

**MEETING MINUTES OF THE
JOINT MEETING OF THE UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
AND UTAH SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND
ADVISORY COUNCIL**

October 13, 2017

A meeting of the Utah State Board of Education and the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind Advisory Council was held October 13, 2017 at the C. Mark Openshaw Education Center, 1655 East 3300 South, Salt Lake City, Utah. Chair Mark Huntsman presided.

USBE Members Present:

Chair Mark Huntsman	Member Janet A. Cannon
1 st Vice Chair Terry Warner	Member Lisa Cummins
2 nd Vice Chair Brittney Cummins	Member Jennifer Gravier
3 rd Vice Chair Alisa Ellis	Member Kathleen Riebe
Member Michelle Boulter	

USBE Members Absent:

Member Laura Belnap	Member Scott B. Neilson
Member Linda B. Hansen	Member Spencer F. Stokes
Member Carol Barlow Lear	Member Joel Wright

Advisory Council Members Present:

Chris Bischke, Advisory Council Chair	Stephanie Morgan
Jason Allebest	Sandra Ruconich
Phillipe Montalette	

Executive Staff Present:

Joel Coleman, USDB Supt.	Michelle Tanner, Associate Supt.
Carolyn Lasater, Associate Supt. (by phone)	Letty Debenham, USDB Finance Director
	Lorraine Austin, Board Secretary

Others Present:

Superintendent Sydney Dickson, Deputy Superintendent Scott Jones—USB E; Brandon Watts, Holly Murdock, David Laycock, Karen Borg, Todd Derrington, Tamara Flint, Letty Debenham—USDB staff; Pam Christensen—USDB Teachers Association; Susan Patton, Jared Felt—interpreters.

Call to Order and Introductions

Chair Mark Huntsman called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m. Utah State Board of Education (USBE) Members Belnap, Hansen, Lear, Neilson, Stokes and Wright were excused.

Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind (USDB) Superintendent Joel Coleman introduced USDB staff members and others there for support. USDB Advisory Council Members and USBE members introduced themselves.

USDB Consent Calendar

MOTION was made by Member L. Cummins and seconded by Member Riebe that the Board approve the USDB Consent Calendar.

Motion carried.

2016-17 USDB Annual Report

Superintendent Joel Coleman introduced the USDB Annual Report, which provides statistics and reports on USDB programs.

Associate Superintendent Michelle Tanner reviewed the portion on the blind and visually impaired students and programs.

Associate Superintendent Michelle Lasater reviewed the portion on deaf and hard of hearing students and programs.

It was noted that the outreach services are USDB's largest areas of service. The enrichment programs were also highlighted.

Utah School for the Deaf (USD) School Improvement/Strategic Plan

Associate Superintendent Tanner distributed and reviewed a USD 2016-2017 Strategic Map.

Utah School for the Blind School Improvement/Strategic Plan

Associate Superintendent Lasater reported on the strategic plan for the School for the Blind and reviewed the goals.

Monthly Budget Report

The monthly budget report was provided to the Board.

USDB Enrichment Program Guidelines and FY 2018 Enrichment Fund Projects

Superintendent Coleman explained that the USDB was granted at the time of statehood trust lands for both the deaf and the blind. The revenue generated comes into the USDB Enrichment Fund. The Fund provides extra activities and special learning experiences for the students that are very different from the school's regular academic programs. Superintendent Coleman presented a USDB Enrichment Program Policy that formalizes the use, limitations, and implementation of those funds.

Superintendent Coleman reviewed the list of Enrichment Fund projects proposed for FY 2018. He stressed that the projects are funded only from the trust funds, and not from taxpayer dollars. He has also consulted with the Board's attorney to ensure that the purposes for which the funds are used are appropriate.

MOTION was made by Member Cannon and seconded by Member Riebe that the Board approve the USDB Enrichment Policy and the FY 2018 enrichment projects as presented.

Motion carried.

Mr. Montalette expressed that the Advisory Council reviewed the list and was uncomfortable with the amounts designated for each project and asked whether there is flexibility in the assignment of the amounts. Superintendent Coleman indicated the Advisory Council will still be able to discuss the projects.

Executive Session

MOTION was made by Member Boulter and seconded by Member Cannon that the Board move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the character, professional competence or physical or mental health of individuals.

Upon voice vote of Members Boulter, Cannon, B. Cummins, L. Cummins, Ellis, Graviat, Huntsman, Riebe and Warner, the Board moved into Executive Session at 3:01 p.m.

Those present included all members above and Joel Coleman, Sydnee Dickson, Lorraine Austin and David Laycock.

MOTION was made by Member Ellis and seconded by Member Riebe that the Board come out of Executive Session.

Motion carried. The Board reconvened in open session at 3:18 p.m.

Adjournment

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

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 3:18 p.m.

Lorraine Austin, Board Secretary
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