

#### **Utah State Board of Education**

#### **Meeting Minutes**

November 2, 2023, Board Meeting 9:00 AM. – 9:30 PM.

A regular Utah State Board of Education meeting was held on November 2, 2023. Chair Moss presided. As Utah Code 52-4 authorized, this meeting was held at the state board offices, 250 E. 500 S, Salt Lake City, Utah. The public can view the discussion through live YouTube streaming.

#### **Members Present**

Board Chair James Moss
First Vice-Chair Molly Hart
Second Vice-Chair Jennie Earl
Member Kristan Norton
Member Natalie Cline
Member LeAnn Wood
Member Cindy Davis
Member Emily Green

Member Carol Barlow Lear Member Matt Hymas Member Christina Boggess Member Randy Boothe Member Brent J. Strate Member Joseph Kerry Member Sarah Reale

#### **Executive Staff Present**

Sydnee Dickson, State Superintendent Cy Sarah Young, Chief of Staff Patty Norman, Deputy Superintendent Scott Jones, Deputy Superintendent Angie Stallings, Deputy Superintendent Kelsey James, Board Communications Coordinator

# Minutes were taken by:

Cybil Prideaux, Executive Assistant

# **Public Participants**

Jay Blain, UEA; April Despain, parent; Laurel Fetzer, parent; Jessica Mackley, public comment; Katrina Herd, community rep; Corey Fairholm, UTAH PTA; Renee Edwards, Itineris ECHS; and Jennilyn Derbidge, UCAS, Lexi Cunningham, Laurel Fetzer, Renée Pinkney, Lisa Cluff, Sheri Mattle, Corey Fairholm, Jessica Mackley, Todd Quarnberg, Principal of Herriman High School, plus, a student Carolyn Sharette, Monica Wilbur, and April Despain.

# **Opening Business**

Chair Moss called the meeting to order at 9:14 AM.

1.1. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice chair Hart.

#### 1.2. Board Member Message

Board Member LeAnn Wood offered inspirational thoughts and welcoming thoughts for November.

#### 1.3. Education Highlight

The Board Communication Coordinator, Kelsey James, presented the November education highlight, which honored the National Board Certification: Improving Outcomes for Utah Students. Established in 1987, NBPTS is an independent, nonprofit organization working to advance accomplished teaching for all students.

NBPTS has been established as the profession's vehicle for defining and recognizing accomplished teaching.

# 2. Public Comment for USBE

The public is welcome to send written comments to <u>publiccomment@schools.utah.gov</u>.

- 2.1. INFORMATION: Public Comment
  - Public comments are limited to 2 minutes per person.
  - A comment can express support or dissent for regulatory action.
  - Individuals should not use public comment to complain about personnel issues or attack or defame an individual.
  - Speakers making a highly detailed or complex comment should also consider providing a written outline of their words to the Board.
  - Please remember that children may hear your comments. Be thoughtful and professional.
  - Keep your comments appropriate for a general audience. If you have material with explicit language or content, submit such material in writing to the Board at publiccomments@schools.utah.gov

The State Board of Education heard public comments from the following individuals:

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT LIST**

Lexi Cunningham

Laurel Fetzer

Renée Pinkney

Lisa Cluff

Sheri Mattle

Corey Fairholm

Jessica Mackley

Todd Quarnberg, Principal of Herriman High School,

plus, a student

Carolyn Sharette

Monica Wilbur

April Despain

3. Standards and Assessment Committee Report/Recommendations (Items duplicated from the October 6, 2023 meeting)

Committee Chair Randy Boothe shared the committee motions.

- 3.1. INFORMATION: October 6, 2023 Summary of Actions
- 3.2. INFORMATION: Recognition of Progress, Achievements, or Improvements
- 3.3 ACTION: Request for Waiver from Board Rule R277-419-4: Daggett School District

**MOTION** was made by Member Boothe that the Board approve Daggett School District's request for a waiver under R277-419-4 and make it retroactive to the 2022-2023 school year.

