

UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
September 5-6, 2019

BOARD MEETING – September 5

A regular meeting of the Utah State Board of Education was held September 5, 2019 at the Utah State Board of Education Building, 250 East 500 South, Salt Lake City, Utah. Chair Mark Huntsman presided.

Members Present:

Chair Mark Huntsman
Vice Chair Brittney Cummins
Member Laura Belnap
Member Michelle Boulter
Member Janet A. Cannon
Member Cindy Davis
Member Jennie Earl
Member Jennifer Graviet

Member Linda B. Hansen
Member Scott L. Hansen
Member Mike Haynes
Member Carol Barlow Lear
Member Mark R. Marsh
Member Scott B. Neilson
Member Shawn E. Newell

Executive Staff Present:

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

Minutes Taken By:

Lorraine Austin, Board Secretary

Others Present:

Jay Blain—Utah Education Association; Robert Woods; Mary Taylor, Amber Ethington, Jim Kimmel—ProLife Utah; Chad Wiel—Skyridge Unified; Merrilee Boyack, Karen Waruse—Family Watch; Laura Bunker—Family Policy Resource; D’Arcy Dixon—Special Olympics Utah; Julie Rae; Courtney Tanner—The Salt Lake Tribune; Kris Kimball, Dalane England—United Women’s Forum; Gayle Ruzicka, Rana Williams, Maryann Christensen—Utah Eagle Forum; Bruce Williams; Rhonda Hair—Gathering Families; Susan Wilcox—UACC; Rich Young—Pearson; Betty Sue Hinkson—Utah Department of Health; Jessie Stuart, Justin Atwater—Land Trusts Protection and Advocacy Office; Kathy Smith—Loving Liberty, Inc.; Signa Hilton—Right to Life; Leah Voorhies, Darin Nielsen, Jerry Record, Alex Farah, Keith Lawrence—USB E staff

Opening Business

Chair Huntsman called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. Member Jennie Earl led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Member Message

Member Scott Hansen welcomed the Board. He observed the important social role schools play in uniting communities and spoke of the lasting impact schools have on individuals and families.

Employee Recognition

Superintendent Sydnee Dickson introduced the August employee of the month, Kim Rathke, and September employee of the month, Teran Selin. The following new employees were introduced: Michelle Khodorhorsky, Deanna Taylor, Eric Nutt, Christy Shreck, Jake Houtrouw, Melissa Engle, Dustin Howard, Kimberly Howard, Kaisa Anderson, Madeline El Halta, Charity Goodfellow, Jennifer Tolman, Audra Urie, Marie Steffensen, Jennie Defriez.

Acknowledgment of Student Artwork

Cathy Jensen, Educational Specialist, informed about the artwork hanging in the board room from Washington Elementary and Dilworth Elementary.

Education Highlight

Member Laura Belnap introduced Jon Oglesby, Assistant Director of the Utah High School Activities Association (UHSAA). He informed the Board about the UHSAA partnership with Special Olympics Utah that has created the Unified Sports program. The goal of UHSAA is to provide educational opportunities for high school students through activities promoting the values of teamwork, leadership and self-worth, and the Unified Sports program provides those opportunities for students with disabilities and creates more inclusive environments in schools.

Courtnie Worthen, Director of School Partnerships for Special Olympics Utah, and Branden Buck, Niecele Hyde, Dr. Joel Perkins, and Chad White from Skyridge High School—

Utah's first nationally recognized Utah Special Olympics banner school—spoke about the program.

Public Comment

Gayle Ruzicka, Utah Eagle Forum – distributed a statement referencing an email she sent to board members that included concerns about the *Guide for Teaching: Answering Commonly Asked Questions about Sex Education* document on the USBE website. She stated that these spontaneous and inappropriate questions should not be allowed in the classroom.

Robert Woods, parent – expressed concerns that teachers are encouraged to answer questions about sexual concepts, which is particularly inappropriate in elementary school. He suggested the wishes of all students need to be considered before answering a question asked by one student. He asked the Board to stop the practice.

Jay Blain, Utah Education Association – indicated that although UEA hasn't formally presented its legislative priorities, its house of delegates has voted on the priorities and supports a six percent WPU increase. UEA requests the Board to support this increase, as well as any bill that would end the practice of assigning letter grades to schools.

