

# UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

## MINUTES

November 6, 1998

Minutes of the meeting of the State Board for Applied Technology Education and the State Board of Education held November 6, 1998, at the Utah State Office of Education, Salt Lake City, Utah. Meeting commenced at 10:20 a.m. Board Chairman Katharine B. Garff presided.

Members present were:

Chairman, Katharine B. Garff  
Vice Chairman, John L. Watson  
Member Linnea S. Barney  
Member Neola Brown  
Member Janet A. Cannon  
Member Cheryl Ferrin  
Member Lynn Haslem  
Member Susan C. Henshaw  
Member C. Grant Hurst  
Member Boyd F. Jensen  
Member Jill G. Kennedy  
Member Joyce W. Richards  
Member Marilyn Shields  
Member Waynette Steel

Also present were:

Executive Officer Scott W. Bean  
Deputy Superintendent Laurie A. Chivers  
Associate Superintendent Robert O. Brems  
Associate Superintendent Steven O. Laing  
Associate Superintendent Jerry P. Peterson  
Executive Director, USOR, Blaine Petersen  
Public Information Officer, Eileen Rencher  
Board Secretary Twila B. Affleck

Also present for portions of the Board meeting were:

Members of the Press:

Kelly K. Bogdanowicz  
Jennifer Toomer-Cook, Deseret News  
Kathy Kapos, Salt Lake Tribune

Kristin Millard, South Davis Jr. High/Sallie Mae Teacher of the Year  
Reed Richards, South Davis Jr. High  
Emily Smedley, West High School, Congressional Award  
Roger Smedley, Citizen  
Janet Smedley, Citizen

Mike Kjar, Legislative Fiscal Analysts Office  
Jim Eldredge, Utah Education Association  
Steven H. Peterson, Utah School Superintendents Association/Utah School Boards Association  
Tyler H. Nichols, Copper Hills High School  
Tyler Nichols Parents, Citizens  
Judy Larson, State Board Member Elect  
Kim R. Burningham, Board Member Elect  
Paula Plant, State PTA  
Mike Christensen, Utah School Employees Association  
Nancy Lord, Citizen  
Richard Maughan, Superintendent, Bridgerland Applied Technology Center  
Chad Campbell, Bridgerland Applied Technology Center  
Brent Hansen, Bridgerland Applied Technology Center  
Julie Hansen, Bridgerland Applied Technology Center  
Ann G. White, Jordan School District  
Floyd Stensrud, Jordan School District

Members, State Office of Education Staff:

Those introduced as part of the Child Nutrition and School Finance Sections, Agency Services  
Judy DeWaal, Agency Services  
Nate Taggart, Agency Services

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The Board repeated the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Member Cheryl Ferrin offered the reverence.

Board secretary Twila B. Affleck recorded the minutes.

Chairman Garff announced and introduced {if present} the winners of the election to the State Board of Education, Bette Arial. Marilyn Shields, John Watson, Kim R. Burningham, Judy Larson, Denis Morrill and Janet Cannon.

Chairman Garff shared a statement by a young Navajo student who received a scholarship to the University of Utah. He was talking about his stairway to life. She felt in some ways it represents what the State Board Members do for the State of Utah. The Navajo saying: ○The real meaning of life comes when you realize the importance of planting trees to provide shade for others to sit under and then don't take the time to sit under it yourself.○

## **Introduction of Staff**

Deputy Superintendent Laurie A. Chivers introduced the staff of the School Finance and Child Nutrition Sections of the Agency Services Division.

## **Recognitions**

Board Member Susan Henshaw recognized Deputy Superintendent Laurie Chivers for finishing the St. George Marathon.

Member Cheryl Ferrin recognized Brent Hansen, Department Head of the Auto Collision and Repair at Bridgerland Applied Technology Center. Mr. Hansen was selected as the ○National Technician of the Year○ by Meguiar's Inc., and the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) for the most outstanding performance and highest test scores in the nation and the first representative from Utah in this field of expertise ¥¥ painting and refinishing and non-structural analysis and damage repair. Member Ferrin presented Mr. Hansen with a plaque from the State Board of Education and the Bridgerland Applied Technology Center.

