

UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION LEGISLATIVE MEETING MINUTES

February 16, 2017

A legislative meeting of the Utah State Board of Education was held February 16, 2017 at the Utah State Capitol Complex, Senate Building E210, Salt Lake City, Utah. First Vice Chair Terryl Warner conducted.

Board Members Present:

1 st Vice Chair Terryl Warner	Member Jennifer Graviet
2 nd Vice Chair Brittney Cummins	Member Linda B. Hansen
3 rd Vice Chair Alisa Ellis	Member Carol Barlow Lear
Member Laura Belnap	Member Kathleen Riebe
Member Michelle Boulter	Member Scott B. Neilson (by phone)
Member Lisa Cummins	

Board Members Excused:

Chair Mark Huntsman	Member Spencer F. Stokes
Member Janet Cannon	Member Joel Wright

Executive Staff Present:

Sydnee Dickson, State Superintendent
Scott Jones, Deputy Superintendent
Rich Nye, Deputy Superintendent
Angie Stallings, Deputy Superintendent

Minutes taken by:

Lorraine Austin, Board Secretary

Others Present:

David Thomas, Michael Bell—Attorney General’s Office; Emilie Wheeler, Deborah Jacobsen, Brad Cummings, JoEllen Shaeffer, Rick Gaisford, Debbie Davis, Gregg Roberts, Natalie Gordon—USBE staff; Brent Strate; LeAnn Wood—Utah PTA; Mike Roberts; Ray Timothy, Laura Hunter—Utah Education and Telehealth Network; Dave and Jill Van Langeveld; Ben Wood—Salt Lake Tribune; Ainsley Gordon; Elizabeth Garbe; Karen Peterson—Governor’s Office; JJ Grant—Southeast Educational Service Center; Edna LaMarca—Southwest Educational Development Center; Joel Coleman—USDB Superintendent

Call to Order

First Vice Chair Terryl Warner called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

Discussion with Senator Howard Stephenson

Senator Stephenson was welcomed to the meeting. He distributed a handout concerning dual language immersion and indicated he would like to have further discussion on the program during the legislative interim session. He also requested that during the interim further discussion be held on test preparation for ACT and AP.

Senator Stephenson expressed appreciation to the Board's staff that has been working so hard on the Digital Teaching and Learning Program. He expressed concern about the fidelity of local education agencies (LEAs) with other technology programs. He distributed information about use of the math and early reading intervention program software, and questioned why districts not using these programs would implement a digital teaching and learning plan. He suggested reevaluating the program and consulting with national experts.

Review of Legislation

Representative LaVar Christensen was welcomed to the meeting. He reviewed H.B. 264 *Utah Public Education Review and Strategic Planning* with the Board. He mentioned that the Legislative Fiscal Auditor's office may be able to assist with the work required in the legislation.

American Institutes of Research (AIR) Contract Settlement

Assistant Attorney General Michael Bell reviewed a proposed settlement with American Institutes for Research (AIR) on its contract for the Board's SAGE assessment system. AIR has offered to reduce the proposed extension to the contract by \$200,000. AAG Bell recommended that the Board accept the settlement offer of \$200,000 from AIR in full satisfaction and compromise of all claims and counter claims on the AIR SAGE contract to date [contract #136199].

MOTION was made by Member Lear and seconded by Member Belnap that the Board accept the settlement offer with American Institutes for Research as outlined.

Motion carried; Member Neilson absent.

Digital Teaching and Learning Overview

Patty Norman, Assistant Superintendent, and Sarah Young, Digital Teaching and Learning Coordinator, gave an overview of the Digital Teaching and Learning Program and the process the Board followed to approve the local education agency plans.

State Assessment and Accountability

Deputy Superintendent Rich Nye reported that legislation with amendments to student assessment and school accountability will be heard by a legislative committee today. Tiffany Stanley, Policy Analyst, reviewed the assessment sections of S.B. 220, Student Assessment and School Accountability Amendments. A handout was distributed.

MOTION was made by Member B. Cummins and seconded by Member Lear that the Board support the adoption of a single, coherent accountability system that: 1) Includes multiple indicators focused on student-level outcomes; 2) uses an evidence-based process to establish criteria associated with overall school ratings; and 3) reports results in a clear transparent manner using a dashboard of indicators and other locally selected measures.

Motion carried; Member Neilson absent.

Adjournment

MOTION was made by Member Riebe and seconded that the meeting adjourn.

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Lorraine Austin, Board Secretary
Minutes approved March 9, 2017