

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

February 24, 2022  
12:00 to 2:00 pm.

The Utah State Board of Education (USBE) board legislative meeting was on February 24, 2022. First Vice-Chair Laura Belnap presided. The meeting was held electronically due to the COVID-19 pandemic, while the meeting was streamed live to the public.

**Members Present**

First Vice-Chair Laura Belnap  
Second Vice-Chair Cindy Davis  
Member Randy Boothe  
Member Janet A. Cannon  
Member Natalie Cline  
Member Jennie Earl  
Member Scott L. Hansen

Member Molly Hart  
Member Carol Barlow Lear  
Member James Moss Jr.  
Member Kristan Norton  
Member Brent Strate  
Member Stacey Hutchings

**Members Excused**

Member Matt Hymas

**Executive Staff Present**

Sydnee Dickson, State Superintendent  
Scott Jones, Deputy Superintendent  
Angie Stallings, Deputy Superintendent  
Patty Norman, Deputy Superintendent  
Darin Nielsen, Assistant Superintendent  
Leah Voorhies, Assistant Superintendent  
Deborah Jacobsen, Assistant Superintendent  
Sarah Young, Chief of Staff

**Minutes taken by:**

Cybil Child, Board Secretary

**Others Present**

Utah State Board of Education Staff: Jeff Van Hulsten, Jerry Record, Ann-Michelle Neal, Leslie Evans, Sam Urie, Max Lang, Noralee Green, Dale Frost, Debbie Davis, David Sallay, Jodi Parker, Tracey Vandeventer, Jennifer Throndsen, Ashley Biehl, Bryan Quesenberry, Ben Rasmussen, Zac Christensen, and Kathy Helgesen.

**Opening Business**

Vice-Chair Laura Belnap called the meeting to order at noon. She read the following statement: *As authorized by Utah Code 52-4, this meeting is being held electronically without an anchor location to reduce health and safety risks from COVID-19 by limiting in-person meetings.*

**Approval of Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION** was made by Member Huntsman and seconded by Member Boothe that the Board approves the minutes of its February 17 and 22, 2022 meeting.

Motion passed unanimously.

**Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Accountability Plan Addendum**

Darin Nielsen, Assistant Superintendent of Student Learning, Ann-Michelle Neal, Accountability Specialist, and Leslie Evans, Education Specialist presented the request for approval of the ESEA Accountability Plan Addendum and submission of the addendum to the U.S. Department of Education.

Upon receiving an accountability waiver for the 2020-2021 school year from the U.S. Department of Education, the USBE agreed that it would resume identifying schools for comprehensive and targeted support and improvement using data from the 2021-2022 school year in the fall of 2022, to ensure school identification resumes as quickly as possible. Subsequently, the Department released a streamlined process for modifying the approved ESEA consolidated State plan for 2021-2022.

The Board's Assessment and Accountability Policy Advisory Committee (AAPAC) provided recommendations for changes to the calculation of student growth and the use of pre and post-pandemic student achievement data for identification of schools for comprehensive support and improvement. Those recommendations are reflected in the draft addendum. In addition, the draft addendum was released for public input from February 7 through February 22, 2022.

**MOTION** was made by Member Boothe and seconded by Member Lear that the Board approves the ESEA Accountability Plan Addendum and directs staff to submit the addendum to the U.S. Department of Education.

Motion passed unanimously.

## **Budget Priorities**

### 2022 Legislative Session Funding Priorities

Deputy Superintendent Scott Jones updated the Board's process to identify its budget priorities for the 2022 Legislative Session.

## **Review of Legislation**

Chair Huntsman shared a brief update about the bill proposal presented at February 22, 2022, legislative meeting and stated that the bill would not move forward in the 2022 General Legislative Session. The bill proposed by the Legislature specified that Utahns would decide at the ballot box in November whether to protect and prioritize funding for public education, remove the sales tax from food, and increase state budget flexibility. Board Members shared their comments and concerns about this proposal and future proposals. Vice-chair Belnap recommended that the board members send their detailed comments and concerns to Executive Assistant Cybil Child.

### 2022 General Session Legislation

Jeffrey Van Hulten, Policy Advisor, and Angie Stallings, Deputy Superintendent, reviewed bills and answered Board member questions about 2022 General Session bills.

Jeff Van Hulten reviewed the following bills:

1. [SB 245](#) School Turnaround Program Revisions, Sen. Millner
2. [3rd Sub S.B. 62](#) Special Needs Opportunity Scholarship Program Amendments Sen. Fillmore
3. [HB 463](#) Changes to Education Governance, Rep. Waldrip
4. [HB 270](#) Parent Access to School Data Comparison, Rep. Karen Peterson
5. [HB 467](#) School Health Services Amendments, Rep. Johnson
6. [SB 191](#) Utah Innovation Schools Initiative Sen. Fillmore

**Board Positions on Legislation and Budget items****Board Positions on Legislation**

The Board considered its support of legislation or recommendations to bill sponsors for amendments.

**MOTION** made by Member Moss and seconded by Member Earl that the Board supports HB 302 Educational Language Services Amendments, Rep. Dan Johnson, as written on February 24, 2022.

Motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION** made by Member Earl and seconded by Member Hart that the Board supports SB 245 School Turnaround Program Revisions, Sen. Millner, as written on February 24, 2022.

Motion passed with Member Cline abstaining.

**MOTION** made by Member Lear and seconded by Member Strate that the Board opposes 3rd Sub S.B. 62 Special Needs Opportunity Scholarship Program Amendments and 4<sup>th</sup> Sub discussed, Sen. Fillmore.

Motion carried, with Members Hart, Earl, Hutchings, and Moss opposed.

**CALL THE PREVIOUS QUESTION**

Motion carried, with Member Earl opposed.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Cybil Child, Board Secretary  
Minutes approved March 10, 2022.