

**UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION/UTAH SCHOOLS
FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND GOVERNING BOARD**

MEETING MINUTES

January 13, 2022

A regular meeting of the Utah State Board of Education/Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind Governing Board was held electronically on January 13, 2022. The meeting was held electronically and streamed to the public. Board Chair Mark Huntsman presided.

Members Present

Chair Mark **Huntsman**
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 B. **Hansen**

Member Molly **Hart**
Member Stacey **Hutchings**
Member Matt **Hymas**
Member Carol Barlow **Lear**
Member James **Moss Jr.**
Member Kristin **Norton**
Member Brent J. **Strate**

Executive Staff Present

Sydnee Dickson, State Superintendent
Patty Norman, Deputy Superintendent
Angie Stallings, Deputy Superintendent
Scott Jones, Deputy Superintendent
Leah Voorhies, Assistant Superintendent
Darin Nielsen, Assistant Superintendent
Jeffrey Van Hulten, Director of Public Affairs
Bryan Quesenberry, Assistant Attorney General
Ashley Biehl, Assistant Attorney General

Minutes taken by:

Cybil Child, Executive Assistant

Others Present

Ariane Dansie, Bernadette Brockman, Britney Cummins, Brooke Stephens, CJ Wilkinson
Emilie Daly, Ephraim Zamora, Erin Jenkins, Genevra Prothero, Jen Brown, Juliet Reynolds
Kelly Jones, Kelly Strebel, Monica Wilbur, Nicole Mason, Jerry Record, Alex Farrah, Ben
Rasmussen, Bryan Quesenberry, Caleb Kersenbrock, Cathy Jensen, Cory Kanth, Dale Frost, Darin
Nielsen, David Sallay, Deborah Jacobson, Jacob Wright, Jared Felt, Jeffrey Van Hulten, Jennifer

Thronsen, Kamille Sheikh, Kathy Helgesen, Leah Voorhies, Makenna Powell, Malia Hite, Matthew Ricks, Michael Hakkarinen, Patty Norman, Robert Palmer, Ryan Bartlett, Sam Urie, Sara Harward, Sara Wiebke, Todd Call, Tracy Vandeventer, Yuriko Murakami, Zac Christensen.

Opening Business

Chair Mark Huntsman called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Board Member Message

Member Jennie Earl gave the welcome message.

Education Highlight

Jeff Van Hulten, Director of Public Affairs, introduced the United States Senate Youth Program (USSYP) presentation.

Public Comment

The following individuals - Juliet Reynolds, Monica Wilbur, Adriane Dansie, Nichole Mason, Jen Brown, Emilie Daly, Bernadette Brockman, Emma Jenkins, Brooke Stephens, CJ Wilkinson, Genevra Prothero, Kelly Strebels, and Kelly Jones, gave public comments, and their words can be heard on the recorded YouTube video.

State Superintendent's Report

Employee Recognition

State Superintendent Sydnee Dickson recognized Yuriko Murakami, the January Employee of the Month.

New Employee Introductions

Makenna Powell, Human Resource Analyst, introduced the new employees. Those introduced Joe Hovey, Sam Urie, Michael Hakkarinen, Jerry Rogers, Nicole Vance, Jessica Wilhelm, Corey Erekson, Tyson Elfors, Colby Wilson, Matthew Lorz, Mark Ramil, Teresa

McEntire, Matthew Ricks, Caleb Kersenbrock, Ephraim Zamora, Daniel Johnson, Matthew Lorz, Matthew Ricks, Caleb Kersenbrock, and Teresa McEntire.

New Assistant Attorney General Introduction

AAG Bryan Quesenberry introduced the new Utah State Board of Education AAG Ashley Biehl.

Acknowledgment of Student Artwork

Cathy Jensen, USBE Education Specialist for Fine Arts, Music, Theatre presented the student artwork.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Sydnee Dickson spoke about her school visits.

General Consent Calendar

MOTION was made by Member Hansen and seconded to pull Utah Restaurants Association from the General Consent Calendar.

MOTION was made by Member Moss and seconded to pull WestEd Contract from the General Consent Calendar.

MOTION was made by Member Hansen and seconded to pull KnowledgeWorks Foundation contract from the General Consent Calendar.

MOTION was made by Member Hansen and seconded to pull Carahsoft Technology Corp. contract from the General Consent Calendar.