Richard Maughan, Superintendent, Bridgerland Applied Technology Center commended Mr. Hansen on this recognition. He stated that Mr. Hansen's philosophy is, I teach students, curriculum and skills. He indicated that many companies in the Cache Valley call him for advice. Dr. Maughan introduced Brent Hansen's wife Julie and her parents.

Board Member Waynette Steel recognized Tyler Nichols, a senior at Copper Hills High School, who was the only one to achieve a perfect score of 36 of the 6,500 Utah students who took the ACT Assessment on June 13. Member Steel presented Mr. Nichols with a Certificate of Recognition from the Board.

Board Member Jill Kennedy recognized Emily Smedley, a senior at West High School. Ms. Smedley has received the U.S. Congressional Youth Award. Member Kennedy noted that Emily is the youngest person to have ever received this award. Member Kennedy presented Ms. Smedley with a Certificate of Recognition from the Board.

Member Joyce Richards recognized Kristin R. Millard who was chosen by the Sallie Mae Foundation as Utah's 1998 Sallie Mae First Class Teacher. Kristen received an award of \$1,500 and spent several days in Washington, D.C. She is in her second year as a teacher at North Davis Junior High School.

Vice Chairman John Watson recognized Larry Horyna, Coordinator, Program Development and Support Services, Utah State Office of Education and Diane Russell, Support Service Coordinator for the Utah State Office of Rehabilitation who were nominated for the 1998 Governor's Manager of the Year Award.

Chairman Garff noted that she had written letters and sent certificates to Miriam Allred former student at Timpview High School (now attending Brigham Young University) and Joshua G. Bales, former student Park City High School, (now attending Cornell University) winners of the College Board's Advanced Placement (AP) Program State Scholar Awards.

## **Executive Officer Report**

Superintendent Scott W. Bean presented the following items of information:

Dr. Bean reported that he has presented his **Planning Recommendations** to the Salt Lake School Board, Mueller Park Jr. High Community Council, PTA Legislative Council and the Gifted and Talented Coordinators. He commented that no one disagrees with the items, there is just a discussion on how to get them accomplished. The recommendation we have now, and the way it would be presented to the Legislature, would take about \$48 million. The secondary part can be done by moving from 24 to 28 units by just making schedule changes, if schools are willing to do so. He indicated he had asked Laurie Chivers to go back ten years and make **an estimate of property tax reductions** as they would relate to the current situation and also the income tax, or all sources that go into the education budget. We have been in good economic times and we have the fewest number of workers per school child in the nation. Dr. Laurie Chivers reported that she had gone back six years and there has been reductions of \$242 million in property tax and \$40 million in income tax or a total of \$282 million that we do not now receive in taxes that we did six years ago.

Dr. Bean commented that in good times if we reduce taxes and times when the taxes level out, the obvious conclusion would be that we **increase taxes**. If we don't have enough to do this in current revenues then the legislature should look at some type of tax increase. He continued that he felt that these are important enough that people need to realize that we cannot continue to have the **lowest expenditure per pupil in the nation year after year after year** and not experience a negative consequence. Dr. Bean further commented that if in Utah we put priorities where we should and just put a little bit of that tax decrease back in, it should come to public education and these things could be done. This would be used to add elementary teachers, an average of three per elementary school, have fifth term high schools, summer seminars and the English immersion programs. In addition, if we take about \$20 million more per year then we could work on the ATC part.

Dr. Bean reported that when he met with the Governor on our budget, he was surprised at the figures we presented on taxes.

