

Minutes of the meeting of the State Board for Applied Technology Education and the State Board of Education held November 7, 1997, at the Utah State Office of Education, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Meeting commenced at 9:05 a.m. Board Chairman Katharine B. Garff presided.

Members present were: Chairman Katharine B. Garff, Member Linnea S. Barney, Member Neola Brown, Member Janet A. Cannon, Member Cheryl Ferrin, Member Lynn Haslem, Member Susan C. Henshaw, Member C. Grant Hurst, Member Boyd F. Jensen, Member Jill G. Kennedy, Member Kay McDonough, Member Joyce W. Richards, Member Marilyn Shields, Member Waynette Steel. Vice Chairman John L. Watson was excused.

Also present were: Executive Officer Scott W. Bean, Deputy Superintendent Laurie A. Chivers, Associate Superintendent Robert O. Brems, Associate Superintendent Steven O. Laing, Executive Director, USOR, Blaine Petersen, Public Information Officer, Eileen Rencher, Board Secretary Twila B. Affleck Associate Superintendent Jerry P. Peterson was excused.

Also present for portions of the Board meeting were: Members of the Press: Marjorie Cortez; Deseret News; Kathy Kapos, Salt Lake Tribune; [and] Russ Hill, KSL Radio. [*Others:*] Marie L. Hyatt, Utah Independent Living Council; Ken Pratt, Utah Independent Living Council; Kathy Matthes, UTCH; Laurel Jorgensen, Eagle Forum, Home School Legal Organization; Vona Hunsaker, Eagle Forum; Gayle Ruzicka, Eagle Forum; Sharon Anderson, Home School Parent; Diane L.R. Browalee, Wasatch Home Educators Association (UTCH); Denise Boyce, Utah Christian Home School Association; Debbie Simpson, Utah Eagle Forum; Rae Buckley-Marsh, Home School Parent; Sandra Richter, Home School Parent & Eagle Forum; Linda K. Solie, Home School & Eagle Forum; Joyce Simons, Home School Parent; Laura White, Home School Parent; Brenda Beus, Eagle Forum; Duane Lemley, Home School Parent; Betty Lemley, Home School Parent; Julie Hewitt, Home School Parent; Carrie Serrano, Home School Parent; Elaine Karren, Home Schools; Paula Plan, Utah PTA; Terra Curley, Citizen; Camellia Covay, Home School; Susan Kuziak, Utah Education Association; Lee Robinson, Superintendent, Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind; Lee Stephens, Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind; Tim Siope, Home Schools; Con Rowley, Governor's Office; Steven H. Peterson, Utah School Superintendents Association, Utah School Boards Association; Billie Telford, Utah Eagle Forum; Francis L. Smith, Benjamin Franklin Academy Teacher/Home School; Jeffrey L. Marsh, Home School; Gary K. Ricks, LFA; Ronald Muir, Citizen; Heidi Muir, Citizen; Renae Gheen, Home School Parent; Georgia B. Peterson, Congressman Cook's Office. *State Office of Education Staff:* Pat O'Hara, Agency Services; Jan Tyler, Planning & Project Services; Barbara Gardner, Planning & Project Services; Bonnie Morgan, Instructional Services; Nate Taggart, Agency Services; Barbara Lawrence, Instructional Services; Linda Alder, Instructional Services; Margaret Rose, Instructional Services; Max Jensen, Agency Services

The Board repeated the Pledge of Allegiance. Board Member Linnea S. Barney offered the reverence. Board secretary Twila B. Affleck recorded the minutes.

Introduction of Staff

Associate Superintendent Steven O. Laing introduced his administrative staff and the Program Development and Support Section staff of the Planning & Project Services Division.

Home School Law & Rules

Doug Bates, Coordinator, School Law and Legislation reviewed the current status of existing statute and administrative rules regarding home schools in Utah. He presented copies of pertinent laws and rules, along with three opinions from the Utah Attorney General's Office and comparative information from other states. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 7837.)

Dr. Bates reported that the recommendation of the State Office of Education has been that it is not to the advantage of anyone to create a gulf between public schools and home schools; but instead the interest of children would be best served by a cooperative approach. We have advised school districts to work with the home school and private school people, we were supportive of the dual enrollment legislation where if there is a subject area that the parents don't feel

they can handle the student is allowed in the public school to take that course. Our interest is seeing that every child is educated for self sufficiency and citizenship, are interest has not been where it is done.