Deanna Holland, Pro-life Utah Vice President – informed of the definition of abortion in the USBE health education teachers guide. She expressed that the definition of abortion is unacceptable and medically inaccurate and suggested the definition in Utah Code could be used as a template. She read additional definitions in the guide of sexual acts and expressed opposition to the inclusion of the information and the inference that these acts are normal or healthy. She asked the Board to do its duty and protect children.

Mary Taylor, Pro-life Utah President – voiced concern about the health education teachers guide and its definition of abortion. She shared her experience of having an abortion and the things she was not told about the fetus. She felt shock, horror, grief and anger and has spent the rest of her life dealing with that heartache. She asked the Board to protect students from this harm.

Kathy Smith – distributed a statement sharing her experience with opting her children out of sex education. She urged the Board to return to an abstinence-based program.

Laura Bunker, Family Policy Resource – distributed a statement and shared her experience with sex education in California and the reaction of students to questions answered (similar to the questions on the Utah guide document) which sparked obscene jokes and laughter. She asked the Board to ensure that all sex education discussions clearly conform to state law.

Roger Nelson, Unified Utah for Blind and Visually Impaired – reported the group has listened to feedback from its community and has undergone changes to the group’s focus and mission—the group sees the need for one unifying voice, with the overall goal of increasing awareness of visual impairments.

Written statements from Merrilee Boyack and Dani Palmer were distributed.

[For additional details, see General Exhibit No. 19-273.]

Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Dickson reported the following:

- The Superintendent will be embarking soon on her fall listening tour of schools. Additional days will be scheduled to specifically visit charter schools. Board members were invited to join her.
- In working with the Board’s education partners this past month, she has been struck by the amount of collaborative spirit for students that is in the community. She stated she is proud to work for a board that has a strategic plan created to make a difference for students.

General Consent Calendar

At Board member requests, items 4.5 R277-733, 4.2 USIMS Contract, 4.4 Rescinded Funds, and 4.7 Contracts for Review were removed from the Consent Calendar.

MOTION was made by Member Cummins and seconded that the Board approve the General Consent Calendar, as amended.

Motion carried.

Consent Calendar

4.1 Approval of Meeting Minutes

The Board approved the minutes of its August 1-2, 2019 meetings. [For additional details, see General Exhibit No. 19-274.]

4.2 Contracts/Agreements for Approval

The Board approved contracts/agreements over \$100,000 with the following entities: Knowledge Services; Certiport; Utah State University; Schools Cubed; and SHI International. The USIMS agreement was removed for further discussion. [For additional details, see General Exhibit No. 19-275.]

4.3 Board Meeting Schedule Amendment

The Board authorized Board Leadership to change the start time of Board meetings subject to the agenda.

4.4 Partnerships for Student Success (SB 67) FY17 Rescinded Funds

This item was removed.

4.5 R277-733 Adult Education Programs

This item was removed.

4.6 Internal Data Requests

The Board approved data-sharing agreements with the following: 1) Dr. Mark Innocenti—Utah State University; and 2) Eric Bettinger—Stanford University, Jeffrey Denning—Brigham Young University, and Susanna Loeb—Brown University. [For additional details, see General Exhibit No. 19-276.]

4.7 Contracts for Review

This item was removed.

4.8 Educator Licenses Processed

The Board was provided with a list of educator licenses process in July 2019. [For additional details, see General Exhibit No. 19-277.]

4.9 Annual School Nurse State Report

The Utah Department of Health's annual report on Nursing Services in Utah Public Schools was provided to the Board. [For additional details, see General Exhibit No. 19-278.]

Item 4.5 - R277-733 Adult Education Programs

MOTION was made by Member L. Hansen and seconded that the Board refer the rule back to the Standards and Assessment Committee.

It was noted that there have been some policy changes that affect this rule and additional changes are needed.

Motion carried. [For additional details, see General Exhibit No. 19-279.]

USIMS Agreement

It was clarified that the market rates in the contract are rates published by the Utah Department of Information Technology.