GENERAL CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION was made by Member Hart and seconded by Member Norton to approve the Carahsoft Technology Corp. contract.

Motion passed with Member Earl, and Cline opposed.

MOTION was made by Member Hansen and seconded by Member Cannon to postpone the approval of the Utah Restaurants Association contract.

Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION was made by Member Hutching and seconded by Member Boothe to approve the KnowledgeWorks Foundation contract.

Motion carried with Members Earl, and Cline opposed.

MOTION was made by Member Moss and seconded by Member Strate to approve the WestEd contract.

Motion carried with Members Earl, Cline, Hart, and Belnap opposed.

Monthly Budget Items

Monthly Budget Report

Scott Jones, Deputy Superintendent of Operations, and Deborah Jacobson, Assistant Superintendent of Operations, presented the Board of education monthly budget report. In accordance with the Money Management Act and the Budgetary Procedures Act the Utah State Board of Education is provided a report on the status of funds for their internal budgets.

Discretionary Funds

Per the Money Management Act and the Budgetary Procedures Act the Utah State Board of Education is provided with a status of the funds. Deborah Jacobson, Assistant Superintendent updated the Board on the FY2021 P-12 Discretionary Funds account. Deputy Jones introduced Sam Urie as the new Financial Director.

Federal COVID-19 Relief Funding Update

Sara Harward, CARES Specialist, and Sarah Young, Chief of Staff, presented a monthly update on the status of federal COVID-19 relief funding to support Utah K-12 schools and communities. The update will include the status of reimbursements to the field and an update on the recent American Rescue Plan Act legislation.

2022 Legislative Session Preparation

2022 Legislative Session Requests for Statutory Changes

MOTION was made by Member Belnap and seconded by Member Hart that the Board increases the amount for the Center for Continuous School Improvement funding request from 111,000 to 1,780,500.

Motion carried with Member Cline opposed.

Crosswalk of Utah State Board of Education Funding Requests/Proposals to Governor's Public Education Funding Requests

Scott Jones, Deputy Superintendent of Operations, and Sam Urie, School Finance Director, presented the documentation for the crosswalk or comparison of the Governor's proposed public education funding to the proposals/requests the USBE provided in accordance with the Budgetary Procedures Act.

Review of Utah State Legislature December 2021 Executive Appropriations Committee Actions Specific to Public Education Ahead of the Start of the 2022 Legislative Session

Scott Jones, Deputy Superintendent of Operations, and Sam Urie, School Finance Director, explained the Utah State Legislature's Executive Appropriations Committees approved the base budget bill with public education-specific funding levels ahead of the start of the 2022 legislative session.

Questar Settlement Funds

Scott Jones, Deputy Superintendent of Operations, explained that the settlement funds would be used for assessments.

MOTION was made by Member Belnap and seconded by Member Boothe that the Board approves a motion requesting the Legislature appropriate the \$3,375,000 for an FY2022 supplemental to the USBE for assessments.

Motion passed unanimously.

Requests for Statutory Changes

Angie Stallings, Deputy Superintendent, discussed the following legislative request due to the recent surge in the COVID-19 pandemic (omicron variant) and its impact on students and

staff, LEAs that previously did not convert up to 4 instructional (educational service) days for professional learning or educator preparation time would now like the opportunity to do so.

MOTION was made by Member Davis and seconded by Member Hutchings that the Board Amend 53F-2-102(4)(d) to waive the current 90-day notice requirement for two years and replace it with a requirement to provide “reasonable” notice related to an LEA’s authority to convert up to 4 instructional (educational service) days for professional learning or educator preparation time.

Motion passed unanimously.

Utah State Instructional Materials Commission

Jennifer Thronsen, Director of Teaching and Learning, and Alan Griffin, Education Specialist, presented Utah’s Instructional Materials review process.

MOTION was made by Member Belnap and seconded by Member Lear that the Board adopts the recommendations by the Utah State Instructional Materials Commission and directs staff to award contracts to the various publishers to furnish instructional materials to the schools of Utah.

Motion carried with Members Cline, Earl, Hansen, and Hymas opposed.

Board Chair’s Report

Chair Huntsman spoke about the excellent participation of the Utah School Board’s Association (USBA) Conference and gearing up for the legislative session.

Chair Huntsman passed the gavel to Vice-Chair Davis.

