

**UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION LEGISLATIVE  
MEETING MINUTES**

**February 22, 2018**

A legislative meeting of the Utah State Board of Education was held February 22, 2018 at the State Capitol Building, Capitol Board Room, Salt Lake City, Utah. Chair Mark Huntsman presided.

**Board Members Present:**

Chair Mark Huntsman	Member Jennifer Graviet
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Chair Brittney Cummins	Member Linda B. Hansen
Member Laura Belnap (by phone)	Member Carol Barlow Lear
Member Michelle Boulter	Member Kathleen Riebe
Member Janet A. Cannon	Member Terryl Warner
Member Lisa Cummins	Member Joel Wright

**Board Members Absent:**

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair Alisa Ellis  
Member Scott B. Neilson  
Member Spencer F. Stokes

**Executive Staff Present:**

Sydnee Dickson, State Superintendent  
Scott Jones, Deputy Supt.  
Patty Norman, Deputy Supt.  
Angie Stallings, Deputy Supt.

**Minutes taken by:**

Lorraine Austin, Board Secretary

**Others Present:**

Lora Gibbons, Kate Larson, Delaina Tonks, Emma Davis, Jon Larson, Heather Larson—Mountain Heights Academy; Lance Hatch—CarBon School District; Larry Davis—Emery School District; David Thomas—Attorney General’s Office; Jim Kerr—PRC; Merrilee Boyack—Family Watch International; Emilie Wheeler, David Sallay, Whitney Phillips, Debbie Davis, Kevin John, Alan Griffin, Nathan Auck, Marianne McEwan, David Hughes, Sarah Young, Drew Camps, Allison Nicholson, Darin Nielsen, Diana Suddreth, Tiffany Stanley, Patty Norman—USB E staff

**Call to Order**

Chair Mark Huntsman called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

**Education Highlight**

Delaina Tonks, Director of Mountain Heights Academy, and students of the academy, were welcomed to the meeting. They made a presentation about Operation Bee—a curriculum created by 9<sup>th</sup> grade students at this online charter school. Their work received the Student Voices Award, and the group went to Washington D.C. last fall and presented the curriculum to 300 stated education technology directors throughout the country. The students answered questions and indicated they are planning to create a mobile app for the program. [For additional details, see General Exhibit No. 18-89.]

**Review of Legislation**Discussion with Legislators

Representative Jefferson Moss, Representative Susan Pulsipher, and Senator Ann Millner, along with State Charter School Board member James Moss, discussed H.B. 408 Public Education Amendments. The purpose of the bill is to establish the Utah Leading through Effective, Actionable and Dynamic Education (ULEAD) program. Representative Moss distributed handouts. [For additional details, see General Exhibit No. 18-90.]

Representative Ken Ivory discussed H.B. 308 K-12 Telehealth Mental Health Pilot program and H.B. 282 State Student Information System Amendments.

Representative LaVar Christensen discussed H.B. 388 K-12 Public Education Funding Allocation Assurance.

Review of Legislation

Deputy Superintendent Angie Stallings reviewed the following bills: 1<sup>st</sup> Substitute H.B. 313 Charter School Revisions; 1<sup>st</sup> Substitute S.B. 194 Early Literacy Program; 2<sup>nd</sup> Substitute H.B. 132 Juvenile Justice Modifications; H.B. 391 Lobbying by State Agencies Amendments; 1<sup>st</sup> Substitute S.B. 207 Student Data Protection Amendments; H.B. 370 Suicide Prevention and Medical Examiner Provisions; S.B. 202 After School Program Amendments; S.B. 198 Public

School Disciplinary Action Amendments; and 1<sup>st</sup> Substitute H.B. 286 Reproductive Education Amendments.

[For additional details, see General Exhibit No. 18-91.]

### **Discussion/Action Concerning Legislation**

**MOTION** was made by Member Warner and seconded by Member Hansen that the Board support H.B. 408 Public Education Amendments, as long as the funding is included.

A concern was expressed that there are programs already in place that could be added upon rather than creating a new program.

Motion carried, with Members Belnap, Cannon, B. Cummins, L. Cummins, Graviet, Hansen, Huntsman, Lear, Warner and Wright in favor and Member Riebe opposed; Member Boulter abstained.

**MOTION** was made by Member Wright and seconded by Member Riebe that the Board support H.B. 388 K-12 Public Education Funding Allocation Assurance.

Motion failed, with Members Cannon, Hansen, Graviet, Riebe, Warner and Wright in favor, and Members Belnap, Boulter, B. Cummins, L. Cummins, Huntsman and Lear opposed.

**MOTION** was made by Member B. Cummins and seconded by Member Lear that the Board advocate for increased funding for the K-12 education system.

A concern was expressed that if the motion passes it could be taken that the Board would support any legislation that asks for increased funding. Vice Chair Cummins responded that it is a general statement and not for any specific legislation.

Motion carried, with Members Belnap, Cannon, B. Cummins, Graviet, Huntsman, Lear, Riebe and Warner in favor, Members Boulter and Wright opposed, and Member L. Cummins abstaining; Member Hansen absent.

### **Adjournment**

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

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Lorraine Austin, Board Secretary  
Minutes approved March 15, 2018