MOTION was made by Member S. Hansen and seconded that the Board approve the USIMS agreement.

Motion carried.

Item 4.7 - Contracts for Review

Contracts under \$100,000 were provided for Board information. Questions were answered about the contract with Class Wallet. [For additional details, see General Exhibit No. 19-280.]

Item 4.4 - Partnership for Student Success Grant Rescinded Funds

It was clarified that unused grant funds from Weber School District will not be redistributed to the district.

MOTION was made by Member S. Hansen and seconded that the Board approve the use of the Partnership for Student Success Grant rescinded funds, as recommended.

Motion carried. [For additional details, see General Exhibit No. 19-281.]

Monthly Budget Report

Deputy Superintendent Scott Jones and Finance Director Deborah Jacobsen provided the budget report and reviewed the Discretionary Fund. [For additional details, see General Exhibit No. 19-282.]

MOTION was made by Member Belnap and seconded that the Board continue the use of identified discretionary amounts from prior years for State Fiscal Year 2020.

Motion carried.

Report from the Land Trusts Protection and Advocacy Office

Plant, School Children's Trust Section Director, reminded the Board of H.B. 404 (2018 Legislative Session), that created a new system of advocacy for the School Land Trust. An advocacy committee, of which she is a member, was created to forward names to the State Treasurer for consideration as the Director. The Treasurer hired Justin Atwater as the Land Trusts Protection and Advocacy Office Director in March 2019.

Mr. Atwater addressed the Board and reviewed that the purpose of the Advocacy Office is to act as the Trust protector, to advocate for the original grant established in the Utah Enabling Act, and to provide direct representation of the Trust beneficiaries. He indicated the Office will enhance the Board's access via direct communication with him and stressed that he will advocate for the Board.

[For additional details, see General Exhibit No. 19-283.]

Charter School Task Force Scope of Work

In its August meeting, the Board approved creation of a Charter School Task Force and directed staff to develop a scope of work and proposed representations on the task force.

MOTION was made by Member Cummins and seconded that the Board approve the Charter School Task Force scope of work and recommended membership representations.

MOTION to amend was made by Member S. Hansen and seconded that a timeline from September to December 2019 be added to the Scope.

Motion to amend carried.

MOTION to amend was made by Member Lear and seconded that a community member and a teacher be added to the participant list.

MOTION to amend the amendment was made by Member L. Hansen and seconded that the community member be the parent of a child in a charter school.

Motion to amend the amendment carried, with Members Boulter, Cummins, Earl, Gravier, L. Hansen, S. Hansen, Haynes, Huntsman, Marsh, and Newell in favor, and Members Belnap, Davis, and Lear opposed.

Amendment, as amended, carried, with Members Cannon, Cummins, Gravier, L. Hansen, Haynes, Huntsman, Lear, Marsh and Newell in favor, and Members Belnap, Boulter, Davis, S. Hansen, and Lear opposed.

Motion, as amended, carried.

Motion to amend was made by Member Earl and seconded to remove I.A.2.B. from the Scope of Work.

Motion to amend failed, with Members Boulter and Earl in favor and all others opposed.

Motion to amend was made by Member Lear and seconded that one of the task force meetings be an open meeting.

Motion to amend failed, with Members Boulter, Cummins, Davis, Earl, Gravier and Lear in favor, and Members Belnap, Cannon, L. Hansen, S. Hansen, Haynes, Huntsman, Marsh and Newell opposed.

Motion, as amended, carried, with Member Boulter opposed; Member Neilson absent.

[For additional details, see General Exhibit No. 19-284.]

Audit Committee Report

Committee Chair Brittney Cummins reported there were no recommendations for the Board from the Audit Committee from its August meeting.

Finance Committee Report

Committee Chair Laura Belnap reported on the following items from the August 2, 2019 committee meeting. Details on items not reported will be included in the exhibits to the meeting summary. [For additional details, see General Exhibit No. 19-285.]

Utah Grants Report

It was reported that the USBE received approval from the federal government to use the Statewide Longitudinal Data System (SLDS) grant funds for licensing costs and Tier I support.

MOTION from Committee that the Board approve the reallocation of funding related to licensing and Tier I support to support the budget for implementation and ongoing sustainment of the grants management system.