The motion passed unanimously.

3.4 ACTION: Request for Waiver from Board Rule R277-419-4: Winter Sports School

**MOTION** was made by Member Boothe that the Board approve Winter Sports School request for a waiver under R277-419-4 and make it retroactive to the 2022-2023 school year and that the waiver be applied for five years.

The motion passed unanimously. Member Wood was absent.

3.5 ACTION: Board Policy 5002, Assessment and Accountability Policy Advisory Committee

There was no motion in committee because this item was completed during full Board meeting on October 5, 2023.

3.6 ACTION: R277-704, Financial and Economic Literacy: Integration into Core Curriculum and Financial and Economic Literacy Student Passports (Amendment & Continuation)

**MOTION** was made by Member Boothe that the Board approve and continue R277-704, Financial and Economic Literacy: Integration into Core Curriculum and Financial and Economic Literacy Student Passports, as amended on second and final reading.

The motion carried with Member Boggess opposed. Member Hymas was absent.

- 3.7 DISCUSSION: Assessment and Accountability Update
- 3.8 DISCUSSION: Special Education Update
- 3.9 DISCUSSION: School Improvement Update

# 4 Law and Licensing Committee Report/Recommendations (Items duplicated from the October 6, 2023 meeting)

The Committee Chair Matt Hymas shared the committee motions.

- 4.1 INFORMATION: October 6, 2023, Summary of Actions
- 4.2 ACTION: Amendment to Data Sharing Agreement with Navajo Nation (USBE210085DA Amd. 3)

**MOTION** was made by Member Hymas that the Board approve the amendment to the data sharing agreement with the Navajo Nation.

The motion carried with Member Boggess and Cline opposed. Chair Moss was absent.

4.3 ACTION: Research Data Sharing Agreement with Westat (USBE230080RA)

**MOTION** was made by Member that the Board approve the research data sharing agreement with Westat.

The motion carried with Members Green, Earl, Cline, Kerry and Boggess opposed.

- 4.4 INFORMATION: USEAP "Thank You" for Promoting Meaningful Inclusion of Students with Disabilities
- 4.5 USBE Oversight Framework
  - 4.5.1 ACTION: R277-114, Corrective Action and Withdrawal or Reduction of Program Funds (Repeal & Reenact)

**MOTION** was made by Member Hymas that the Board approve R277-114, Corrective Action and Withdrawal or Reduction of Program Funds, Draft 2, on second and final reading.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION** was made by Member Hymas and seconded by Member Cline that the Board return Board Rules R277-114 and R277-100 (the Oversight Framework) back to the December law and licensing committee meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

4.5.2 ACTION: R277-100, Definitions for Utah State Board of Education Rules (Amendment)

**MOTION** (See above motion)

- 5 Law and Licensing Committee Report/Recommendations (Items duplicated from the October 3 and 19, 2023 meeting) The Committee Chair Matt Hymas shared the committee motions.
  - 5.1 INFORMATION: October 3, 2023, Summary of Actions
  - 5.2 INFORMATION: October 19, 2023, Summary of Actions
  - 5.3 ACTION: R277-217, Educator Standards and LEA Reporting (Amendment)

**MOTION** was made by Member Hymas that the Board approve R277-217, Educator Standards and LEA Reporting, Draft 4, on second and final reading.

**MOTION TO AMEND** was made by Member Lear and seconded that the Board strike lines 199-205 and update line 209 to strike "or (2)(a)" and reinstate lines 225-227.

The motion failed with Members Norton, Reale Davis, Boothe, Strate, and Lear in favor.

**MOTION TO AMEND** was made by Member Davis and seconded that the Board remove "ideological" from line 94.

The motion carried with Members Moss, Earl, Kerry, Green, Boggess, and Cline opposed.

**MOTION TO AMEND** was made by Member Davis and seconded that the Board replace "within 72 hours of receiving the allegation" to "within 30 days of receiving the allegation" on line 202.

The motion carried with Members Green, Cline, and Boggess opposed.