Discussion ensued relative to evaluation of students who are home schooled. It was noted that all districts are doing some level of evaluation on home schooled or private school students. The GED is another mechanism that is used for high school completion or diploma. There is a lot of opportunity and flexibility for evaluation.

Member Neola Brown voiced concern especially in the rural areas of the state that children are jeopardized and are not being educated properly at home and are therefore not prepared for society. She would like to see some type of test devised or that the children be required to be brought to the school for testing at the grade levels required by law.

Dr. Bates responded that schools can require testing, however, the problem is there is no funding provided in the district for these students and there is a strong resistance from parents for student participation.

Superintendent Bean indicated that in discussions with home school representatives, one of their greatest objections is that there be some form of mandatory testing of the children. Their feeling is that if you take the child out of the home situation and force them to go to a school which is a completely different situation, that alone would skew the testing negatively.

Dr. Bean commented that a parent in a home school situation would want some clear evaluation methods for determining relative progress of their child with some kind of state or national standard.

Dr. Bean reported that our concern is that children have good education, and that the districts and schools should do what they can in a positive way to help those parents with the education of the child. He indicated that we have told them that if they have old books and they could be of use to home school parents they should be given to them as well as other materials that would be useful and positive for the education of the child.

Superintendent Bean indicated that the school districts should offer norm reference and criterion reference tests to the home school students.

Member Marilyn Shields expressed concern that there needs to be some accountability from parents who are home schooling. She noted that in her district there were families who indicated they were home schooling their children and it was known that they were not capable of educating their own children. They were keeping their children out of school for other reasons, but claiming home school. Member Shields questioned the feasibility of getting a committee set up between the state board and home schoolers to come up with some compromise on accountability.

Member Janet Cannon questioned if there were any district policies dealing with home schooling.

Superintendent Bean responded that the credit for home schooling needs to come through the local board of education. He also suggested that the new Electronic High School would be a good alternative, however, students needed to sign up through their own school where they want to receive the credit. He also indicated that due enrollment provides another way of obtaining credit.

Motion was made by Member Marilyn Shields and seconded by Member Neola Brown to form a task force or committee to discuss these issues and work things out, and communicate and report back to the board.

Member Cheryl Ferrin commented that if we don't have cooperation on both sides with the children's best interest at hand, we all lose. She felt that there should be no more finger pointing, but cooperation is the key.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Member Neola Brown seconded by Member C. Grant Hurst to express appreciation to staff for all their work and to receive the report. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Officer Report

Superintendent Scott W. Bean presented the following items of information:

Strategic Planning Committee - There have been two meetings of the Public Education Strategic Planning Committee, and there have been some good revisions made to the plan. The document will be much briefer, the mission statement has changed and the goals are different, and it is not tied to action plans. There was a discussion as to who should be responsible for the strategic plan for public education. There has been a law drafted which indicates that the State Board of Education should be responsible for the basic strategic plan for public education and the State Board of Regents should be responsible for higher education. This would put the strategic plan under the state board not a committee made up of legislators, and other education entities. He indicated there are still some legislators who are reluctant to do that.

Member Grant Hurst commented that he felt the legislature has realized the role of the State Board as an elected body to help deal with the rulemaking and administrative part of the legislative role. Dr. Bean commented that the basic responsibility of the State Board of Education is general control and supervision of public education. He felt that the Board has clear responsibility for policy and legal matters which includes the state strategic plan for public education.

Chairman Garff felt that if there was a concern with legislators that we include them in our meetings when we are working on these types of issues.

Navajo Mountain - Five Board members visited Navajo Mountain along with John McAllister from the Attorney General's Office who provided background information for them on the way there. This was a good visit to see what is happening there.

In connection with that trip, there was a discussion about the next Board inservice. That inservice meeting would be in January on the Thursday prior to the Board meeting. The issues discussed were to bring in the Gang Prevention Task Force and a police officer from West Valley City who discusses methamphetamine and how it relates to gangs and the criminal activities children might encounter.

Member Grant Hurst suggested that this might be an opportunity to invite the education chairman of the public education interim committee.