Motion carried unanimously. [For additional details, see General Exhibit No. 19-286.]

Law and Licensing Committee Report

Committee Chair Carol Lear reported on the following items from the August 2, 2019 committee meeting. Details on items not reported will be included in the exhibits to the meeting summary. [For additional details, see General Exhibit No. 19-287.]

Capstone Classical Academy Request for Waiver from R277-219-2(31)

The Committee reviewed a request from Capstone Classical Academy for a waiver from the four-hour day as a full-day requirement in R277-419-2(31) *Pupil Accounting*. The school is requesting to hold class for 3.5 hours on Fridays. The school would still meet the 990-hour and 180-day requirement.

MOTION from Committee that the Board approve the waiver of R277-419-2(31) for Capstone Classical Academy, as requested.

Motion carried unanimously. [For additional details, see General Exhibit No. 19-288.]

R277-317 National Board Certification

Board rule R277-317 was created to incorporate incentives related to National Board Certification. The Committee made changes to the rule and approved R277-317, Draft 2, as amended, on first reading.

MOTION from Committee that the Board approve R277-317, Draft 3, on second and final reading.

MOTION to amend was made by Member Lear and seconded that the Board approve R277-317, Draft 4, on second and final reading.

Deputy Superintendent Stallings explained that since the committee met the rule was reviewed and an additional change is necessary directing that the applicant will pay the registration fee directly.

Amendment carried.

Motion, as amended, carried. [For additional details, see General Exhibit No. 19-289.]

R277-521 National Board Certification Reimbursement

R277-521 is up for repeal due to the updated numbering plan for licensing rules. The Committee repealed the rule on first reading.

MOTION from Committee that the Board repeal R277-521 *National Board Certification Reimbursement* on second and final reading.

Motion carried unanimously; Member Neilson absent. [For additional details, see General Exhibit No. 19-290.]

R277-487 Public School Data Confidentiality and Disclosure

Rule R277-487 was reviewed as part of the five-year rule review requirement, and technical changes were made. The Committee approved and continued Draft 1 of the rule on first reading.

MOTION from Committee that the Board approve and continue R277-487 *Public School Data Confidentiality and Disclosure*, Draft 1, on second and final reading.

Motion carried unanimously; Member Neilson absent. [For additional details, see General Exhibit No. 19-291.]

External Data Sharing Requests

MOTION from Committee that the Board approve data-sharing agreements with:
1) Rosalie Pacheco, University of New Mexico, for state-level WIDA Alternative data; and 2) Natalia Palacios of the University of Virginia, Natalie Bohlmann of Montana State University at Billings, and Ross Larsen of Brigham Young University for student-level data related to the Dual Language Immersion programs.

Motion carried; Member Neilson absent. [For additional details, see General Exhibit No. 19-292.]

R277-464 School Counselor Direct and Indirect Services

Rule R277-464 was created in response to H.B. 83 School Counselor Services passed in the 2019 Legislative Session. The Committee approved Draft 5 of the rule on first reading.

MOTION from Committee that the Board approve R277-464 *School Counselor Direct and Indirect Services*, Draft 5, on second and final reading.

Board members reiterated the importance of the counselors' priorities being directly working with students and focusing on the needs of individual students without being tasked with other duties.

Motion carried unanimously. [For additional details, see General Exhibit No. 19-293.]

Standards and Assessment Committee Report

Committee Chair Jennifer Gravier reported on the following items from the August 2, 2019 committee meeting. Details on items not reported will be included in the exhibits to the meeting summary. [For additional details, see General Exhibit No. 19-294.]

Board Policy 3002 Standards Review Committee

Board Policy 3002 was amended at the request of the Committee to require agency staff to submit annually the standards rubric for consideration by the Board for triggering a standards revision outside of the Board's established timeline for standards revisions.

The Committee amended Draft 1 to change the title to Core Standards Revision Process.

MOTION from Committee that the Board approve Board Policy 3002 Core Standards Revision Process, Draft 2.

Motion carried unanimously. [For additional details, see General Exhibit No. 19-295.]