**MOTION TO AMEND** was made by Member Kerry and seconded that the Board direct staff to establish a retention schedule for records of unsupported allegations of misconduct, not to exceed two years prior to destruction.

**(WITHDRAWN) MOTION TO AMEND THE AMENDMENT** was made by Member Strate and seconded that the Board direct staff to establish a retention schedule to immediately destroy the records of unsupported allegations.

**MOTION TO AMEND** was made by Member Davis and seconded that the Board direct staff to establish a retention schedule to reflect that once UPPAC determines not to investigate, the records and names be destroyed.

The motion passed unanimously.

The motion passed unanimously.

(WITHDRAWN) MOTION TO AMEND was made by Member Boggess and seconded that the Board strike the word "or" after "using and after "influence" on lines 45-47 and to add the words "experiencing the debilitating residual effects"

**MOTION TO AMEND** was made by Member Wood and seconded that the Board inserts before line 206: "(c) The Executive Secretary shall classify allegations received under Subsection (1) or Subsection (2)(a) as private in accordance with

Subsection 63G-2-302(2)(d).

The motion carried with Members Cline and Green opposed.

**MOTION TO AMEND** was made by Member Boggess and seconded that the Board strike the words "and an LEA's policy" on Line 73.

The motion failed with Boggess, Green, Earl, and Kerry in favor.

**MOTION TO AMEND** was made by Member Boggess and seconded that the Board change "and" to "or" on Lines 66 and 73.

The motion failed with Members Kerry, Earl, Cline, Boggess, and Green in favor.

**MOTION TO AMEND** was made by Member Cline and seconded that the Board strike the word "and" on lines 66 and 67.

The motion failed with Members Boggess, Cline, Green, and Earl in favor.

**MOTION TO AMEND** was made by Member Boggess and seconded that the Board amend lines 94-95 to strike the word "actively," reinstate "political" and lines 95-96 to strike the phrase "in a manner inconsistent with the policy of the educator's LEA."

The motion failed with Members Green, Cline and Boggess in favor.

**MOTION TO AMEND** was made by Member Boggess and seconded that the Board amend to add Board rule and LEA code of conduct to line 115.

The motion failed with Members Boggess, Green, Cline, Moss, Kerry, Hymas, and Davis in favor.

**MOTION TO AMEND** was made by Member Boggess and seconded that the Board amend line 120 from "prevent" to "stop, mitigate, and prevent"

The motion carried with Member Strate opposed.

**MOTION TO AMEND** was made by Member Cline and seconded that the Board strike the words "prompt and" on line 120.

The motion failed with Members Cline and Boothe in favor.

MOTION TO AMEND was made by Member Boggess and seconded that the Board amend Lines 161-165 to read: "(15) use classroom materials and <u>instruction</u> that are: (a) [age-appropriate] <u>academically focused, and in line with students': (i) cognitive abilities; (ii) intellectual capacity; (iii) emotional maturity; (iv) physiological aptitude; and (v) overarching cognitive motor skillsets.</u>

The motion failed with Members Green, Boggess, and Cline in favor.

**MOTION TO AMEND** was made by Member Boggess and seconded that the Board amend lines 200-201 to strike the word "from a parent"

The motion failed with Members Boggess, Green, Cline Wood, Earl, and Kerry in favor.

**MOTION TO AMEND** was made by Member Cline and seconded that the Board amend lines 88-89 to read as follows: "invite, suggest, encourage, or provide curriculum, materials, activities or discourse specific to sexual orientation, gender identity or sexuality with a student"

The motion failed with Members Cline, Boggess, Hymas, Wood, Davis, and Green in favor. Member Strate abstained.

**MOTION TO AMEND** was made by Member Cline and seconded that the Board amend Line 94 add "or passively" after "actively."

The motion failed with Members Cline and Green in favor.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION** was made by Member Davis and seconded that the Board amend line 94 to remove the word "actively"

The motion failed with Members Cline, Green, Davis, Moss, Boothe Earl, and Boggess in favor.

