

MEETING MINUTES OF THE UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BOARD
FOR THE UTAH SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND

June 1, 2017

A meeting of the Utah State Board of Education Acting as the Governing Board for the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind was held June 1, 2017 at the Utah State Board of Education Building, 250 East 500 South, Salt Lake City, Utah. Chair Mark Huntsman presided.

Board Members Present:

Chair Mark Huntsman	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 Scott B. Neilson
Member Michelle Boulter	Member Kathleen Riebe
Member Janet A. Cannon	
Member Lisa Cummins	

Members Excused:

1st Vice Chair TerryL Warner
Member Spencer F. Stokes
Member Joel Wright

Executive Staff Present:

Joel Coleman, USDB Superintendent	Michelle Tanner, USDB Associate Supt.
Sydnee Dickson, State Superintendent	Letty Debenham, USDB Finance Director
Carolyn Lasater, USDB Associate Supt.	Lorraine Austin, Board Secretary

Others Present:

David Thomas, Assistant Attorney General; Scott Jones, Debbie Davis, USBE staff

Call to Order

Chair Mark Huntsman called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

MOTION was made by Member Riebe and seconded by Member Neilson that the Board approve the minutes of the May 4, 2017 USDB Board meeting.

It was noted that only partial minutes are posted.

MOTION TO POSTPONE until the full minutes are posted was made by Member Ellis and seconded by Member Boulter.

Motion to postpone carried.

Monthly Budget Report

Financial Director Letty Debenham gave the financial report. Ms. Debenham explained that there was an expectation of \$900,000 of School Trust funds, but the projection has been changed to \$315,483. The School and Institutional Trust Fund Office has indicated the change has been because of the repositioning of their investment causing some disruption and the decrease in mineral lease funds. It was noted that USDB has an additional pot of money from the Trust that is separate from the School LAND Trust funds which is given to all schools.

Chair Huntsman directed that more information about the USDB portion of the trust funds be given in next month's meeting.

Blind Outreach Division Report

Brandon Watts, Director of the USDB Outreach Vision Services Division, made a presentation. He shared the mission of the Division to "prepare students with vision impairments for the highest level of independence in the home, school or community."

Mr. Watts informed the Board about the Junior Blind Olympics in which the students participate. He also shared a video of students using Braille to sing.

Mr. Watts explained that USDB serves students ages 3-22, and the school collaborates with the Office of Rehabilitation's Division of Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired to prepare students for independent adulthood.

Superintendent's Report

USDB Superintendent Joel Coleman gave an update on the following items.

- Springville Property - preliminary programming work for the building has been done. DFCM is negotiating with the city concerning things the city is asking USDB to install that would

cost quite a bit more than anticipated. Chair Huntsman expressed concern that the city may be using the school to implement upgrades to existing systems. Superintendent Coleman indicated there are two individuals from DFCM that are representing the state.

- Negotiations with Teachers Association - four all-day meetings with the USDB Teachers Association have been held regarding the negotiated agreement. The meetings have been a very positive experience and the agreement has been rewritten to make it cleaner and more understandable. The agreement will be brought to the Board when it is completed. Member Riebe questioned how the Board could assist in exploring incentives for hard-to-fill areas for USDB. Superintendent Coleman reported that there is a clause in the agreement that USDB can use a stipend to fill a hard-to-fill position.
- Licensing - USDB staff are continuing to work with the Board's Licensing Task Force on endorsements for teachers of the deaf and the blind.
- Budget Planning - the USDB superintendency has been formulating the FY18 budget and will bring to the Board next month.
- Building Updates - renovations have just been finished on the auditorium in the older USDB building. In Ogden, the update of the cottages is about halfway done, which will give the students living on campus a nicer place to live.

Approval of Minutes

It was noted that the full minutes of the May meeting have been posted.

MOTION was made by Member Ellis and seconded by Member Boulter that the Board approve the minutes of the USDB Board meeting held May 4, 2017.

Motion carried.

Adjournment

MOTION was made by Member B. Cummins and seconded by Member Boulter that the meeting adjourn.

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 1:52 p.m.

Lorraine Austin, Board Secretary
Minutes approved July 14, 2017