R277-473 Utah Computer Science Grant Program

Rule R277-473 was created in response to H.B. 227 Utah Computer Science Grant Act, passed in the 2019 Legislative Session.

The Committee approved Draft 2 on first reading.

MOTION from Committee that the Board approve R277-473 *Utah Computer Science Grant Program*, Draft 2, on second and final reading.

Motion carried unanimously. [For additional details, see General Exhibit No. 19-296.]

R277-400 School Facility Emergency and Safety

Amendments were made to R277-400 as part of ongoing safety updates to include requirements for a local education agency to have crisis response protocols in place. The Committee made additional amendments and approved Draft 2 of the rule, as amended, on first reading.

MOTION from Committee that the Board approve R277-400 *School Facility Emergency and Safety*, Draft 3, on second and final reading.

MOTION was made by Member Earl and seconded that the Board refer the rule back to the committee to address a definition of social/emotional.

Motion to refer carried. [For additional details, see General Exhibit No. 19-297.]

R277-404 Requirements for Assessments of Student Achievement

Rule R277-404 was amended in accordance with legislative changes in H.B 118 Incentive for Statewide Assessment Performance passed in the 2019 Legislative Session. The Committee approved Draft 2 on first reading.

MOTION from Committee that the Board approve R277-404 *Requirements for Assessments of Student Achievement*, Draft 2, on second and final reading.

Motion carried unanimously. [For additional details, see General Exhibit No. 19-298.]

R277-475 Patriotic, Civic and Character Education

Rule R277-475 was amended in accordance with legislative changes in H.B. 140 (2019 Legislative Session) which eliminate the Commission on Civic and Character Education. The Committee approved and continued Draft 2 of the rule on first reading.

MOTION from Committee that the Board approve and continue R277-475 *Patriotic, Civic and Character Education*, Draft 2, on second and final reading.

Motion carried unanimously. [For additional details, see General Exhibit No. 19-299.]

USBE Student Advisory Council (SAC) Recommendations

The Committee discussed the Student Advisory Council recommendations but took no action. Chair Huntsman directed that the recommendations go back to committee for further consideration. [For additional details, see General Exhibit No. 19-300.]

Human Trafficking Prevention Training Instructional Materials

The Human Trafficking Prevention Training statute was amended in the 2019 Legislative Session, resulting in necessary changes to the instructional materials.

MOTION from Committee that the Board approve the Minimum Guidelines and Instructional Materials for Human Trafficking Prevention Curriculum for parents, guardians, and adults serving youth.

Motion carried unanimously. [For additional details, see General Exhibit No. 19-301.]

Utah Special Education Advisory Panel (USEAP) Recommendations

The Committee reviewed recommendations from the Utah Special Education Advisory Panel concerning IEPs (individualized education plans) including parent involvement, team member involvement and high expectations for students with disabilities.

MOTION from Committee that the Board accept the USEAP recommendations on meaningful IEPs.

Motion carried unanimously. [For additional details, see General Exhibit No. 19-302.]

Utah Aspire Plus Standards Setting

Assistant Superintendent Darin Nielsen and Cydnee Carter, Assessment Development Coordinator, gave the presentation, *Utah Aspire Plus Standard Setting*, and presented recommendations for setting proficiency cut scores.

MOTION was made by Member Belnap and seconded that the Board accept the recommended proficiency cut scores for the Utah Aspire Plus assessments.

Motion carried unanimously. [For additional details, see General Exhibit No. 19-303.]

Strategic Plan Updates

Superintendent Dickson and Tiffany Stanley, Chief of Staff, presented an update on work on the Board's strategic direction and plan. They proposed changes to the language in the plan.

Ms. Stanley introduced the proposed tagline, "Forging Futures," developed to help create a concrete identity for the Board.

MOTION was made by Member Cummins and seconded that the Board amend USBE's mission statement by deleting the word, "leads," and inserting the words, "is forging futures."

Without objection, the motion was amended to add the caveat, "if acceptable after reaching out to focus groups."

Motion carried, with Members Belnap, Cannon, Cummins, Davis, Gravier, Haynes, Huntsman, Lear, Marsh and Newell in favor, and Members Boulter, Earl, L. Hansen, and S. Hansen opposed; Member Neilson absent.