**MOTION TO AMEND** was made by Member Cline and seconded that the Board amend the rule to Add on Line 100 "a parent or" after "information to"

The motion failed with Members Green, Earl, Boggess, Kerry, and Cline in favor.

**MOTION TO REFER** was made by Member Cline and seconded.

The motion failed Green, Cline, and Boggess in favor.

**FINAL MOTION** that the Board approve R277-217, Educator Standards and LEA Reporting, Draft 4, on second and final reading, as amended.

The motion carried with Members Reale, Boggess, Lear, Cline, and Green opposed.

5.4 ACTION: R277-210, Utah Professional Practices Advisory Commission (UPPAC), Definitions (Amendment)

**MOTION** was made by Member Hymas that the Board approve R277-210, Utah Professional Practices Advisory Commission (UPPAC) Definitions, Draft 1, on second and final reading.

The motion passed unanimously. Member Hart was absent.

5.5 ACTION: R277-211, Utah Professional Practices Advisory Commission (UPPAC), Rules of Procedure: Notification to Educators, Complaints, and Final Disciplinary Actions (Amendment)

**MOTION** was made by Member Hymas that the Board approve R277-211, Utah Professional Practices Advisory Commission (UPPAC), Rules of Procedure: Notification to Educators, Complaints and Final Disciplinary Actions, Draft 4, on second and final reading.

The motion passed unanimously. Member Davis was absent.

- 5.6 DISCUSSION: R277-215, Utah Professional Practices Advisory Commission (UPPAC), Disciplinary Rebuttable Presumptions
- 6 Finance Committee Report/Recommendations (Items duplicated from the October 6, 2023 meeting) The Committee Chair Kristan Norton shared the committee motions.
  - 6.1 INFORMATION: October 6, 2023, Summary of Actions

6.2 ACTION: R277-477, Distributions of Funds from the Trust Distribution Account and Administration of School LAND Trust Program (Amendment)

**MOTION** was made by Member Norton that the Board approve R277-477, Distributions of Funds from the Trust Distribution Account and Administration of School LAND Trust Program, Draft 1, on second and final reading.

The motion carried with Members Bogges and Cline opposed.

6.3 ACTION: R277-625, Mental Health Screeners Grant (Amendment)

**MOTION** was made by Member Norton that the Board approve R277-625, Mental Health Screeners Grant, Draft 1, on second and final reading.

The motion carried with Members Green, Cline, Earl, and Bogges opposed.

6.4 ACTION: R277-752, Special Education Intensive Services Fund (Amendment)

**MOTION** was made by Member Norton that the Board approves R277-752, Special Education Intensive Services Fund, Draft 3, on second and final reading.

The motion carried with Members Earl and Cline opposed. Member Boggess abstained. Member Hart was absent.

6.5 ACTION: R277-554, State Charter School Board Grants and Mentoring Program (Amendment)

**MOTION** was made by Member Hymas that the Board approves R277-554, State Charter School Board Grants and Mentoring Program, Draft 1, on second and final reading.

The motion carried with Member Cline opposed.

6.6 ACTION: Board Policy 2007, Boardmember Participation in Legislative Proceedings (New)

**MOTION** was made by Member Norton that the Board approves Board Policy 2007.

**MOTION TO AMEND** was made by Member Kerry and seconded that the Board amend Lines 19-21 to read, 3. When preparing an official Board presentation, Board members shall follow USBE style guides for written and visual materials

submitted to the Legislature and may enlist the assistance of staff in preparing materials.

The motion carried with Member Boggess abstained.

MOTION TO AMEND was made by Member Kerry and seconded that the Board amend Line 26 to read, "A Boardmember may testify in a legislative committee or legislative meeting or meeting of an elected body in the same manner as any other member of the general public. However, when testifying as a private citizen, a Boardmember [should clarify that the Boardmember's views are the Boardmember's own and are not representative of the Board as a whole] shall clarify that the Boardmember is appearing in a personal capacity and not speaking on behalf of the Board."

