

UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION LEGISLATIVE MEETING MINUTES

January 26, 2023

A Utah State Board of Education legislative meeting was held on January 26, 2023. Chair Moss presided. As authorized by Utah Code 52-4, this meeting was held at the Utah State Capitol Complex Senate Committee Room 210 Salt Lake City, UT 84114. The public can hear the audio of the meeting through live YouTube streaming.

Members Present:

Chair James Moss

First Vice Chair Molly Hart

Second Vice Chair Jennie Earl

Member Christina Boggess

Member Joseph Kerry

Member LeAnn Wood

Member Matt Hymas

Member Carol Barlow Lear

Member Kristan Norton

Member Brent J. Strate

Member Sarah Reale

Member Cindy Davis

Members Present Online:

Member Randy Boothe

Member Emily Green

Member Natalie Cline

Executive Staff Present:

Sydnee Dickson, State Superintendent

Scott Jones, Deputy Superintendent

Angie Stallings, Deputy Superintendent

Patty Norman, Deputy Superintendent

Sarah Young, Chief of Staff

Minutes were taken by:

Cybil Child, Executive Assistant

Others Present:

USB E staff Bryan Quesenberry, Ashley Biehl, Vanessa Barnes, Liz Bernfield, Adam Herd, Royce Van Tassell, Anteny Sor, Governor Cox's Senior Education Advisor Brittney Cummins, Lexi Cunningham, Brent Bills, and Todd Harber.

Opening Business

Chair Moss called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. He welcomed the public and board members to the forum.

Legislator Review of Bills

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House Representative Melissa G. Ballard joined the Board meeting to share public education-related bills she is sponsoring this session.

1. [HB 82](#) School Assembly Notice Requirements, Rep. Ballard
2. [HB 138](#) Digital School Curriculum Requirements, Rep. Ballard
3. [HB 190](#) Local Education Agency Salary and Personnel Amendments, Rep. Ballard
4. [HB 87](#) Youth Sports Safety Amendments, Rep. Ballard
5. [HB 136](#) Safe School Route Evaluations, Rep. Ballard
6. [HB 229](#) Teacher Parental and Postpartum Recovery Leave, Rep. Ballard
7. [HB 203](#) Inmate Education Amendments, Rep. Ballard
8. [HB 17](#) Utah Professional Practices Advisory Commission Sunset Extension, Rep. Ballard

Budget Priorities

2023 Legislative Session Funding Priorities

Deputy Superintendent Scott Jones reviewed the Public Education base budget 2023 Legislative Session and the Constitutional Amendment (Article 10).

- Utah Legislative Leadership has convened education stakeholders to engage their expertise to address a challenge in the state budget structure.
- The goal is to address the imbalance between sales tax and income tax and projected future state expenditure needs.

- The proposed solution is to remove the education earmark from Article 13 of the constitution while adding language to Article 10 that establishes the state commitment to education funding,

Review of Legislation

Legislative Policy Requests

Deputy Superintendent Angie Stallings and Policy Analyst Greg Connell reviewed the list of policy requests and answered board member questions.

- 1st Sub H.B. 118 Education False Claims Amendments

This bill includes changes to the state Procurement Code for the public education system. It enacts false claims provisions for K-12 educational procurement units, as well as makes USBE the rulemaking authority regarding procurement for LEAs, permits an LEA to delegate procurement authority to USBE, and permits USBE to conduct cooperative procurements on behalf of LEAs.

2023 General Session Legislation

Deputy Superintendent Stallings and Greg Connell, Policy Analyst, reviewed the bills and answered Board member questions.

Action on Legislation/Budget

Board Positions on Legislation

The Board discussed its support of legislation and recommendations to bill sponsors for amendments.

MOTION was made by Member Davis and seconded by Member Hart that the Board supports the following bills related to the Board's policy requests for minus HB 16 and HB 118.

- HB 17 Utah Professional Practices Advisory Commission Sunset Extension, Rep. Ballard
- SB 77 Education Scholarship Amendments, Sen. Fillmore
- HB 189 International Baccalaureate Program Amendments, Rep. Spackman Moss

- HB 182 Interventions for Reading Difficulties Program Amendments, Rep. Walter
- HB 193 Online Education Course Amendments, Rep. Birkeland

MOTION TO DIVIDE was made by Member Boggess and seconded by Member Kerry.

Motion to divide failed with Members Boggess, Cline, Green and Kerry in favor and Members Boothe, Davis, Earl, Hart, Hymas, Lear, Norton, Reale, Strate, Wood and Moss opposed.

Final Motion carried with Members Boothe, Davis, Earl, Hart, Hymas, Lear, Norton, Reale, Strate, Wood, and Moss in favor and Members Boggess, Cline, Green, and Kerry opposed.

MOTION was made by Vice chair Hart and seconded by Chair Moss to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.