

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

February 14, 2019

A legislative meeting of the Utah State Board of Education was held February 14, 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.

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Member Scott B. Neilson

Executive Staff Present:

Sydnee Dickson, State Superintendent
Angie Stallings, Deputy Superintendent
Scott Jones, Deputy Superintendent

Minutes taken by:

Lorraine Austin, Board Secretary

Others Present:

Marjorie Cortez—Deseret News; Karen Peterson, Tami Pyfer—Governor’s Office; Jay Blain—Utah Education Association; Nancy Tingey, Duane Nixon, Ben Horsley, Amber Shill—Canyons School District; Austin Cox—Our Schools Now; Anna Thomas—Voices for Utah Children; Bryan Quesenberry, Michelle Beus—Attorney General’s Office; Ysaac Amarillas, Jill Curry, Whitney Phillips, Cybil Child, Emilie Wheeler, Jeff Van Hulten, Kim Fratto, Tiffany Stanley, Scott Nelson, Natalie Grange, Kathy Helgesen, Travis Rawlings, Diana Suddreth, Kathleen Britton—USBE staff

Vice Chair Brittney Cummins called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

High School Graduation Course Requirements Task Force Recommendation

The USBE High School Graduation Course Requirements Task Force developed a Portrait of a Graduate document and presented it to the Board in its February 8, 2019 meeting for review. Member Belnap noted that since the meeting the word “they” on the document has been changed to “graduates;” in addition, under Civics and Economic Literacy, the word “practical” has been added before the word “understanding.”

MOTION was made by Member Belnap and seconded that the Board direct staff to release the Portrait of a Graduate document to the public for a three-week comment period.

Motion carried, with Member L. Cummins opposed.

[For additional details, see General Exhibit No. 19-69.]

Prioritization of USBE FY20 Budget Request

Deputy Superintendent Scott Jones reviewed with the Board three revenue thresholds under which the Public Education Appropriations Subcommittee chairs have requested the Board determine its priorities--\$350 million, \$300 million, and \$250 million. Superintendent Jones reviewed a proposed prioritization of the Board’s FY20 budget request to meet the thresholds.

MOTION was made by Member L. Hansen and seconded that the Board approve the funding priorities in the order presented.

MOTION TO AMEND was made by Member Belnap and seconded that the Board move the University of Utah Reading Clinic request below the LEARN Platform request.

Motion to amend carried, with Members Belnap, Boulter, B. Cummins, L. Cummins, Ellis, S. Hansen, Huntsman, Lear and Newell in favor, and Members Cannon, Davis, Earl, Graviet, and L. Hansen opposed.

MOTION TO AMEND was made by Member Belnap and seconded that the Board move the Statewide Advising Corps item to last on the list.

Motion to amend carried unanimously.

Motion to amend was made by Member Gravier and seconded that the Board reconsider the elimination of the school nurse request for \$3 million ongoing and add the school nurse request as the last item on the list.

Amendment failed, with Members Cannon, Davis, Gravier and Lear in favor, and all others opposed.

MOTION TO AMEND was made by Member Belnap and seconded that the Board switch the order of the one-time requests for Certified Teacher Librarians and USIMAC, with USIMAC moved ahead.

Motion to amend carried, with Members Belnap, B. Cummins, L. Cummins, Davis, Earl, Ellis, L. Hansen, Huntsman and Newell in favor, and Members Boulter, Cannon, Gravier, S. Hansen and Lear opposed.

MOTION TO AMEND was made by Member Earl and seconded that the Board add to the list as No. 14, an item for ongoing funds of \$4,795,096 to support the Teacher Salary Supplement Program (TSSP).

Motion to amend carried unanimously.

A new request from Local Farmers First was presented by Deputy Superintendent Jones and Kathleen Britton, USBE Child Nutrition Programs Director. The request is for \$250,000 from the General Fund for local education agencies to purchase local produce.

MOTION TO AMEND was made by Member L. Hansen and seconded that the Board support the Local Farmers First appropriation request.

Motion carried, with Member S. Hansen opposed.

Motion to approve the USBE FY20 Budget Priorities request, as amended, carried unanimously.

[For additional details, see General Exhibit No. 19-70.]

Review of Legislation

Representative Kay Christofferson was welcomed to the meeting and reviewed his bill, H.B. 236 Teacher Salary Supplement.

Deputy Superintendent Angie Stallings reviewed a new staff request related to a recommendation from the USBE Student Data Policy Advisory Group for staff to work with legislators to change language in Utah Code 53G-8-208(4)(a) as follows: “(4)(a) Each school district or charter school shall maintain a record of all suspended or expelled students, and a notation of the recorded suspension or expulsion shall be attached to the individual student’s transcript.”

MOTION was made by Member Belnap and seconded that the Board direct staff to work with a legislator to make the recommended change to 53G-8-208(4)(a).

Board members questioned whether removing this information would frustrate a school’s right to know information about a student that could put other students at risk and whether other disciplinary information would be transferred. It was noted that district definitions of transcripts and cumulative files differ, which causes confusion.

Others expressed that removing the language from the transcript could be positive for students trying to change and that the notation could negatively follow a student long term.

MOTION was made by Member Lear and seconded that this item be postponed.

Motion to postpone carried, with Members Belnap, Boulter, Cannon, B. Cummins, Ellis, Graviet, L. Hansen, S. Hansen, Huntsman and Lear in favor, and Members L. Cummins, Davis, Earl and Newell opposed.

Deputy Superintendent Stallings and Policy Analyst Jeff Van Hulten reviewed S.B. 143 Public Education Vision Screening and S.B. 166 School Readiness Amendments.

[For additional details, see General Exhibit No. 19-71.]

Action Concerning Legislation

MOTION was made by Member Belnap and seconded that the Board support 1st Substitute H.B. 236 Teacher Salary Supplement Amendments, S.B. 37 Interventions for Reading Difficulties Sunset Amendments, and S.B. 166 School Readiness Amendments.

MOTION TO AMEND was made by Member Davis and seconded that the Board include a recommendation for a change to H.B. 236 for the full supplement to be given after five years, rather than ten years, of teaching in the field.

It was noted that the fiscal impact of the proposed change would be an increase of just under \$8 million. It was also clarified that the Board would support the bill whether the change is made or not.

Motion to amend carried, with Members Belnap, Boulter, Cannon, B. Cummins, Davis, Earl, Graviat, L. Hansen, Huntsman, Lear and Newell in favor, and Members L. Cummins, Ellis, and S. Hansen opposed.

MOTION TO AMEND was made by Member L. Hansen and seconded that the Board add support for 1st Substitute H.B. 227 Utah Computer Science Grant Act to the motion.

Motion to amend carried, with Member Boulter opposed.

Motion, as amended—to support 1st Substitute H.B. 236 and request a change, H.B. 166, S.B. 137, and 1st Substitute H.B. 227—carried 9-4, with Members Belnap, Cannon, B. Cummins, Davis, Graviat, L. Hansen, S. Hansen, Lear and Newell in favor, and Members Boulter, L. Cummins, Earl and Ellis opposed.

Adjournment

MOTION was made by Member Huntsman and seconded that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Lorraine Austin, Board Secretary
Minutes approved March 7, 2019