Charter Schools — WestEd Group made a presentation on Charter Schools to our staff. Dr. Bean also visited the Charter School Task Force, Dave Steel is the Co-Chair of that Task Force. He is doing an excellent job with a difficult situation. There are many diverse opinions about the charter school situation. Dr. Bean felt that to try to craft a law with so many issues that are yet unresolved in that committee would be a disservice to the citizens of the state at this point. If this happens, Jim Wilson will be crafting a law that is patterned after some other states law and it will not fit Utah. Dr. Bean felt that the Task Force should be continued for at least another year.

Member Grant Hurst reported that at the NASBE Conference this issue was also a major one on a national level and it is far from being resolved. Member Hurst supported holding back on this for a year. He reported that we were successful in getting NASBE to reconsider a resolution next year dealing with this issue.

Budget Meeting with Governor - Dr. Bean and Deputy Superintendent Laurie Chivers met with Governor on the budget. The Governor has changed the format on this meeting and it is very informal and only about general issues. Dr. Bean commented that it was a very positive discussion.

Superintendent Bean indicated that in the next three or four years we will have a flat population increase or maybe even a little decrease in education and it has been suggested that it is a time to invest to a greater degree in public education. The Governor felt very positive about this suggestion. After we get past that period of time in four or five years, we will start on another steep incline in enrollment growth. The best way to be prepared for this is to do some investing in public education when we have these relatively flat years.

Public Information - Eileen Rencher, Public Information Coordinator presented a video of media clips from electronic media.

Member Grant Hurst commented that we keep hearing all the problems in education and the downfall of American public education and it is all false. He further stated that public education is better than it has ever been and we need to continue to sponsor things like the Milken awards where we bring forth the good things about public education.

Board Chairman Report

Board Member Jill Kennedy reported on the Healthy Schools Network meetings held in South Carolina during the NASBE Conference. She indicated that 11 states are participating in the network. She stated that the meetings were very informative. Member Kennedy distributed a copy of a summary of the meeting which also included goals for Utah which include Healthy Utah, Fit Kids and the Core Curriculum. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 7838.) Two of the best programs presented at the conference were Michigan and New Mexico. She indicated she had copies of those programs if anyone on the Board were interested.

Margaret Rose, Specialist, Comprehensive School Health outlined the three main goals, some of which have been in the system for a while and others are things learned at the Healthy Schools Network. She reported that they will begin the revision of the secondary core curriculum beginning in January.

Chairman Garff reported that a number of board members attended the NASBE meeting. She congratulated Member Linnea Barney who was elected to the Board of Directors for the Pacific Region; and Member Kay McDonough who was elected to the Resolutions Committee. Chairman Garff indicated that a written report of the meetings will be mailed to the Board.

Member Janet Cannon reported on the NASBE Government Affairs Committee. She indicated that as a result of some bylaw and organizational changes, members of the Governmental Affairs Committee will no longer be appointed by the NASBE President. Each state will be able to send a representative to represent them on the committee.

She reported that the Committee heard report on the President's Program "America Reads". This is the idea that we need to do something about literacy and the President wants many volunteers to come and the budget money would be spent for reading specialists in the schools. This has gotten bogged down in the debate of the national testing. Currently there are \$260 million in the budget for the reading specialists if they can get the program through by April 1st. If not, those additional dollars will go to IDEA.

Member Cannon reported that National Testing was also discussed by the committee. The reason people do not want to get on board for national testing was for financial reasons. In Utah we do an excellent job of testing and if we had done with the national tests it would have cost us at least three times as much. NASBE will be working with the national legislative delegation. There is also some talk that there may be a compromise on this.

Member Cannon reported that Title 5 is coming up for reauthorization. This deals with teacher education and preparation. Senator Frisk of Tennessee has receive input from all of the stakeholders in teacher education and his idea is to funnel the funds through the state education agencies and have them distribute them to universities who are providing training for teachers that the state will hire. They are receiving support for this from higher education.

Member Cannon distributed an article from the *Deseret News* about teens and sleep. At the NASBE Conference she talked with some people from Minnesota where they are starting schools at a later time which has been very positive. The article was about adequate sleep and higher grades. She felt this was a good idea in the best interest of children to enact a later start time for school.

Chairman Katharine encouraged Board Member to participate in the activities they had been invited to from the Utah Festival for the Opera.

Chairman Garff distributed information she had received from the Utah Arts Council on integrating arts into education.

