stallings, Associate Supt.	
Joel Coleman, USDB Superintendent	

Others Present:

Cheri Rieben, Ben Rasmussen, Nick Varney, Aaron Brough, Diana Suddreth, JoEllen Shaeffer, Karen Rupp—Utah State Office of Education (USOE); Carolyn White, Beaver School District; Kristi Swett, Utah School Boards Association (USBA); Nancy Kennedy, Box Elder School District/USBA; Ray Terry, Utah School Superintendents Association (USSA); Jerre Holmes, North Summit School District/USSA; Dale Lamborn, Rich School District; Dawn Davies, Utah PTA; Karen Peterson, Governor’s Office; Allison Nicholson, Utah Education Policy Center; Jay Blain, Sara Jones—Utah Education Association; Rick Robins, Darin Clark—Juab School District; James Moss, State Board candidate; Bronwynne Castle; Nancy Tingey, USBA.

Call to Order

Chair David Crandall called the meeting to order at 12:20 p.m.

Discussion and Action on Legislation

Senator Lincoln Fillmore was welcomed to the meeting. He distributed and reviewed S.B. 244 2nd Substitute *School Funding Provisions* and the concept of equity pupil unit.

Member Castle requested that the district superintendents in the audience be invited to comment about the bill.

Superintendent Ray Terry, President of the Utah School Superintendents Association (USSA), acknowledged that Senator Fillmore has tried to address several issues in the legislation over the last week. Superintendent Terry suggested more time is needed to determine the impact of the legislation. He pointed out that there is already equalization through Necessarily Existent Small School funding and the Weighted Pupil Unit (WPU). He requested more time to study the issue.

Superintendent Jerre Holmes, North Summit School District, indicated he accepts the concept of equity, but suggested that due to the major shift more study be done by in the legislative interim. Superintendent Dale Lamborn, Rich School District, also echoed that this would be a major policy shift that needs more study. He voiced his feeling that new money should be attached to the bill.

Kristi Swett, Utah School Boards Association (USBA), commented that the hesitancy for districts is because of how quickly the legislation has come out and districts haven't had time to vet it the bill. Nancy Tingey, USBA, expressed appreciation to Senator Fillmore for his conversations with the USBA and USSA, and indicated the superintendents and school boards are trying to understand the impacts.

Senator Howard Stephenson was welcomed to the meeting. He indicated the bill is not different than the bill that was presented during the last legislative session. He pointed out that if the bill passes it won't take effect for a year, allowing for time for study and feedback. He emphasized that now is the time to do it.

Senator Stephenson also discussed S.B. 176 3rd Substitute *Office of the State Board of Education Employment Amendments*. He informed the Board that the Utah Department of Human Resource Management (DHRM) is not opposed to the legislation. State Auditor John

Dougall informed the Board that a 4th Substitute is coming out which ensures that the Board has the authority to implement the program, and also creates a new salary schedule.

MOTION was made by Vice Chair Johnson and seconded by Vice Chair Thomas that the Board support S.B. 176 3rd Substitute.

MOTION TO POSTPONE until the 4th Substitute is available was made by Member Belnap and seconded by Member Hansen.

Motion carried, with Vice Chair Thomas opposed; Member Warner absent.

Associate Superintendent Stallings reviewed education legislation.

Natalie Grange, USOE Finance Director distributed and reviewed information on the appropriations that have passed.

MOTION was made by Vice Chair Johnson and seconded by Vice Chair Thomas that the Board request the House to reconsider H.B. 419 *Education Licensing Amendments*.

Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chair Johnson asked whether Board members would be interested in meeting to have extended conversations with district superintendents in a round robin format. Board members responded in the affirmative. Superintendent Ray Terry indicated the Utah School Superintendents Association would welcome the opportunity.

MOTION was made by Vice Chair Johnson and seconded by Vice Chair Thomas that Board leadership work with USSA to schedule some dates.

Motion carried.

State Auditor John Dougall distributed S.B. 176 4th Substitute.

The motion to support S.B. 176 was put back on the table, and without objection, changed to support of the 4th Substitute.

Debbie Craig, Director of DHRM, commented on the bill. She indicated DHRM had concerns that the 3rd Substitute couldn't be implemented. DHRM is confident the 4th Substitute can be implemented.

Motion carried; Member Stokes absent.

MOTION was made by Vice Chair Thomas and seconded by Vice Chair Johnson that the Board support S.B. 244 2nd Substitute *School Funding Provisions*.

Motion failed, with Members Crandall, Cummins, Johnson, Moss, Stokes, and Thomas in favor, and Members Belnap, Castle, Corry, Hansen, Huntsman, Lockhart, Warner and Wright opposed.

MOTION was made by Vice Chair Thomas and seconded by Vice Chair Johnson that the Board support S.B. 149 2nd Substitute *School Grading Modifications* and direct staff to work with the sponsor to bring it back to the floor for reconsideration.

Member Cummins suggested that in order for the bill not to fail again, the Board request modifications in the bill to ask for an extension on the percentage amounts.

Without objection, the motion was amended accordingly.

Motion carried.

Adjournment

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

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Lorraine Austin, Board Secretary
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