LEGISLATIVE MEETING OF THE UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

January 27, 2011

Members Present:

Chair Debra G. Roberts (by phone)

Vice Chair Dixie L. Allen

Member Kim R. Burningham

Member Janet A. Cannon

Member Leslie B. Castle

Member Craig E. Coleman

Member David L. Crandall

Member C. Mark Openshaw

Member Tami W. Pyfer

Member Janet Cannon, Chair of the Board's Instruction, Technology and Support Committee, conducted the meeting, and called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

Senator Howard Stephenson, Chair of the Senate Education Committee, was welcomed to the meeting. He indicated he is sponsoring legislation to eliminate career status for the bottom five percent of teachers at each school, as determined by student performance growth. He also supports legislation to restore some of the test reporting that was cancelled last year.

Base Budget Process

Motion was made by Member David Thomas and seconded by Member Dixie Allen that as part of the Education Appropriations Subcommittee process to determine a base budget, the State Board of Education will state a preference that reductions be made to the flexible allocation WPU distribution. This suggestion is for the purpose of the committee exercise only, and does not change the Board's budget recommendation to maintain current levels of funding. In addition, the handout—*Potential Impacts to \$166,217,096 Reduction to Flexible Allocation WPU Distribution*—will be distributed to the Appropriations Subcommittee. The handout clarifies that reduction to the flexible allocation will significantly diminish local flexibility. Motion carried unanimously.

Legislation

SBE Authority, SJR 1 - Motion was made by Member Craig Coleman and seconded by Member Tami Pyfer that the Board oppose SJR1 SBE Authority, with comments that: 1) the bill is counter to the basic principles of separation and balance of power; and 2) the bill diminishes the role of State Board members that have been elected to represent their constituents and have sworn to uphold the Constitution. Motion carried, with Member David Crandall voting against.

Governance of Public and Higher Education, SJR 9 - Motion was made by Member Craig Coleman and seconded by Member Tami Pyfer that the Board oppose SJR 9 *Governance of Public and Higher Education*, with comments that: 1) the bill is counter to the basic principles of separation and balance of power; and 2) the bill diminishes the role of State Board members that have been elected to represent their constituents and have sworn to uphold the Constitution. Motion carried unanimously.

<u>School Performance Reporting SB115</u> - Motion was made by Member Dixie Allen and seconded by Member David Thomas that the Board support SB115 *School Performance Reporting*. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

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