

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

February 21, 2019

A legislative meeting of the Utah State Board of Education was held February 21, 2019 at the Utah State Capitol Complex, House Building, Room 30. Chair Mark Huntsman presided. At the direction of the Chair, Vice Chair Brittney Cummins conducted.

Board Members Present:

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| Chair Mark Huntsman | Member Jennie Earl |
| Vice Chair Brittney Cummins | Member Alisa Ellis |
| Member Laura Belnap (by phone) | Member Jennifer Graviet |
| Member Michelle Boulter | Member Linda B. Hansen |
| Member Janet A. Cannon | Member Scott L. Hansen |
| Member Lisa Cummins | Member Carol Barlow Lear |
| Member Cindy Davis | Member Shawn E. Newell |

Board Members Absent:

Member Scott B. Neilson

Executive Staff Present:

Sydnee Dickson, State Superintendent
Scott Jones, Deputy Supt.
Patty Norman, Deputy Supt.
Angie Stallings, Deputy Supt.

Minutes taken by:

Lorraine Austin, Board Secretary

Others Present:

Bridget Varner—Alpine School District; Michelle Beus—Attorney General’s Office; Sara Jones—Utah Education Association; Drew Camps and students—Wasatch High School; Jeremiah Sniffin—Utah School Employees Association; LaRene Cox—Washington School District; Mary Nielsen—Utah School Boards Association; Mike Anderson—Jordan School District; Karen Peterson, Tami Pyfer—Governor’s Office; Danell Mieure—USBE Advisory Committee on Equity of Educational Services for Students; Marjorie Cortez—Deseret News; Bill Cosgrove, M.D.—Utah AHP; Kara Sherman—Utah PTA; Delanie Nixon, Susan Edwards—Canyons School District; Kory Holdaway, Audrey Wood—KMH Consulting; Jennie Mandle—Voices for Utah Children; Andrew Riggle—DLC; Terry Shoemaker—Utah School Boards Association/School Superintendents Association; Joel Coleman—Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind; Emilie Wheeler, Jeff Van Hulten, Diana Suddreth, Holly Bell, Ysaac Amarillas, Natalie Grange, Kathy Helgesen—USBE staff

Vice Chair Brittney Cummins called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m. She introduced Drew Camps, a former intern at USBE, who brought her history class from Wasatch High School.

Review of Legislation

Representative Joel Briscoe addressed the Board concerning his bill, H.B. 217 Open Carry Near Schools Amendments.

Representative Derrin Owens presented his bill, 3rd Substitute H.B. 260 Access Utah Promise Scholarship Program.

Representative Steve Eliason addressed the Board regarding H.B. 373 Student Support Amendments.

Representative Marsha Judkins presented H.B. 248 Education Fund Designation Ratio.

[For additional details, see General Exhibit No. 19-72.]

USBE FY20 Budget/Legislative Priorities

Deputy Superintendent Scott Jones reviewed budget recommendations from the Public Education Appropriations Subcommittee. [For additional details, see General Exhibit No. 19-73.]

MOTION was made by Member L. Hansen and seconded that the Board support 3rd Substitute H.B. 260 Access Utah Promise Scholarship Program.

Member concerns were expressed that this could be viewed as a vendor bill and that the ratios for matching are unclear.

Other members spoke to the need for scholarship opportunities for students who choose a career path rather than academic path after high school.

Motion carried 11-2-1, with Members Earl and Ellis opposed, and Member Davis abstaining.

MOTION was made by Member Cannon and seconded that the Board support H.B. 248 Education Fund Designation Ratio.

Member Cannon spoke to her motion, expressing that having a moving target for funding every year is difficult, and it would be a good precedent to have set funding.

Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION was made by Member L. Hansen and seconded that the Board support H.B. 118 Incentives for Statewide Assessment Performance.

Member Hansen spoke to her motion, indicating that the bill is important to Utah educators and they feel strongly that the Board should support the legislation which would allow them to incentivize students who do well on assessments, but wouldn't penalize the ones who don't.

Some Members spoke in opposition, voicing that students who choose to opt out could be harmed and that there is an overemphasis on tests, putting pressure on students and teachers.

Motion carried 9-4, with Members Cannon, B. Cummins, Davis, Gravier, Lear, L. Hansen, S. Hansen, Huntsman and Newell in favor, and Members Boulter, L. Cummins, Earl and Ellis opposed; Member Belnap absent.

MOTION was made by Member Huntsman and seconded that the Board support the Adobe licensing appropriation of \$1.7 million.

Concerns were expressed that a specific vendor has been identified for the funding. Staff informed that Adobe has been identified because of the substantial savings that will be available for local education agencies (LEAs).

Motion carried 9-4, with Members Cannon, B. Cummins, Davis, Gravier, L. Hansen, S. Hansen, Huntsman, Lear and Newell in favor, and Members Boulter, L. Cummins, Earl and Ellis opposed; Member Belnap absent.

MOTION was made by Member Davis and seconded that the Board support 1st Substitute H.B. 74 Open Meetings Amendments.

Motion carried unanimously; Member Belnap absent.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Lorraine Austin, Board Secretary
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