MOTION was made by Member Cummins and seconded that if acceptable by a focus group, the Board direct staff to add the “Forging Futures” tagline to the Board logo and develop a style guide defining usage and application of the logo with and without the tagline.

Motion carried, with Members Belnap, Cannon, Cummins, Davis, Gravier, Haynes, Huntsman, Lear, Marsh and Newell in favor, and Members Boulter, Earl, L. Hansen and S. Hansen opposed; Member Neilson absent.

MOTION was made by Member Davis and seconded that pending final acceptance of the “Forging Futures” tagline, the words in the Vision Statement, “lead meaningful lives,” be replaced with, “forge meaningful futures.”

Motion carried, with Members Belnap, Cannon, Cummins, Davis, Haynes, Huntsman, Marsh and Newell in favor, and Members Boulter, Earl, Gravier, L. Hansen, S. Hansen and Lear opposed; Member Neilson absent.

[For additional details, see General Exhibit No. 19-304.]

Executive Session

MOTION was made by Member Belnap and seconded that the Board go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of individuals.

Upon voice vote of Members Belnap, Boulter, Cannon, Cummins, Davis, Earl, Gravier, L. Hansen, S. Hansen, Haynes, Huntsman, Lear, Marsh and Newell, the Board moved into closed executive session at 3:31 p.m.

Those present included the Board members above and Sydnee Dickson, Scott Jones, Angie Stallings, Ben Rasmussen, Bryan Quesenberry, Michelle Beus, and Lorraine Austin.

MOTION was made by Member Belnap and seconded that the Board come out of Executive Session.

Motion carried. The Board reconvened in open session at 4:15 p.m.

Executive Session ItemsAction on Educator Licenses

MOTION was made by Member Belnap and seconded that the Board adopt the Remand Order in Utah Professional Practices Advisory Commission (UPPAC) Case No. 18-1540.

Motion carried, with Members Belnap, Boulter, Cummins, Davis, Earl, Haynes, L. Hansen, S. Hansen, Huntsman, Marsh and Newell in favor, and Members Cannon, Gravier and Lear opposed; Member Neilson absent.

MOTION was made by Member Belnap and seconded that in UPPAC Case No. 18-1570 the Board adopt the Remand Order.

Motion carried, with Members Belnap, Boulter, Cannon, Cummins, Davis, Earl, L. Hansen, S. Hansen, Haynes, Huntsman, Marsh and Newell, in favor, and Members Gravier and Lear opposed; Member Neilson absent.

MOTION was made by Member Belnap and seconded that the Board accept the UPPAC recommendation in Case No. 18-1555 and issue a letter of reprimand consistent with the Consent to Discipline, to be in place not less than two years from the date of Board action.

Motion carried; Member Neilson absent.

MOTION was made by Member Belnap and seconded that the Board accept the UPPAC recommendation in Case No. 18-1609 to issue a letter of reprimand consistent with the Consent to Discipline, to be in place not less than two years from the date of Board action.

Motion carried; Member Neilson absent.

MOTION was made by Member Belnap and seconded that the Board accept the UPPAC Consent Calendar.

Motion carried; Member Neilson absent.

[For additional details, see General Exhibit No. 19-305.]

Competency-based Education Advisory Committee Appointments

MOTION was made by Member Belnap and seconded that the Board appoint the following to the Competency-based Education Advisory Committee for undesignated terms:

Matthew Winters, representing current teachers; Christina Guevara, representing former teachers; Blaine Edman, representing current LEA administrators; Nick Harris, representing former LEA administrators; and Nicki Slaugh, as an expert in STEM education.

Motion carried; Member Neilson absent.

Utah Special Education Advisory Panel Appointment

MOTION was made by Member Belnap and seconded that the Board appoint Timothy Slocum to the Utah Special Education Advisory Panel (USEAP) representing personnel preparations of service providers for students with disabilities, for a term September 2019 through June 2022.

Motion carried; Member Neilson absent.

Executive Session

MOTION was made by Member Belnap and seconded that the Board go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pending or reasonably imminent litigation.