**MOTION TO AMEND THE AMENDMENT** was made by Member Cline and seconded that the Board amend to add "or representing constituents" after capacity, as follows: shall clarify that the Boardmember is appearing in a personal capacity <u>or representing constituents</u> and not speaking on behalf of the Board."

**MOTION TO TABLE AND REFER** was made by Member Earl and seconded that the Board refer Board policy 2007 to a future committee meeting.

The motion carried with Members Hart, Wood, and Norton opposed.

6.7 ACTION: Program Outcome and Funding Review and/or Recommendations

**MOTION** was made by Member Norton that the Board recommends that the legislature clarify in statute that the local funding match is a minimum of 20 percent and the non-supplant applies only to meeting the statutory match requirement.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION** was made by Member Boothe and seconded that the Board recommends that the Board and Legislature:

- 1. Establish more internal controls to guarantee that LEAs pay 20% or more towards the program costs, requiring the LEAs to code the amount they are contributing to BTSA specifically using a BTSA code in the system;
- 2. Codify (in Board rule or Utah Code) that new funding goes first to increase the number of new schools in BTSA as the top priority, after ensuring current salary schedules are met;
- 3. Allow USBE an extension of time prior to shifting the current budget model to complete the research study underway which will address best models for

- program implementation and barriers to opting into BTSA and provide a report to PEA in 2024; and
- 4. Loosen the requirements in Utah Code 53F-2-506 for a licensed full-time arts educator in some of our more rural areas who can't afford or find a full-time educator, to allow for more flexibility, such as an artist-in-residence model, or a rural coach model.

The motion carried with Member Cline opposed.

**MOTION** was made by Member Norton that the Board recommends that the legislature clarify in statute that state funds may be awarded by stipend or hourly rate at the discretion of the LEA. The state distribution would be appropriated on a per teacher basis to the LEA based on the state appropriation and total number of eligible educators.

The motion carried with Members Green, Cline, and Boggess opposed.

**MOTION** was made by Member Norton that the Board recommends that the legislature directs the Board to develop a framework for the Teacher Supplies and Materials program, including purpose, distribution of funding, and use of funding by educators.

**MOTION TO AMEND** was made by Member Boggess and seconded that the Board recommends staff:

- 1) inform the legislature that the Board intends to develop a framework for the Teacher Supplies and Materials program, including purpose, distribution of funding, and use of funding by educators; and
- 2) present the framework for the program to members of the Public Education Appropriations Subcommittee for feedback.

The motion carried with Members Davis, Lear and Norton opposed.

The motion, as amended, carried with Members Lear, Davis, Boothe and Norton opposed.

- 6.8 INFORMATION: Recognition of Progress, Achievements, or Improvements
  - 6.8.1 INFORMATION: Progress Update on School Finance Dashboards
  - 6.8.2 INFORMATION: Program Monthly Report (PMR) on the Utah Schools Information Management System

- 6.8.3 INFORMATION: Program Monthly Report (PMR) on Utah Grants
- 6.9 INFORMATION: Special Education Program Code for Expenditures from Unrestricted Funds
- 6.10 INFORMATION: Requests for Data and Information

## 7 Audit Committee Report

7.1 ACTION: Data Reliability, Graduation and Student Data Audit Report

**MOTION** was made by Member Hart that the Board release the Data Reliability, Graduation and Student Data Audit Report to the public.

The motion passed unanimously. Members Strate, Lear, Reale, Davis, Wood, and Norton were absent.

#### 8. Lunch Break

#### 9. R277-700, The Elementary and Secondary School General Core

9.1 ACTION: Hearing Record for R277-700

**MOTION** was made by Member Moss that the Board accepts the Hearing Record, as presented.

The motion passed unanimously. Members Davis, Norton, and Lear were absent.

