

## UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION LEGISLATIVE MEETING MINUTES

January 18, 2024

A Utah State Board of Education legislative meeting was held on January 18, 2024. 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	Member Matt Hymas
Vice Chair Molly Hart	Member Joseph Kerry
Vice Chair Jennie Earl	Member Carol Lear
Member Christina Boggess	Member Kristan Norton
Member Randy Boothe	Member Brent Strate
Member Natalie Cline (online)	Member LeAnn Wood
Member Cindy Davis	Member Emily Green (online)

### Member Excused:

Member Sarah Reale

### Executive Staff Present:

Sydnee Dickson, State Superintendent  
Scott Jones, Deputy Superintendent  
Angie Stallings, Deputy Superintendent  
Sarah Young, Chief of Staff  
Kelsey James, Board's Communication Coordinator

### Minutes were taken by:

Cybil Prideaux, Executive Assistant

### Others Present:

Ashley Biehl, Darin Nielson, Adam Herd, Vanessa Barnes, Brittney Cummins, Michelle Beus, Jennifer Throndsen, Elisse Newey, Carson Miller, Sam Urie, Dale Frost, Deborah Jacobson.

### Opening Business

Chair Moss called the meeting to order at 11:07 a.m. He welcomed the public and board members to the forum. He shared an overview of the legislative session and board members' participation protocol.

#### 1. Reports and Requirements Task Force Recommendations

1.1. ACTION: Annual Training Requirements Reduction Request

**MOTION** was made by Member Davis and seconded by Member That the Board directs staff to work with a legislator to direct USBE to design a training schedule, to be established in Board rule, for LEAs with the training broken up over the three years and a light written summary/review of the requirements in the two off years with the intent to ease the burden on LEAs.

**MOTION TO AMEND** was made by Member Davis and seconded that the Board add the following language to the motion, “and that staff work with legislators to address any other necessary code changes”

As follows:

The Board directs staff to work with a legislator to direct USBE to design a training schedule, to be established in Board rule, for LEAs with the training broken up over the three years and that staff work with legislators to address any other necessary code changes and a light written summary/review of the requirements in the two off years with the intent to ease the burden on LEAs.

**MOTION TO AMEND** was made by Member Boggess and seconded by Member Green to strike, “to work with a legislator to direct USBE”

As follows:

The Board directs staff ~~to work with a legislator to direct USBE~~ to design a training schedule, to be established in Board rule, for LEAs with the training broken up over the three years and that staff work with legislators to address any other necessary code changes and a light written summary/review of the requirements in the two off years with the intent to ease the burden on LEAs.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION** was made by Member Davis and seconded that the board direct staff design a training schedule, to be established in Board rule, for LEAs with the training broken up over the three years and including a light written summary/review of the requirements in the two off years and the staff work with the legislature to codify the concept and address any necessary Utah code alignment changes with the intent to ease the burden on LEAs.

**MOTION TO AMEND** was made by Member Kerry and seconded that the Board strike “with the intent to ease the burden of LEAs” from the motion.

The motion passed unanimously. Member Hart was absent from the vote.

**MOTION TO AMEND** was made by Member Boggess and seconded by Member Green that the Board strike “codify the concept and”

As follows:

The board direct staff design a training schedule, to be established in Board rule, for LEAs with the training broken up over three years and a light written summary/review of the requirements in the two off years, and the staff works with legislature to ~~codify the concept and~~ address any necessary Utah code changes with the intent to ease the burden on LEAs.

The motion failed with Members Boggess, Cline, Earl, Green, Hymas, and Kerry in favor and Members Boothe, Davis, Lear, Norton, Strate, Wood, and Moss opposed. Member Hart was absent from the vote.

**Substitute motion, as amended, was** carried with Members Boothe, Davis, Earl, Hymas, Kerry, Lear, Norton, Strate, Wood, and Moss in favor, and Members Cline and Green opposed. Member Boggess abstained from the vote. Member Hart was absent from the vote.

## 2. **Monthly Budget Report**

Scott Jones, Deputy Superintendent of Operations, explained by the Money Management Act and the Budgetary Procedures Act that the Utah State Board of Education is provided a report on the status of funds for their internal budgets.

2.1. INFORMATION: Monthly Budget Report

2.2. INFORMATION: Discretionary Funds Report

## 3. **Full-Day Kindergarten**

3.1. INFORMATION: Full-Day Kindergarten Update

Christine Elegante, K-3 Literacy Specialist, provided an update on Full-Day Kindergarten.

4. **Overview of Legislative Session**

4.1. INFORMATION: Overview of Legislative Session

5. **Budget Priorities**

Scott Jones, Deputy Superintendent of Operations

Angie Stallings, Deputy Superintendent of Policy

Todd Call, Director of Strategic Initiatives

5.1. ACTION: Analysis on the Effects of Moving the Nine Related to Basic School Programs into the Weighted Pupil Unit (Basic Program) or the Flexible Allocation

**MOTION** was made by Member Norton and seconded by Member Strate that the Board recommends that the Legislature continue to maintain the Dual Language Immersion Program as a line-item program.

The motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION** was made by Member Earl and seconded by Member Kerry that the Board preserve the line item for Gang Prevention and Intervention.

The motion carried with Member Cline abstaining.

**MOTION** was made by Member Hymas and seconded by Member Strate that the Board preserves the line items for Effective Teachers in High Poverty Schools Incentive Program and Rural Transportation Program.

The motion was carried with Member Cline opposed and Member Boggess abstained.

5.2. ACTION: Update and Action on Tooele County School District

**MOTION** was made by Member Norton and seconded the Board recommendation to the Legislature to support Tooele School District in mitigating loss during the transition and in light of potential code changes or clarifications.

The motion passed unanimously.

5.3. ACTION: 2024 Legislative Session Funding Priorities

**6. Review of Legislation -12:30 to 1:00 PM**

Angie Stallings, Deputy Superintendent of Policy  
Greg Connell, Policy Analyst

6.1. INFORMATION: Legislator Review of Bills

6.2. DISCUSSION: Legislative Policy Request Update

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

6.3. DISCUSSION: 2024 General Session Legislation

Deputy Superintendent Stallings and Policy Analyst Greg Connell reviewed the bills and answered board members' questions.

**7. Action on Legislation -1:00 to 1:30 PM**

7.1. POTENTIALACTION: Board Positions on Legislation

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Board motioned to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 1:37 pm.

The executive assistant took the minutes.  
The minutes were approved on February 1, 2024.