LEGISLATIVE MEETING OF THE UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

February 17, 2011

Members Present:

Chair Debra G. Roberts

Vice Chair Dixie L. Allen

Member Laurel O. Brown

Member Kim R. Burningham

Member Janet A. Cannon

Member Craig E. Coleman

Member David L. Crandall

Member C. Mark Openshaw

Member Tami W. Pyfer

Member David L. Thomas

Member Janet Cannon, Chair of the Board's Instruction, Technology, and Support Committee, conducted the meeting, and called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

Budget

Superintendent Larry Shumway distributed and reviewed a draft letter regarding the Board's budget position.

Motion was made by Member Kim Burningham and seconded by Member Laurel Brown that the letter reiterating the Board's position on the budget be sent from Chair Roberts and Vice Chair Allen to the Executive Appropriations Committee Co-Chairs, and the Governor's Budget Director, Ron Bigelow. Motion carried unanimously.

Legislation

Concurrent Resolution Honoring the Sorenson Legacy Foundation, SCR 6 - Senator Curtis Bramble was welcomed to the meeting. Senator Bramble announced that this morning the Senate passed unanimously resolution SCR6, honoring the Sorenson Legacy Foundation for the outstanding work it has done over the years. He encouraged the Board to consider a similar resolution of support.

Motion was made by Member David Thomas and seconded by Member Mark Openshaw that the Board support SCR 6 *Concurrent Resolution Honoring the Sorenson Legacy*Foundation. Motion carried unanimously.

Representative Jim Nielsen was welcomed to the meeting. He reported that he had been pursuing a bill on board elections, which eventually failed. He does not support partisan elections. Member Burningham made a public statement of thanks for the bill.

<u>Focus on Primary Classroom Teachers, HB 134</u> - Representative Nielsen discussed HB 134 with the Board.

Motion was made by Member Dixie Allen and seconded by Member Kim Burningham that the Board support the concept of HB134. Motion carried unanimously.

School Community Councils, HB 152 1st Substitute - Motion was made by Member David Thomas and seconded by Member Craig Coleman that the Board change its position on HB 152 *School Community Councils* to support the bill as amended in HB 152 1st substitute. Motion carried with Members Brown, Burningham, Cannon, C. Coleman, Crandall, Openshaw, Pyfer, and Thomas in favor, and Member Allen opposed. Chair Roberts abstained.

School and Institutional Trust Lands, HB 51 1st Substitute - Motion was made by Member Kim Burningham and seconded by Member Laurel Brown that the Board support HB 51 1st Substitute *School and Institutional Trust Lands*. Motion carried unanimously.

Commission on Civic and Character Education, HB 269 - Motion was made by Member Dixie Allen and seconded by Member Mark Openshaw that the Board oppose HB 269 *Commission on Civic and Character Education*, with comment that the Board opposes the use of School LAND Trust Funds for other than direct allocation to schools. Motion carried unanimously.

<u>Secure Rural Schools, HCR 13</u> - Motion was made by Member Craig Coleman and seconded by Member Mark Openshaw that the Board support HCR13 *Secure Rural Schools*. Motion carried unanimously.

School Garding System, SB 59 - Motion was made by Member Laurel Brown and seconded by Member Tami Pyfer that the Board oppose the concept of SB 59 School Grading System, with comment that the Board opposes assigning single letter grades to schools. Motion failed with Members Allen, Brown, Burningham, and Pyfer in favor and Members Cannon, C.

Coleman, Crandall, Openshaw, Pyfer, Thomas, and Roberts opposed.

<u>Teacher Tenure</u>, SB 73 - Motion was made by Member Dixie Allen and seconded by Member Laurel Brown that the Board oppose SB 73 *Teacher Tenure*, with comment that it is unnecessary and an intrusion into State Board governance. Motion carried unanimously.

Math Initiative, SB 179 - Motion was made by Member Dixie Allen and seconded by Member Tami Pyfer that the Board oppose SB179 *Math Initiative*, with comment that it is unnecessary and an intrusion into State Board governance. Motion carried unanimously; Member David Thomas absent.

Motion was made by Chair Debra Roberts and seconded by Member Mark Openshaw that the meeting adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Lorraine Austin, Secretary to the Board Approved August 5, 2011