Dr. Bean reported on a meeting he had with Lex Chamberlain a **Kane School District** Board Member. Dr. Bean commended the Kane Board of Education for trying to do something very difficult in a rural area of the state -- they have tried to control the time out of school for activities. They would like to have cooperation from other districts to hold all of their activities on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. This has not yet been possible in that activity region. The other districts in that region did not agree to that, and consequently they run their activities Tuesday through Friday. Dr. Bean told Mr. Chamberlain that he would write a letter to those districts in that region indicating his support of what they are trying to do. He also felt that the State Board should also write a letter relative to this issue. This is not in opposition to activities, the attempt is to make sure the **time out of school is reduced** to the lowest possible level.

Motion was made by Member Neola Brown and seconded by Member C. Grant Hurst that the Board acknowledge their effort and express support of the State Board in what they are trying to do as recommended by Superintendent Bean.

Discussion ensued relative to the importance of this scheduling and difficult choices that will need to be made.

Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Bean reported that the Wasatch Front South Committee met with **President Beatie** about the **applied technology centers in Salt Lake County and Tooele**. President Beatie was very positive and totally in favor of this concept, and said lets do what it takes to get it done. This represents a recognition, not only on Wasatch Front South, but throughout the state that these ATC are really needed.

Member Grant Hurst reported that in connection with this, he and Lynn Davidson have been working together on some site selection issues and as they have met with several community leaders, the universal response to this has been 100% in support. They have yet to find an individual from the business side who wants to take the lead, but felt that they will find that individual.

Dr. Bean reported that there was also a meeting with Salt Lake County and Tooele legislators, which received the same kind of response, very positive and wanting to do this. He felt that there is good support for this and we need to pursue it.

Member Marilyn Shields commented that the steering committee has done a wonderful job on this. She suggested that the Board individually lobby with their legislators to support this.

Superintendent Bean noted that Lynn Davidson and Karen Derek have also spent countless hours on this proposal.

## **Board Chairman Report**

Chairman Garff reported on the **college savings fund** which is a new program to start college savings with families. There are tax and other benefits for it. She indicated that there is a poster contest going on right now with schools K-9. The individual child receives money for their scholarship fund and schools with more than 50 participants also are eligible for a drawing for \$1,500 for the school. She noted that the flyers have been distributed to schools. She distributed the flyers to board members.

Member Jill Kennedy indicated that this fund is also available for grandparents as well as parents.

Member Grant Hurst voiced concern that this was not being distributed through the students in the schools. Superintendent Bean indicated that they have distributed 400,000 to the schools so every student should receive the information. He also noted that this is for colleges, universities and ATCs nationwide.

Chairman Garff further noted that this savings program needs to be started before the student become 16 years old.

Member Linnea Barney reported on the **NASBE Annual meeting**. She indicated that four Board members, Grant Hurst, Jill Kennedy, Janet Cannon and herself had attended.

Member Barney reported that the NASBE Conference next year will be held in New Orleans and in the year 2000 it will be in St. Louis. NASBE has identified two study group topics, leadership crisis in education, and the role of schools in a safe community.

Member Barney reported that the theme of the conference this year centered on **reading**. There was a presentation by a Principal from Virginia, and Member Hurst asked this principal to describe her school. She indicated they had 620 students, the average class size is 23, she has an assistant principal, two secretaries, a guidance counselor, music, art, physical education, and media specialist. Member Barney also noted that Colorado has passed a literacy law with three parts. It requires that every student will read by the third grade, they will be assessed and the schools are accountable and will be accredited based on the assessments. Member Barney reported that during a workshop on the IDEA standards for next year they talked about reading. There was a discussion relative to the different ways of teaching reading, they thought there should be four or five ways to teach reading.

Member Barney reported that the Minnesota Legislature has dissolved their state board and have appointed a task force to study this issue. She also reported that In the State of Colorado there are 176 school districts.

Member Jill Kennedy reported on **Healthy Schools Network** which was part of the NASBE Annual Meeting. There were some very fine presentations on health issues as they relate to performance. Margaret Rose is following up on that and is trying to get one of these national speakers in for an inservice. She suggested that a Board study session be included with that inservice.