Chairman Garff reported that those that went to Navajo Mountain were rewarded. She commented that they realized the importance of the children and the responsibility we have to educate them on that mountain. John McAllister

provided information and explained the law suits and how we are progressing.

Member Cheryl Ferrin reported that Utah State University has donated Cero Sheep Navajo Mountain for elders to take sheep impart all their knowledge they have gained throughout their lives on how to raise them and take care of them. This will be part of their education process. It is important for these students to keep their culture and heritage.

Member Kay McDonough reported that she participated in the NASBE Study on Assessment this past year. There is still a lot of information to come from state board members, but it is key to our interest on those issues. She indicated it was a quick way to update yourself on some of these issues.

Committee Reports

Member Marilyn Shields, Chairman of the Administration, Finance, Planning & Legislation Committee presented the following recommendations from the Committee:

Certification Committee Agenda

The Committee reviewed the findings of the Utah Professional Practices Advisory Commission in Case No. 97-414. The Commission recommended acceptance of a stipulated agreement whereby Gregory Keith Hughes, a former teacher in the Garfield School District, will voluntarily surrender his teaching certificate, in lieu of a hearing, for purposes of having it revoked by the State Board of Education as a result of alleged sexual misconduct.

Motion from the Committee that the Board revoke the teaching certificate of Gregory Keith Hughes, a former teacher in the Garfield School District based on the stipulated agreement whereby Gregory Keith Hughes, voluntarily surrendered his teaching certificate, in lieu of a hearing. This is as a result of alleged sexual misconduct. Motion carried unanimously.

The Committee reviewed the State Advisory Committee on Teacher Education recommendation to add the Hearing Impaired and Visually Impaired Endorsements to the Special Education (Birth-Age 5) Certificate.

Motion from the Committee that the State Board of Education approve the addition of the Hearing Impaired and Visually Impaired Endorsements to the Special Education (Birth-Age 5) Certificate. Motion carried unanimously.

The Committee reviewed the Requests for Temporary Authorizations.

Motion from the Committee to approve the Temporary Authorizations as presented in the Agenda.

Member Grant Hurst voiced concern that we need to go back to school districts to make sure they are looking for opportunities of using certificated teachers especially in secondary education.

Superintendent Bean commented that in many of the cases presented it represent one or two periods a day and are mainly in the rural areas. He indicated that there is a requirement after two years that they need to get that certification endorsement in order to continue.

Associate Superintendent Steve Laing commented that the Committee also had these same concerns and asked that staff follow-up with analysis and numbers of teachers receiving temporary authorizations. Dr. Laing reported that we have hired a new coordinator in the certification department to take Roger Mouritsen's place and he has already discussed with him this concern and he will be reviewing the rules and requirements..

Motion carried unanimously.

(For complete details of the Agenda, see General Exhibit No. 7839.)

Early Childhood, Elementary, Secondary, Special Education (K-12), Communication Disorders, and Special Education (Birth-Age 5) Certification, Rule R277-504

The Committee recommended that this rule be tabled because there was a major correction to the rule recommended the day prior to the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Procedures: Sanctions for Misconduct, Rule R277-514

Doug Bates, Coordinator, School Law and Legislation presented changes in the Board Procedures: Sanctions for Misconduct, Rule R277-514 which are being recommended to conform with revised procedures recommended by the Attorney General's Office and incorporated in a recent revision of rules of the Utah Professional Practices Advisory Commission (UPPAC). Dr. Bates indicated that the revised Board and UPPAC rules should provide for greater fairness and efficiency in handling complaints regarding alleged misconduct by educators. Dr. Bates reviewed the revisions made to the rule since the first reading by the Board in October as well as those made since the mailing of the agenda. (For complete details of the Rule R277-514, see General Exhibit No. 7840.)

Member Neola Brown questioned if this rule was an infringement on the Professional Practice Commission advisory capacity. Dr. Bates responded that it did not. The Board is the only entity to make decisions of revocation of certificates. This rule just strengthens the role of the Board in their oversight capacity.

Board Members were cautioned that as they receive the information from the Professional Practices Advisory Commission regarding individuals, they must keep that information confidential until final action of the Board.

Motion was made by Member C. Grant Hurst and seconded by Member Lynn Haslem to approve the revised Board Procedures: Sanctions for Misconduct, Rule R277-514, on second reading. Motion carried unanimously.

