

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

February 15, 2018

A legislative meeting of the Utah State Board of Education was held February 15, 2018 at the State Capitol Building, Capitol Board Room, Salt Lake City, Utah. Chair Mark Huntsman presided.

Board Members Present:

Chair Mark Huntsman	Member Jennifer Graviet
1 st Vice Chair Brittney Cummins	Member Linda B. Hansen
2 nd Vice Chair Alisa Ellis	Member Carol Barlow Lear (by phone)
Member Laura Belnap	Member Scott B. Neilson
Member Michelle Boulter	Member Kathleen Riebe
Member Janet A. Cannon	Member Terryl Warner
Member Lisa Cummins	

Board Members Absent:

Member Spencer F. Stokes
Member Joel Wright

Executive Staff Present:

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

Minutes taken by:

Lorraine Austin, Board Secretary

Others Present:

Richard Veasey, Alan Daniels—Lakeview Academy; Jay Blain, Sara Jones, Lisa Nentl-Bloom—Utah Education Association; Jennifer Lambert, Rabecca Cisneros—State Charter School Board; Natalie Robison—EFC; Erin Preston—Lear Law; Jim Kerr—Pregnancy Resource Center of SLC; Tami Pyfer, Karen Peterson—Governor’s Office; Nancy Tingey—Utah School Boards Association; Emilie Wheeler, Tiffany Stanley, Cybil Child, Allison Nicholson, Leah Voorhies, Diana Suddreth, Paula Plant, Cathy Davis, Whitney Phillips, David Sallay, Marianne McEwan, David Hughes, Drew Camps—USBE staff

Call to Order

Chair Mark Huntsman called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

New Charter School Applications

Law and Licensing Committee Chair Michelle Boulter reported that in its February 2, 2018 meeting, the Law and Licensing Committee discussed two new charter school applications that were approved by the State Charter School Board (SCSB) in January. The Committee approved the applications for LEAP Academy and Lakeview Academy. The applications are coming to the Board today rather than in its regular meeting due to timelines for action established in statute. [For additional details, see General Exhibit No. 18-87.]

MOTION from Committee that the Board approve LEAP Academy's application to open a new K-9 charter school.

In response to a question about the school working with special needs students using its model, Jennifer Lambert, SCSB Executive Director, reported that the concern was brought up by the SCSB during the initial review of the application and the school did strengthen that area in its final application.

Director Lambert also addressed a question concerning whether the school is a part of Leap Academy based in New Jersey. She indicated the school has looked at models of other schools, but is a separate entity with its own governing board. The school has not contracted with anyone yet for operations, but at the time of application, were talking with a local management company.

Motion carried, with Members Lear and Riebe opposed; Member Neilson absent.

MOTION from Committee that the Board approve Lakeview Academy's application to open a replication campus serving grades K-6.

Some concern was expressed that Lakeview Academy was given a C grade in the school grading system. Director Lambert responded that the SCSB looks at various areas when assessing a school, including progress on goals, academics, enrollment, retention rates, capacity and the strength of the board and administration to open a satellite. She noted that it is difficult to assess the school only on SAGE test scores due to low participation rates. Overall, the Charter Board found there is strong capacity and high demand for opening a satellite.

Motion carried, with Members Belnap, Boulter, B. Cummins, L. Cummins, Ellis, Hansen, Huntsman, Lear and Warner in favor, and Members Cannon, Graviet and Riebe opposed; Member Neilson absent.

Review of Legislation

Discussion with Legislators

Representative Val Potter discussed H.B. 233 Teacher Salary Supplement Revisions, which adds special education teachers to those receiving supplements.

Review of Legislation

Deputy Superintendent Angie Stallings reviewed the following bills with the Board and answered questions: 1st Substitute H.B. 313 Charter School Revisions; H.B. 404 Land Trusts Protection and Advocacy; 3rd Substitute H.B. 175 Legislative Oversight Amendments; and S.B. 194 Early Literacy Program.

[For additional details, see General Exhibit No. 18-88.]

Action on Legislation/Budget Requests

MOTION was made by Member Belnap and seconded by Member Boulter that the Board continue to work with the sponsor of H.B. 313 Charter School Revisions to reinstate lines 341 through 346 and change 60 days to 90 days on line 341.

MOTION TO AMEND was made by Member B. Cummins and seconded by Member Boulter to add wording to line 343 that the Board's denial would be based on an authorizer not following statute or rule.

Motion to amend carried.

MOTION TO AMEND was made by Member Hansen and seconded by Member Riebe that the Board let the sponsor know the Board opposes the rule unless the changes are made.

Motion to amend failed, with Members Cannon, Gravier, Hansen, Lear, Neilson, Riebe and Warner in favor, and Members Belnap, Boulter, B. Cummins, L. Cummins, Ellis and Huntsman opposed.

Motion as amended—that the Board continue to work with the sponsor of H.B. 313 to reinstate lines 341 through 346, change 60 days to 90 days on line 341, and add wording to line 343 that the Board’s denial would be based on an authorizer not following statute or rule—carried unanimously.

MOTION was made by Member Riebe and seconded by Member Hansen that the Board oppose H.B. 313 Charter School Revisions.

Motion failed, with Members Cannon, Gravier, Hansen, Lear, Neilson, Riebe and Warner in favor, and Members B. Cummins and Huntsman opposed; Members Belnap, Boulter, L. Cummins and Ellis abstained.

MOTION was made by Member Cannon and seconded by Member Warner that the Board support 1st Substitute H.B. 233 Teacher Salary Supplement.

Motion failed, with Members Cannon, Hansen, Lear and Warner in favor.

MOTION was made by Member Hansen and seconded by Member B. Cummins that the Board oppose H.B. 404 Land Trust Protection and Advocacy Act.

Motion carried; Members Boulter, Cannon, B. Cummins and Ellis abstained.

Adjournment

MOTION was made by Member Cannon and seconded that the meeting adjourn.

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Lorraine Austin, Board Secretary
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