Member Marilyn Shields reported that she had been on a study group this year on accountability and the report was released at the Annual Meeting. Member Shields noted that the two study groups mentioned by Member Barney are open to the Board member to be involved in. She indicated she had found it very positive to be represented by our state in some of these study groups and finding out what is going on in other areas.

Member Janet Cannon reported that as a group at the NASBE Annual Meeting they reviewed the resolutions and found they were not in line with our philosophy and not worded very well. They thought it would be appropriate to submit a resolution to the Resolutions Committee and ask that the Resolutions Committee finish their work in time for the boards to take action on the Resolutions prior to the Annual Meeting.

Member Janet Cannon reported on the GAC meetings at the NASBE Annual Meeting. The Committee is trying to pull together a program of looking at consensus issues to take positions on next year. For example, the states having a role in general governance of education. Also, the reauthorization of Title 5, which is the teacher education bill. One aspect of that got passed which is the **Lighthouse Projects**. It is hoped that the part of the bill that gives the state agencies monies and the ability to fund colleges and universities to train teachers the way the state wants them trained will also be passed.

Member Janet Cannon commented on a *Deseret News* article on the Salt Lake District who is forming a task force to look at **later starting times for high schools**.

Karen Derek, President of the Salt Lake City School Board commented that there are a lot of complicated issues that this brings in trying to solve this problem.

Chairman Garff noted that this is a local issue and probably will not come to this board.

### **School Finance Task Force Recommendations**

Deputy Superintendent Laurie A. Chivers presented the recommendations of the School Finance Task Force. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 8028.) She indicated that she has made this report to the Legislature and sent it to the Utah Association of School Business Officials (UASBO) for their review and comment.

Motion was made by Member C. Grant Hurst and seconded by Member Lynn Haslem to accept the report and to ask staff to return with proposed legislation and board rules to implement the recommendations of the Task Force. Motion carried unanimously.

## **Executive Session**

Motion was made by Vice Chairman John L. Watson and seconded by Member Jill Kennedy for the purposes of discussion personnel and possible litigation issues. The Board was polled and by unanimous consent, the Board moved into Executive Session during lunch at 12:17 p.m.

Motion was made by Member C. Grant Hurst and seconded by Member Janet A. Cannon to reconvene into open meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

## **Open Meeting**

### **Disability Determination Services Advisory Council**

Motion was made by Member C. Grant Hurst and seconded by Member Lynn Haslem to appoint Holly Balken and Marie Hyatt to the Disability Determination Advisory Council. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Utah State Textbook Commission**

Motion was made by Member C. Hurst and seconded by Member Neola Brown to appoint Kip Sayer, as a lay citizen on the Utah State Textbook Commission.

### **Utah Coordinating Council for Youth in Custody**

Motion was made by Member C. Grant Hurst and seconded by Vice Chairman John L. Watson to appoint Kenneth J. Ala, Gaby Anderson, Lori Cerac, Richard Dimick, Odell R. Erickson, Kerry Kedin, Lillie Jackson, Steve Lambertsen, Kathryn Larsen, Michelle Peterson and Sally Tasker to the Utah Coordinating Council for Youth in Custody. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Uintah Basin Applied Technology Center Board**

Motion was made by Member Grant Hurst and seconded by Member Lynn Haslem to appoint Greg Hawkins, representing Business and Industry to the Uintah Basin Applied Technology Center Board. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind Institutional Council**

Motion was made by Member Grant Hurst and seconded by Member John Watson to appoint Lori Cerar and Dennis Platt to the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind Institutional Council. Motion carried unanimously.

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## **General Consent Calendar**

Chairman Garff announced an addendum to the General Consent Calendar for Administrative Rules Review of four rules.

Motion was made by Member Grant Hurst and seconded by Member John Watson to approve the General Consent Calendar including the addendum. Motion carried unanimously.