Upon voice vote of Members Belnap, Boulter, Cannon, Cummins, Davis, Earl, Gravier, L. Hansen, S. Hansen, Haynes, Huntsman, Lear, Marsh and Newell, the Board moved into closed executive session at 4:22 p.m.

Those present included the Board members above and Sydnee Dickson, Bryan Quesenberry, Michelle Beus, Scott Jones, and Lorraine Austin.

MOTION was made by Member Marsh and seconded that the Board come out of Executive Session.

Motion carried. The Board reconvened in open session at 4:53 p.m.

Board Chair's Report

Chair Huntsman reported that H.R. Director Brooke Baker is transferring agencies and Michelle Watts has been named as the interim director. Board members thanked Ms. Baker for her work.

Board Member Comments/Conference Reports

Member Belnap shared highlights from the Digital Learning Annual Conference she attended in March with USBE staff member Cory Kanth and State Charter School Board Member Delaina Tonks.

Members Scott Hansen and Shawn Newell shared highlights from the NASBE New Members Institute in June.

Member Jennifer Graviet and Superintendent Dickson informed about the ECS National Forum on Education Policy they attended in July.

Members Linda Hansen, Jennie Earl and Chair Huntsman reported on their experiences at the Utah Rural Schools Conference in July.

Member Cannon reported on the positive experience she had on the English Learners Task Force.

Member Linda Hansen encouraged Board members to attend school events as they provide a great opportunity to talk individuals about education.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

BOARD MEETING – September 6

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Patty Norman, Deputy Supt.
Angie Stallings, Deputy Supt.

Minutes Taken By:

Lorraine Austin, Board Secretary

Others Present:

Lisa Cluff—Art Works for Kids; Todd Hauber—Utah Association of School Business Officials; Terry Shoemaker—Utah School Superintendents Association/School Boards Association; Karen Morgan—UURC; Elizabeth Garbe—United Way Salt Lake; Jay Blain—Utah Education Association; Rocio Hernandez—KUER; Bryan Quesenberry, Michelle Beus—Attorney General’s Office; Leah Voorhies, Deborah Jacobsen, Cathy Jensen, Sara Wiebke, Jennifer Thronsdon, Tiffany Stanley, Jeffrey Van Hulten, Corby Eason, Natalie Gordon, Jill Curry, Brian Olmsted, Sarah Young, Carl Bowman, Rhett Larsen—USBE staff

Chair Huntsman called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

2020 Legislative Session Preparation**SFY 21 Budget Formulation**

Deputy Superintendent Scott Jones introduced Tiffany Stanley, Chief of Staff, Deborah Jacobsen, Finance Director, Dale Frost, Fiscal Policy Analyst, and Jacob Houtrouw, Minimum School Program Director. Superintendent Jones reviewed the process of developing budget

priorities and the four categories of Board requests: Category A—WPU value and growth; Category B—LEA flow through/other entities requests; Category C—interoffice budget requests; and Category D—Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind requests.

The WPU request of six percent and the flow-through requests were reviewed. The Board will prioritize the requests in its October meeting.

[For additional details, see General Exhibit No. 19-306.]

Legislative Policy Requests

Deputy Superintendent Angie Stallings and Jeffrey Van Hulten, Policy Advisor, reviewed new requests for changes to statute.

MOTION was made by Member Cummins and seconded that the Board add new items 1-14, as presented, to the legislative request list.

MOTION to amend was made by Member L. Hansen and seconded that the Board remove item 10 from the list to amend 53F-2-303 to increase the cap for counting foreign exchange students.

Motion to amend carried, with Members Belnap, Cannon, Davis, Gravier, L. Hansen, S. Hansen, Huntsman, Lear and Marsh in favor, and Members Boulter, Cummins, Earl, Haynes, Neilson and Newell opposed.

Without objection, the word “growth” on item #7 was removed.

Motion, as amended, carried, with Members Belnap, Boulter, Cannon, Cummins, Davis, Gravier, L. Hansen, S. Hansen, Haynes, Huntsman, Lear, Marsh and Newell in favor, and Members Earl and Neilson opposed.

[For additional details, see General Exhibit No. 19-307.]

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:09 p.m.

Lorraine Austin, Board Secretary
Minutes approved October 3, 2019