

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

August 3, 2018

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 August 3, 2018 at the Utah State Board of Education Building, 250 East 500 South, Salt Lake City, Utah. Vice Chair Brittney Cummins presided.

Members Present:

First Vice Chair Brittney Cummins
Second Vice Chair Alisa Ellis
Member Laura Belnap
Member Michelle Boulter
Member Janet A. Cannon
Member Lisa Cummins

Member Jennifer Graviet
Member Linda B. Hansen
Member Carol Barlow Lear
Member Kathleen Riebe
Member Terryl Warner
Member Joel Wright

Members Absent:

Chair Mark Huntsman
Member Scott Neilson
Member Spencer F. Stokes

USDB Staff Present:

Joel Coleman, Superintendent
Carolyn Laster, Associate Supt.
Michelle Tanner, Associate Supt.

Todd Derrington, Finance Manager
Martin Price, School for the Deaf

Others present:

Superintendent Sydnee Dickson, Lorraine Austin—USBE staff

Call to Order

Vice Chair Brittney Cummins conducted and called the meeting to order at 12:48 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION was made by Member Belnap and seconded that the Board approve the minutes of the June 8, 2018 meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

Monthly Budget Report

Todd Derrington, USDB Finance Manager, gave the budget report as of June 30. He reported that USDB has collected 1.66 percent more in revenue than originally budgeted. Also, USDB expenses were under the current budget at the end of June.

Mr. Derrington reported on the status of the Enrichment Fund, indicating that USDB has received all distributions from the trust lands and are under the expenses expected out of the Enrichment Fund projects.

He concluded that at present the USDB financial situation looks good and revenue is collected.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Joel Coleman reported on the following:

- Associate Superintendent Michelle Tanner introduced Martin Price, the new director of the Deaf School, Ogden Campus. Mr. Price expressed that he is thrilled to be there and has a goal for every deaf and hard of hearing student to be able to read and write.
- The Springville project will be delayed due to the high cost of bids and subcontractors currently. The Department of Facilities and Construction Management will be making a request for additional funding for this project during the next legislative session. It is hoped the project will only be delayed six months. The students in that area will continue to be underserved, but USDB will do its very best to find temporary space and work closely with the school districts to serve those students.
- The USDB Opening Institute will take place August 17 at the Salt Lake campus. Board members were invited.

- The USDB Annual Report will be presented to the Board next month. The report must also be made to the legislature by November.
- Associate Superintendent Carolyn Lasater reported that USDB School for the Blind has filled all its teaching positions this year.
- Associate Superintendent Michelle Tanner reported that the School for the Deaf had nine positions to fill, and have filled one with a certified teacher and four with non-certified teachers. One problem is USDB has to compete for teachers not only locally, but nationally.

Board members discussed the need for flexibility in licensing these teachers and it was suggested this be part of the discussion of licensing rules that will come before the Board's Law and Licensing Committee next month.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:13 p.m.

Lorraine Austin, Board Secretary
Minutes approved September 7, 2018