### 1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of the Meeting of the State Board for Applied Technology Education and the State Board of Education held October 2, 1998.

## 2. Contracts

(A) Center for Career & Work-related Education. \$2,916.97. Fed.

To provide inservice training for adult educators at the Adult Education Summer Institute on the sixth and seventh of August, 1998. This will include the keynote address and three 3-hour inservice trainings.

(B) Jennifer S. Johns. \$17,000. 9/1/98-8/31/99. - Fed. - Amend.

To continue and update the evaluation of the Utah Community Partnership for Character Education Development and the final progress report and year end report.

(C) Utah State University. \$12,676. 10/10/98-9/30/99. - Fed. - Amend.

Program Administrative Reviews (PAR) ¶¶ A third-party evaluation to evaluate the compliance of services provided to students with disabilities, drug & alcohol prevention, and evenstart programs. This process satisfies the federal mandate that the State Ed. Agency monitor all public special ed. Programs. In order to facilitate other federal program reviews, and lessen the disruption to school districts, the programs mentioned will be monitored at the same time. Along with the districts, two state programs, and six private residential schools are included in this process.

(D) Spectrum Consulting. \$6,308. 10/1/98-9/30/99. - Fed.

Third party evaluation of the Team Nutrition Grant ○Going for the Gold in Child Nutrition○.

(For complete details of the Contracts, see General Exhibit No. 8029.)

## 3. Murray B. Allen Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired ¶¶ Notification of Sale

Three years ago the Utah State Legislature approved a new building for the Division of Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired. As you will recall, this building is also shared with the State Library. Part of the financial arrangements for the new building was the sale of the Murray B. Allen Center (309 East 100 South, Salt Lake City). The proceeds from the sale of the Center are to be used to offset the cost of the Utah State Office of Rehabilitation§s portion of the new building. The Murray B. Allen building was recently appraised for \$849,000. With the approval of the State Board of Education, the Division of Facilities and Construction Management would like to begin advertising the sale of the building.

The State Board approved selling the Murray B. Allen Center building.

## 4. Ratification of Employment

Brett D. Moulding was ratified as an Educational Coordinator, Curriculum and Instruction Division.

## 5. List of Applicants for Certificates

A summary of the list of applicants for initial and renewal certificates for October, 1998. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 8030.)

## 6. Claims Report

The Claims Report in the amount of \$162,435,724.77 ending October 31, 1998. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 8031.)

## 7. Administrative Rule Review

Due to a notification problem regarding the five-year review requirement, four administrative rules inadvertently expired. There have been no amendments to these rules. The following rules were reviewed and approved for republication:

R277-437 Student Enrollment Options

R277-735 Standards and Procedures for Corrections Education Programs Serving Inmates of the Utah Department of Corrections

R280-201 USOR ADA Complaint Procedure

R280-202 USOR Procedures for Individuals with the Most Severe Disabilities

(For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 3032.)

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## **Minimum School Program Budget Recommendations**

Deputy Superintendent Laurie A. Chivers presented an overview of the revenues for public education. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 3033.) Dr. Chivers also presented the losses to public education through tax reductions. She also compared public education revenues with other state agencies.

Chairman Garff commented that the polls indicate the public is in favor of more money for public education and questioned if there was a way to get help from the press in letting the public know how much public education has lost with the reductions in property and income taxes.

Chairman Garff questioned Kim Burningham, a former legislator and newly elected to serve on the State Board, the best way to let the legislators know about this loss. Mr. Burningham suggested that each member of the board contact all the legislators they know and identify this problem with them individually.

Superintendent Bean commented that staff would provide a bullet sheet for the Board as they discuss these issues with legislators and others.

Patty Bowles, Specialist, School Statistics, presented information on the fall enrollment in Utah as of October 1, 1998. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 8034.)

Deputy Superintendent Laurie A. Chivers presented the final copy of the Minimum School Program with Board priorities inserted with updated enrollment and tax projections. (For complete details of the Minimum School Program Budget and Supplementals, see General Exhibit No. 8035.)