Finance Committee Report/Recommendations

Committee Chair Jim Moss reported on the following items from the December 2, 2021, Committee meeting. Information on items not reported will be included in the Board meeting exhibits.

R277-726, Statewide Online Education Program (Amendment and Continuation)

MOTION was made by Member Moss that the Board continues and approves R277-726, Statewide Online Education Program, Draft 1, on second and final reading.

Motion passed unanimously.

Single Audit Reporting Deadlines Potential Waiver

MOTION was made by Member Moss that the Board approves that the USBE concur with the auditor alert and have USBE staff monitor the LEAs for adherence to the timelines and requirements of the single audit timelines and submissions.

Motion passed unanimously.

Charter School Revolving Loans

MOTION was made by Member Moss that the Board approves the charter school revolving loan applications in the following amounts:

- Davinci Academy - \$300,000
- Career Academy of Utah - \$300,000
- Utah Arts Academy - \$281,000

Motion passed unanimously.

Law and Licensing Committee Report/Recommendations

Committee Vice-Chair Randy Boothe, reported on the following items from the December 2, 2021, Committee meeting. Information on items not reported will be included in the Board meeting exhibits.

R277-406, Early Learning Program and Benchmark Assessments (Amendment and Continuation)

MOTION was made by Member Boothe that the Board continues and approves R277-406, Early Learning Program and Benchmark Assessments, Draft 2, on second and final reading.

Motion carried with Members Belnap, Cline, Earl, Norton, and Strate opposed.

R277-489, Kindergarten Entry and Exit Assessment - Enhanced Kindergarten Program (Amendment and Continuation)

MOTION was made by Member Boothe that the Board continues and approves R277-489, Kindergarten Entry and Exit Assessment – Enhanced Kindergarten Program, Draft 1, on second and final reading.

Motion carried with Members Cline and Earl opposed.

R277-622: School-based Mental Health Qualified Grant Program (Amendment and Continuation)

MOTION was made by Member Boothe that the Board continues and approves R277-622, School-based Mental Health Qualified Grant Program, Draft 2, on second and final reading.

MOTION TO AMEND by Member Lear and seconded by Member Belnap that the Board replaces the second occurrence of “qualifying” on line 41 with “school.”

Motion carried with Members Earl and Cline opposed

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R277-717, High School Course Grading Requirements (Continuation)

MOTION was made by Member Boothe that the Board continues R277-717, High School Course Grading Requirements, Draft 1, on second and final reading. approves
Motion passed unanimously.

R277-733, Adult Education Programs (Amendment and Continuation)

MOTION was made by Member Boothe that the Board continues and approves R277-733, Adult Education Programs, Draft 1, on second and final reading.

Motion passed unanimously.

R277-801, Services for Students who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, Blind, Visually Impaired, and Deaf-Blind (Amendment and Continuation)

MOTION was made by Member Boothe that the Board continues and approves R277-801, Services for Student who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, Blind, Visually Impaired, and Deaf-Blind, Draft 1, on second and final reading.

MOTION TO AMEND made by Member Hymas and seconded by Member Hart that the Board replaces all references to 5% with 6% in board rule R277-801, Draft 1.

Motion failed with Members Lear, Hansen, Huntsman, Strate, Earl, Belnap, Norton, Cannon opposed, and Hymas, Moss, Hutchings, Hart, and Cline in favor.

MOTION TO COMMIT was made by Member Lear and seconded by Member Strate that the Board refer R277-801 back to Committee and back to Board leadership to assign to a Committee for further consideration.

Motion passed unanimously.

R277-916, College and Career Awareness (Amendment and Continuation)

MOTION was made by Member Boothe that the Board continues and approves R277-916, College and Career Awareness, Draft 1, on second and final reading.

Motion passed unanimously.

Standards and Assessment Committee Report/Recommendations

Committee Chair Scott Hansen, had no action items to report on from the December 2, 2021, Committee meeting. Information on items not reported will be included in the Board meeting exhibits.

CTE - Teaching as a Profession 3 Course Standards Approval

MOTION was made by Member Hansen that the Board approves the Teaching as a Profession 3 Standards, Draft 2.

Motion carried with Members Earl, Cline, and Moss opposed.

Definitions: Framework for EDI, R277-328

MOTION was made by Member Hansen that the Board approves the definitions in EDI Definitions – Set 1 as “Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Board-Approved Definitions” for final approval.

