

**MEETING MINUTES OF THE UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION ACTING AS
THE GOVERNING BOARD FOR THE UTAH SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND**

November 2, 2018

A meeting of the Utah State Board of Education Acting as the Governing Board for the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind was held November 2, 2018 at the Utah State Board of Education Building, 250 East 500 South, Salt Lake City, Utah. Chair Mark Huntsman presided.

Members Present:

Chair Mark Huntsman	Member Jennifer Graviet
First Vice Chair Brittney Cummins	Member Linda B. Hansen
Second Vice Chair Alisa Ellis	Member Carol Barlow Lear
Member Michelle Boulter	Member Kathleen Riebe
Member Janet A. Cannon	Member Joel Wright
Member Lisa Cummins	

Members Absent:

Member Laura Belnap	Member Spencer F. Stokes
Member Scott Neilson	Member Terryl Warner

USDB Executive Staff Present:

Joel Coleman, USDB Superintendent	Carolyn Lasater, Associate Supt.
Michelle Tanner, Associate Supt.	Carl Empey, Finance Director

Others Present:

Lori Ruth—USDB Education Association; Tamra Dayly, Jennifer Jackson, April Wallace—USDB staff; Lorraine Austin—USBE staff

Call to Order

Chair Mark Huntsman called the meeting to order at 12:53 p.m.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

MOTION was made by Member Ellis and seconded that the Board approve the minutes of the October 5, 2018 meeting.

Motion carried; Member Hansen absent.

Monthly Budget Report

USDB Finance Director Carl Empey presented the monthly budget report.

FY20 USDB Budget Priorities

Superintendent Joel Coleman reviewed USDB's budget priorities. He noted that step and lane increases for USDB educators are required in Code so aren't included in the request. The two requests are as follows:

- Funding for the Utah Instructional Materials Access Center (USIMAC) - \$500,000.
- Funding to accommodate shifting the responsibilities for educational services from several districts to USDB - \$2,382,500.

Superintendent Coleman explained that R277-801(6)(a) allows an LEA with greater than three percent of the student population statewide to elect to contract with USDB to provide outreach services; in addition, Section (8)(a)(1) states: "In order to meet the educational needs of qualifying students, an IEP team may enroll a qualifying student in a USDB program and may designate USDB as the LEA for the qualifying student." In accordance with the rule, Washington District, Canyons District, and Nebo District have requested to transfer their responsibility for providing educational services to deaf and blind students in their districts to USDB. Superintendent Coleman verified that without added funding, USDB will not have the capacity to serve those students.

MOTION was made by Member Cannon and seconded that that Board approve the two USDB budget priorities as presented.

Motion carried; Member Boulter absent.

Deaf Parent Infant Program (PIP)

Superintendent Coleman introduced Stephanie Morgan, Director of the Deaf Parent Infant Program (PIP). In response to emails received by several Board members from a parent

concerned about having both spoken language and American Sign Language (ASL) at toddler group activities, he asked Ms. Morgan to give an overview of the program.

Director Morgan gave a slide presentation about PIP, and went into detail about the Toddler Group Program that is provided both in ASL and spoken English. She explained that children are supported in either or both, and indicated that children aren't expected to pick one method of communication or another at such an early age.

Chair Huntsman commented that he has heard from some parents about this program and they express confidence in USDB staff and that they receive hope through the program.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Coleman reported on the following:

- The League of Innovative Schools event hosted by USDB was a great success, and positive feedback was received from the participating superintendents.
- The groundbreaking for the Springville building will hopefully take place in November. It is anticipated the building will be ready next spring.
- USDB has been working with legislative staff concerning recodification of the USDB Code. Chair Huntsman asked that proposed changes be sent to the Board and this be placed on the next agenda for action.

Chair Huntsman expressed thanks to Superintendent Coleman for hosting the Board at the USDB Openshaw Center during the November joint meeting with the USDB Advisory Council.

Adjournment

MOTION was made by Member Boulter and seconded that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Lorraine Austin, Board Secretary
Minutes approved December 7, 2018