Motion was made by Member C. Grant Hurst and seconded by Member Janet A. Cannon to adopt the proposed budget as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Member Janet Cannon requested the figures from both NCEA and NEA on per pupil expenditures. She also asked that a historical perspective from 1940-1998 showing the change in per pupil expenditures be prepared for Board use.

## **Potential and Pending Legislation**

Doug Bates, Director, Law, Legislation, Certification and Equity reviewed the potential and pending legislation that files have been opened for the 1999 session of the Utah State Legislature. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No.8036.) Dr. Bates indicated that on the list that was presented to the Board some have been deleted, they are: The child Care Provider Criminal Background Check Amendments; Child Care Revolving Loan Pilot Program; and the Child Care Commission Resolution.

Dr. Bates reported that he has been asked to work on three other bills, one on the appointment date change for district superintendents; certified tax rate notice amendments; and removal of the requirement for a second election for things that have already gone through an election.

Motion was made by Member Waynette Steel and seconded by Member Janet Cannon to receive the report. Motion carried unanimously.

## **Board Committee Reports**

### **Finance, Planning & Legislation Committee**

Member Jill G. Kennedy, Chairman of the Finance, Planning & Legislation Committee presented the following recommendations from the Committee:

#### **Certification Committee Agenda**

The Committee reviewed the recommendations of the Utah Professional Practices Advisory Commission. The Committee agrees with the recommendations and makes the following motions:

Moves that in Case No. 96-395, the Board revoke the certificate, based upon default, of Richard Reep, a former teacher in Tooele School District. This is due to the revocation of Mr. Reep's teaching credentials in Arizona and a stipulated guilty plea in which he plead guilty to assault, a Class 3 Misdemeanor, with an allegation of sexual motivation. Alleged unprofessional behavior included hugging and touching female students inappropriately and other similar actions despite written and verbal warnings from administrators. Motion carried unanimously.

Moves that in Case No. 97-415, the Board revoke the certificate, based upon default, of Duane Scott Flynn, an educator who holds certification in Utah. This action is taken due to a guilty plea by Mr. Flynn of sexual assault of a minor under 17 years of age, a second-degree felony. Mr. Flynn had an unprofessional relationship with a 16-year old female student and persisted in the relationship despite instructions from administrators. Motion carried unanimously.

Moves that in Case No. 97-425 the Board accept the stipulated agreement whereby John T. Woodbury, a former teacher in Washington School District, voluntarily surrenders his teaching certificate, in lieu of a hearing, for purposes of having it suspended by the Board. This suspension is as a result of an arrest and subsequent plea in abeyance of domestic violence. Motion carried unanimously.

Moves that in Case No. 98-429, the Board revoke the certificate, based upon default, of Lyn J. Christensen, a former teacher in Sevier School District. This is a result of recurrent unprofessional, inappropriate, and sexual conduct with another school employee on school premises. Motion carried unanimously.

Moves that in Case No. 98-430, the Board accept a stipulated agreement whereby Carol Ann Veater, a former Teacher in Sevier School District, voluntarily surrenders her teaching certificate, in lieu of a hearing, for purposes of having it suspended by the Board. This suspension is as a result of inappropriate and unprofessional conduct with a male employee of

the school district while she was a teacher. Motion carried unanimously.

Moves that in Case No. 98-436, the Board accept a stipulated agreement whereby Irina B. Omelyanenko, a former teacher in Salt Lake City School District, voluntarily surrendered her teaching certificate, in lieu of a hearing, for purposes of having it revoked by the Board. This revocation is a result of improper and unprofessional conduct, which included a physical relationship with a male student and inappropriate sexual contact with that student. Motion carried unanimously.

The Committee reviewed the recommendations from the State Advisory Committee on Teacher Education. The Committee agreed with the recommendations and makes the following motions to the Board:

Moves that the State Board of Education approve the proposed new Early Childhood Education Certification Standards for Certified Elementary Teachers as proposed. Motion carried unanimously.

