

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

January 30, 2020

A legislative meeting of the Utah State Board of Education was held January 30, 2020 at the Utah State Capitol Complex, House Building, Room 30. Vice Chair Brittney Cummins presided.

Members Present:

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

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

Member Absent:

Chair Mark Huntsman
Member Michelle Boulter
Member Scott B. Neilson

Executive Staff Present:

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

Minutes taken by:

Lorraine Austin, Board Secretary

Others Present:

Terry Shoemaker—Utah School Superintendents Association/Utah School Boards Association; Todd Hauber—Utah Association of School Business Officials; Michelle Beus, Bryan Quesenberry—Assistant Attorneys General; Dylan Stoddard; Delanie Nixon—CSD; Nick Hoffman, Jayceen Walker—Clark Planetarium; Steve Eliason—Utah House of Representatives; Jon Thailer—legislative intern; Mark Peterson, Debbie Davis, Sarah Young, Jake Houtrouw, Jeff Van Hulsten, Keith Lawrence, Hollie Peterson, Dale Frost, Deborah Jacobsen, Patrick Lee, Jennifer Thronsdon, Thalea Longhurst, Darin Nielsen—USBE staff

Opening Business

Vice Chair Brittney Cummins called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

Review of Legislation

Legislator Review of Bills

Representative Steve Eliason discussed a bill that is currently being drafted to provide in-school mental health screening for students. He informed that it would be a mandatory statewide requirement with an opt-out provision for local education agencies. The screening itself would be an opt-in by parents. The intent is to work with mental health agencies to provide the information from the screening to parents with options for help within communities. Representative Eliason confirmed that the funding would come from the Education Fund.

Board members shared concerns, chiefly on the burden on school personnel and student privacy.

Legislative Policy Requests

Angie Stallings, Deputy Superintendent, and Jeff Van Hulten, USBE Policy Analyst, presented Legislative Proposal No. 1, to seek legislation to insert statutory language codifying state program monitoring standards into Utah Code, with the proposed language: "Unless otherwise specified in Utah Code, the board shall use federal monitoring standards when the board monitors state program."

MOTION was made by Member Belnap and seconded that the Board add Legislative Proposal No. 1 to the Board list for statutory changes and add to the wording in the proposed language: "or Board rule" after "Utah Code."

Motion carried unanimously.

Action on Budget/Legislation

Base Budget Bill

Scott Jones, Deputy Superintendent, presented information about the base budget bill along with a comparison between the FY2020 budget and the proposed FY2021 budget.

Superintendent Jones will keep the Board apprised as changes arise.

USBE FY2021 Budget Priorities

Deputy Superintendent Jones and Dale Frost, USBE Fiscal Policy Analyst, reviewed the Board's FY2021 budget request documents. Superintendent Jones indicated that a change will be made to add more funding for the Statewide Online Education Program.

2020 General Session Legislation

Deputy Superintendent Stallings and Jeff Van Hulten reviewed the following bills: H.J.R. 13 Proposal to Amend Utah Constitution-State; H.B. 99 Enhanced Kindergarten Amendments; H.B. 114 Early Learning Training and Assessment; H.B. 58 Electronic Cigarettes in Schools Amendment; H.B. 14 School Absenteeism and Truancy Amendments; and H.B. 16 School Meals Program Amendments.

Board Positions on Legislation

MOTION was made by Member Lear and seconded that the Board support H.B. 16 School Meals Program Amendments.

Motion carried, with Members Belnap, Cannon, Cummins, Graviet, Hansen, Haynes, Lear and Marsh in favor, Member Earl opposed, and Member Davis abstaining; Member Newell absent.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:31 p.m.

[For additional information on items from the meeting, see General Exhibit No. 20-02.]

Lorraine Austin, Board Secretary
Minutes approved February 6, 2020