9.2 ACTION: Board rule R277-700

**MOTION** was made by Member Earl and seconded that the Board selects one of the options outlined:

3) That the Board amends R277-700 as follows, and request staff refile R277-700 with OAR; and

that the Board amends as follows:

(4) If a [parent objects to] student refrains from a portion of a course or to a course in its entirety under Section 53G-10-205, the parent [shall be responsible for] and school may work together to establish an alternate reasonable academic accommodation, which allows the student to demonstrate [the student's ] mastery of Core Standards or alternate standard. consistent with Section 53G-6-803(7) and Subsection 53G-10-205(2)(b), [to the satisfaction of the school] before [prior to] the student's promotion to the next course or grade level.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION** was made by Member Cline and seconded that the Board amend R277-700-7(4) to read "A student or parent may refrain from participation consistent with Section 53G-10-205."

The motion failed with Members Green, Boggess, and Cline in favor.

**MOTION TO AMEND** was made by Member Boggess and seconded that the Board strike the language after "alternate standard" as follows:

(4) If a [parent objects to] student refrains from a portion of a course or to a course in its entirety under Section 53G-10-205, the parent [shall be responsible for] and school may work together to establish an alternate reasonable academic accommodation, which allows the student to demonstrate [the student's ] mastery of Core Standards or alternate standard. consistent with Section 53G-6-803(7) and Subsection 53G-10-205(2)(b), [to the satisfaction of the school] before[prior to] the student's promotion to the next course or grade level.

The motion failed with Members Green, Hymas, and Boggess in favor.

# **CALL THE QUESTION**

The motion passed unanimously.

**FINAL MOTION** 3) That the Board amends R277-700 as follows, and request staff refile R277-700 with OAR; and

that the Board amends as follows:

(4) If a [parent objects to] student refrains from a portion of a course or to a course in its entirety under Section 53G-10-205, the parent [shall be responsible for] and school may work together to establish an alternate reasonable academic accommodation, which allows the student to demonstrate [the student's ] mastery of Core Standards or alternate standard. consistent with Section 53G-6-

803(7) and Subsection 53G-10-205(2)(b), [to the satisfaction of the school] before [prior to] the student's promotion to the next course or grade level.

#### **CALL THE QUESTION**

The motion carried with Members Kerry, Cline, Boggess, and Moss opposed.

The final motion carried with Members Cline, Boggess, and Green opposed.

#### 10. Preschool Update

10.1 INFORMATION: Preschool Update

The following USBE staff members presented Preschool updates: Jared Lisonbee, Preschool Specialist; Christina Barrera, Preschool Specialist; and Chelsea Oaks, Special Education Preschool Specialist.

# **Overview of LEA Preschool Programs**

**Preschool Special Education Services** 

- IDEA 619 (Part B)
- Best Practices for Serving Students With Disabilities—Meaningful Inclusion
  - o Title 1
  - Community Preschool
- Maximizing Student Learning and Combatting Intergenerational Poverty
  - School Readiness Grant Programs
- Benefits of High-Quality Preschool

#### 11. 2024 General Session Legislation Preparation

11.1 ACTION: Process for Board Requested Legislative Funding

No Board Action was taken during the meeting.

11.2 ACTION: Requests for Statutory Changes

No Board Action was taken during the meeting.

# 12. Statewide Online Education Program (SOEP) – 2:00 to 2:15 PM

12.1 ACTION: Addressing SOEP Concerns Per Board Request

**MOTION** was made by Member Hart and seconded that the Board direct staff to include in the Utah State Board of Education Statewide Online Education Program Board Rule including the following three elements:

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- Elements to demonstrate the applicant maintains safeguards appropriate to the protection of sensitive data, including Personally Identifiable Information (PII) protected under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA);
- 2) Non-profit status; and
- 3) An alternative option for lack of academic records.

The motion carried with Members Green and Boggess opposed. Member Cline was absent.

## 13. Superintendent's Report

- 13.1 INFORMATION: Employee Recognition

  Superintendent Dickson introduced Wendi Morton Employee of the Month
- 13.2 INFORMATION: Acknowledgement of Student Art Work
- 13.3 INFORMATION: Superintendent's Report

#### 14. General Consent Calendar

Member Cline requested to pull Item 14.3 Approval of Meeting Minutes from the consent calendar.

