

**MEETING MINUTES OF THE
JOINT MEETING OF THE UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BOARD FOR THE UTAH SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND
AND THE USDB ADVISORY COUNCIL**

October 6, 2016

A joint meeting of the Utah State Board of Education acting as the Governing Board of the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind (USDB) and the USDB Advisory Council was held October 6, 2016 at the C. Mark Openshaw Education Center, 1655 East 3300 South, Salt Lake City, Utah. Chair David Crandall presided.

USBE Members Present:

Chair David L. Crandall	Member Brittney Cummins
1 st Vice Chair David L. Thomas	Member Linda B. Hansen
2 nd Vice Chair Jennifer A. Johnson	Member Mark Huntsman
Member Laura Belnap	Member Jefferson Moss
Member Leslie B. Castle	Member Terryl Warner
Member Barbara W. Corry	

Board Members Excused:

Member Dixie L. Allen	Member Spencer Stokes
Member Stan Lockhart	Member Joel Wright

USDB Advisory Council Members Present:

Chris Bischke, Chair	Jared Olivette
Vickie Hathaway	Sterling Belnap
Chris Edwards	Phillipe Montalette
Karen Harrop	Stephanie Morgan
Melanie Hooten	

USDB Executive Staff Present:

Joel Coleman, USDB Superintendent	Michelle Tanner, USDB Associate Supt.
Carolyn Lasater, USDB Associate Supt. (by phone)	Letty Debenham, USDB Finance Director

Others Present:

Sydnee Dickson, Scott Jones, Emilie Wheeler, Lorraine Austin—USBE staff; Kate Borg, Tamara Flint—USDB; David Rodemack, Division of Human Resource Management.

Call to Order

Chair David Crandall called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION was made Member Huntsman and seconded that the Board approve the minutes of the September 8, 2016 meeting.

Motion carried.

2015-16 USDB Annual Report

USDB Superintendent Joel Coleman announced that Associate Superintendent Carolyn Lasater is out of state with an employee accepting an award on behalf of the Council for the Blind, but is participating by phone.

Associate Superintendents Lasater and Michelle Tanner reviewed highlights from the USDB's 2015-16 Annual Report.

Strategic Plan for FY 2017

Superintendent Coleman reviewed five main areas of focus for USDB developed as a result of meetings with USDB staff, USDB Advisory Council and stakeholders. He reviewed the five major areas of focus and asked for Board input on the plan.

- Facilities and Infrastructure
- Business and Finance
- Leadership Development
- Key Partnerships
- Teaching and Learning

Board members expressed appreciation to Superintendent Coleman for the work he is doing, particularly for his success with the State Building Board and legislature in acquiring new facilities and facility upgrades.

Superintendent Coleman reported that an FY 2018 IFR (increased funding requirement)

request for the Utah State Instructional Materials Access Center (USIMAC) is coming to the Board for consideration. USDB manages USIMAC which produces materials in large print, Braille, and audio format for every student in the state. One half of money for USIMAC comes from legislative appropriation to USDB, and the rest comes from funds sent to local education agencies (LEAs). The proposed request is to ask the legislature to give all the money up front to the USDB so the school doesn't have to collect it back from LEAs.

Superintendent Coleman also discussed an issue with the Board's three percent rule which directs that LEAs that are so big they have more than three percent of the students in the state are responsible to provide their own services for deaf and blind students. He has some concerns with the rule and plans to bring the issue to the Board in a future meeting.

Superintendent Coleman reported that currently there is an interagency agreement between USDB, school districts, and the Board. A Board rule incorporating the agreement into rule will also be coming to the Board for consideration.

Superintendent Coleman announced that this week the USDB has been accepted into the League of Innovative Schools. There are only 89 schools in the country that are part of the League and USDB will be the only deaf and blind school participating. It takes a great deal of commitment to individualized and personalized learning to be accepted. The induction into the League will be on November 2.

Vice Chair Johnson indicated she would like to spend more time looking at the personalized learning initiative referenced under the Teaching and Learning focus.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Coleman reviewed the format used in the last few months for USDB Board meetings and asked for feedback regarding the format. Vice Chair Johnson suggested having more than one meeting a year with the USDB Advisory Council.

USDB Lifeguard Approval

MOTION was made by Vice Chair Thomas and seconded that the Board approve the

USDB lifeguard position.

Superintendent Coleman informed that the Blind School has a very difficult time finding a lifeguard for the pool in Ogden where the school does water therapy with students.

Superintendent Lasater's son is willing to take the position on a temporary basis, but because of the school's strict nepotism policy this must be approved by the Board.

Motion carried.

Adjournment

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

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Following the meeting a ribbon cutting ceremony for the C. Mark Openshaw Education Center was held.

Lorraine Austin, Board Secretary
Minutes approved November 4, 2016