Moves that the State Board of Education approve reinstatement of the Health Minor Certification Endorsement Program at Southern Utah University. Grant questioned why it was suspended. Jill responded that it was eliminated because of low enrollment. Motion carried unanimously.

Moves that the State Board of Education approve the proposed new standards for an endorsement in Environmental Science. Motion carried unanimously.

Moves that the State Board of Education approve the proposed changes in the program approval standards, Chapter II: The Professional Component of the Teacher Education Program. Motion carried unanimously.

The Committee requested the program approval standards for an Advanced Reading Endorsement be reviewed with regard to concerns voiced: inclusion of phonetics, clarification of relationship to existing reading endorsement, and research on impact on student learning of reading specialists. Motion carried unanimously.

The Committee reviewed the Requests for Temporary Authorizations and moves that the Board approve the Requests as presented with one deletion, Jeffery Wyatt, Tooele. Motion carried unanimously..

(For complete details of the Certification Committee Agenda, see General Exhibit No. 8037.)

### **Rural High Schools Study**

The Committee heard a report of a study on rural high schools, jointly funded by the Utah State Board of Education and the Utah Rural Schools Association and conducted by the Western Institute for Research and Evaluation (WIRE). Dr. Adrian Van Mondfrans presented the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of this study. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 8038.)

The Committee moves that the State Board of Education receive the report. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Professional Development Task Force Report**

UEA President, Phyllis Sorensen and Associate Superintendent Steve Laing presented a progress report of the Professional Development Task Force. The Task Force is composed of representatives of the educational community and has been meeting since the conclusion of the 1998 legislative session. (For complete details of the report, see General Exhibit No. 8039.)

The Committee moves that the State Board of Education receive the report. Motion carried unanimously.

## **Coalition of Minorities Advisory Committee Report**

Juianita Benioni, current chair of the Coalition of Minorities Advisory Committee presented CMAC's concerns and recommendations on educational issues to the committee. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 8040.)

The Committee moves that the State Board of Education receive the report. Motion carried unanimously.

## **Curriculum and Instruction Committee**

Member Cheryl Ferrin, Chairman of the Curriculum and Instruction Committee presented the following recommendations from the Committee:

### **Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind Study Report**

Superintendent Lee Robinson, Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind presented summaries of two studies undertaken during the past two years with a discussion of their implications for education of sensory impaired children. (For complete details of the studies, see General Exhibit No. 8041.)

Motion from the Committee that the State Board of Education receive the report. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Kindergarten Assessment**

Barbara Lawrence, Coordinator, Evaluation and Assessment presented a report on the current status of the Kindergarten Assessment Program. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 8042.)

Superintendent Bean commended Barbara Lawrence and her section for the work they have done on this program. Member Ferrin also mentioned that they completed the work without extra funding.

Motion from the Committee that the State Board of Education receive the report.

Member Grant Hurst questioned if the State Office would run the program for each district. Superintendent Bean responded that all school districts are running it themselves but data is compiled by the State Office and sent back to schools. It provides good information to teachers and parents.

Motion carried unanimously.

### **Utah State Board of Education Advisory Committee for Students with Disabilities Annual Report**

Ron Witter of the Utah State Board of Education Advisory Committee for Students with Disabilities (USBEACH) presented an update on current activities of the Advisory Committee. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 8043.) The committee has asked for a better system of communication and receiving feedback from the Board.

Motion from the Committee that the State Board of Education receive the report.

Member Boyd Jensen suggested that there be a recognition such as a T.H. Bell type of scholarship to get more teachers in the special education field. Superintendent Bean indicated that there would also need to be commitment to teach tied to the scholarship. Chairman Garff asked Blaine Petersen to work with Lee Robinson on assessing the needs.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Motion was made by Member Jill G. Kennedy and seconded by Vice Chairman John L. Watson to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2:34 p.m.

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