**MOTION** was made by Member Hart and seconded by Member Moss that the Board approve the consent calendar, as amended.

The motion carried with Members Wood, Davis, Boggess, Green, and Cline opposed. Member Boothe was absent.

14.1 ACTION: Contracts/Agreements for Approval

**MOTION**: That the Board approves the monthly Consent Calendar.

# 14.2 INFORMATION: Contracts/Agreements for Review

#### 14.3 ACTION: Approval of Meeting Minutes

**MOTION** was made by Member Hart and seconded that the Board approve the meeting minutes, as presented.

The motion passed unanimously. Member Boothe was absent.

#### 15. Monthly Budget Report

# 15.1 INFORMATION: Monthly Budget Report

Deputy Superintendent of Operations Scott Jones presented the Board of Education's monthly budget report. In accordance with the Money Management Act and the Budgetary Procedures Act, the Utah State Board of Education provided information on the status of funds for their internal budgets.

# 15.2 INFORMATION: Discretionary Funds Report

Deputy Superintendent of Operations Scott Jones presented the Board of Education discretionary fund report. Deborah Jacobson, Assistant Superintendent, updated the Board on the FY2022 P-12 Discretionary Funds account. Per the Money Management Act and the Budgetary Procedures Act, the Utah State Board of Education is provided with the status of the funds.

#### 15.3 INFORMATION: Federal COVID-19 Relief Funding Update

This presentation is to provide an 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 a report on existing COVID-19 relief funding state projects. CARES Educational Specialist Jessica Kjar led the presentation.

# 16. Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)

#### 15.1 ACTION: Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Waiver Request

**MOTION** was made by Member Earl and seconded that the Board approve staff to submit the waiver request to the United States Department of Education.

The motion passed unanimously. Member Boothe was absent.

17. Executive Session (closed in accordance with the Utah Open and Public Meetings Act)

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

Upon voice vote of Members Boggess, Boothe, Cline, Davis, Earl, Green, Hart, Lear, Moss, Norton, Reale, Strate, Hymas, Kerry, and Wood, the Board went into closed session at 7:24 PM. Members Boothe were absent.

Upon voice vote of all Members, the Board went into closed session.

Those present included the above members: Sydnee Dickson, Cybil Prideaux, Ben Rasmussen, Michelle Beus, and Ashley Biehl.

**MOTION** was made by Member Hart, seconded by Member Moss, that the Board come out of executive session at 8:56 PM.

Motion carried.

18. Executive Session Action Items

18.1 ACTION: Educator Licenses

**MOTION** was made by Member Norton and seconded by Member Boothe that the Board approve the UPPAC consent calendar recommendations.

The motion passed unanimously. Member Boggess, Strate and Hart abstained.

**MOTION** was made by Member Norton and seconded that the Board approved the recommendation of UPPAC in the following cases:

• Case No. 20-1740

The motion passed unanimously.

• Case No. 20-1752

The motion passed unanimously. Member Strate abstained.

• Case No. 21-1815

The motion passed unanimously.

• Case No. 22-1908

The motion carried with Member Earl opposed.

• Case No. 22-1930

The motion carried with Members Green, Boggess, Wood and Earl opposed.

• Case No. 22-1938

The motion passed unanimously.

• Case No. 23-1978

The motion passed unanimously.

• Case No. 23-1982

The motion passed unanimously.

• Case No. 23-2029

The motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION** was made by Member Norton and seconded by Member Hymas that the Board approve Valerie Staker representing a Charter School Special Education Program Implementer.

The motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION** was made by Member Norton and seconded by Member Hymas that the Board approve Kevin Kuykendall representing a Private School Representative. The motion passed unanimously.

#### 19. Adjournment – 6:00 PM

The motion to adjourn passed unanimously.

Minutes were taken by Executive Assistant Cybil Prideaux The minutes were approved on December 7, 2023.