MOTION TO AMEND Member Hansen and seconded by Member Strate that the Board amends the title to read “Educational Equity Definitions” in EDI Definitions – Set 1.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion carried with Member Cline opposed.

Vice-chair Cindy Davis passed the gavel to Chair Huntsman.

Executive Session

The motion was made by Member Huntsman and second by Member Belnap and seconded by Member Hart that the Board moves into executive session for the purpose of: 1) discussing the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property; 2) discussing the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of individuals; and 3) strategy on pending or reasonably imminent litigation.

Upon voice vote of Members Belnap, Boothe, Cannon, Cline, Davis, Earl, Hansen, Hart, Huntsman, Hutchings, Hymas, Lear, Moss, Norton, Strate, the Board went into closed session at 4:29 p.m.

Those present included the Members above and Sydnee Dickson, Debbie Davis, Zac Christensen, Scott Jones, Ashley Biehl, Cybil Child, Ben Rasmussen, Bryan Quesenberry, Jeffrey Van Hulten, and Angie Stallings.

MOTION was made by Member Cannon and seconded by Member Boothe that the Board comes out of executive session.

Motion passed unanimously.

The Board reconvened in an open session at 6:41 p.m.

Executive Session Action Items

Audit Committee Report

MOTION was made by Member Norton and seconded by Member Cannon to approve the amendment to the contract Utah Restaurants Association Foundation.

Motion passed unanimously.

Educator Licenses

MOTION was made by Member Norton and seconded by Member Cannon that the Board accepts the UPPAC Consent Calendar.

Motion passed unanimously. Member Strate recused.

MOTION was made by Member Norton and seconded by Member Cannon that the Board accepts the recommendation of the Utah Professional Practices Advisory Commission (UPPAC) in Case No. 19-1694.

Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION was made by Member Norton and seconded by Member Cannon that the Board denied the recommendation of the Utah Professional Practices Advisory Commission (UPPAC) in Case No. 19-1712.

Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION was made by Member Norton and seconded by Member Cannon that the Board accepts the Option B remand recommendation of the Utah Professional Practices Advisory Commission (UPPAC) in Case No. 20-1748.

Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION was made by Member Norton and seconded by Member Cannon that the Board accepts the recommendation of the Utah Professional Practices Advisory Commission (UPPAC) in Case No. 20-1772.

Motion passed unanimously. Member Lear recused.

MOTION was made by Member Norton and seconded by Member Cannon that the Board accepts the recommendation of the Utah Professional Practices Advisory Commission (UPPAC) in Case No. 20-1789.

Motion carried with Members Belnap, Lear, and Cline opposed.

MOTION was made by Member Norton and seconded by Member Cannon that the Board accepts the recommendation of the Utah Professional Practices Advisory Commission (UPPAC) in Case No. 21-1813.

Motion passed unanimously.

Advisory Committee Appointments

Assessment and Accountability Policy Advisory Committee (AAPAC)

MOTION was made by Member Norton and seconded that the Board appoints the following individuals to the Assessment and Accountability Policy Advisory Committee (AAPAC):

- Steven Davis, as the charter school administrator;
Motion passed unanimously.
- Joseph Ned Jensen, as the secondary school principal;
Motion passed unanimously.
- LeAnn Wood, representing a parent;
Motion passed unanimously.
- Robert McDaniel, as the at-large member with assessment expertise.
Motion passed unanimously.

Utah Special Education Advisory Panel (USEAP)

MOTION was made by Member Norton and seconded by Member Cannon that the Board appoints the following individuals to the Utah Special Education Advisory Panel (USEAP):

- Marci Elliot, as the District Special Education Director;

Motion passed unanimously.

- LeslieAnn Hansen, as a parent advocating for their students with disabilities

Motion passed unanimously.

Board Member Comments

Member Cannon mentioned that the board members should have received the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) standard magazine, which highlighted supporting student with disabilities and on page 37 NASBE recognized the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind (USDB) Superintendent Joel Coleman.

Member Boothe mentioned that he attended a mental health workshop at the Utah Schools Boards Association (USBA) Conference. There are services and resources to help parents that can be found at this link [ParentGuidance.org](https://www.parentguidance.org).

Member Earl also mentioned that there were many great workshops at the USBA conference.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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