Potential and Pending Legislation

Doug Bates, Coordinator, School Law and Legislation reviewed the potential and pending legislation being considered for the 1998 session of the Utah State Legislature. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 7841.)

Jim Wilson, Legislative Research and General Counsel was asked to comment on the possibility of legislation dealing with charter schools. Mr. Wilson reported that the Charter School Task Force has one last scheduled meeting next week and they are to make a report on the 19th which will not be a complete report, and they are planning to meet again. He indicated he did not know if there would be a piece of legislation from the task force or not, but that it may be probable that an individual member of the task force may put through some legislation. There are a lot of issues that the Task Force has not reached consensus on such as certification, autonomy, waiver of board rules and state laws, how many charters you can have, as well as a few others. He indicated that the Task Force will make their report to the Interim Committee and see what happens from there. There is a possibility that the task force will be reauthorized.

Superintendent Bean indicated that because of the numerous unresolved issues, it would be impossible to draft a law. He felt the only way this could be done reasonably is if the committee were reauthorized for one year and try to get some resolutions. He commented that the worst thing we could do is to draft a law that would not satisfy anyone.

Member Grant Hurst indicated that last year NASBE attempted to deal with the broad issue, i.e. charters, choice and vouchers. A resolution was passed this year but not unanimously supported and we were successful in getting that put

back on resolutions for next year. Member Hurst also commented that NASBE will redo its five year strategic plan this coming year and a major component will be the issue of charters, choice etc. He supported the idea of holding off legislation at this time that would not service anyone's needs.

Jim Wilson identified other areas task forces are dealing with: truancy legislation, strategic plan for public and higher education, transportation, middle schools and a number of other issues.

Member Janet indicated that the federal government has provided major federal dollars to be channeled to charter schools. She questioned if we delay drafting a law if that would jeopardize us in receiving these federal monies.

Mr. Wilson responded that the President is pushing the Congress for a major appropriation in this area, about \$80 million this year. The argument could be made that in Utah our Modified Centennial Schools would qualify as charter schools.

Gary Carlston, Governors Office, reported that at the Charter Schools Meeting Secretary Riley reported that they were talking about an appropriation of \$80 million. He indicated that the federal government does have in existence charter school legislation, and it contains a definition of charter schools. One of the criteria for a charter school in the eyes of the federal government is that there must be enabled state legislation then the definition of open enrollment, free public schools, etc. He indicated that if that money is authorized Utah would have to satisfy existing requirements in federal legislation to be eligible.

Chairman Garff cautioned that it would be wise to move slowly on this issue so we don't have legislation we cannot live with.

Executive Session

Motion was made by Member Susan C. Henshaw and seconded by Member Jill G. Kennedy to move into executive session for discussion of personnel and possible legal issues. By unanimous consent the Board moved into executive session at 12:25 p.m.

Motion was made by Member C. Grant Hurst and seconded by Member Marilyn Shields to reconvene into open meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The Board reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

Utah Statewide Independent Living Council

Motion was made by Member Waynette Steel and seconded by Member Cheryl Ferrin to reappoint Marie Hyatt, Tony Pipinich, Marilyn Mitchell and Ken Pratt to the Utah Statewide Independent Living Council. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution Regarding Alcoholic Beverages on School Premises

Motion was made by Member Boyd F. Jensen and seconded by Member C. Grant Hurst to approve the recommended Resolution regarding Alcoholic Beverages on School Premises as presented. Motion carried unanimously. (For complete details of the Resolution, see General Exhibit No. 7842.)

Custom Fit Advisory Committee

Motion was made by Member Waynette Steel and seconded by Member Jill G. Kennedy to appoint Bo Hall to the Custom Fit Advisory Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

General Consent Calendar

Motion was made by Member C. Grant Hurst and seconded by Member Lynn Haslem to approve General Consent Calendar as presented.

Member Janet Cannon requested the 1998 Proposed Meeting Schedule of the Board be reconsidered for the March

meeting date due to a conflict with NASBE meetings. She also noted a correction to the Joint Liaison Committee Meeting Minutes correcting State Office of Education to State Board of Education members.

Members Hurst and Haslem amended their motion that the General Consent Calendar be approved and that the on the Proposed 1998 State Board of Education Meeting Schedule that the March 13th meeting be referred back to the Executive Committee for review to accommodate the NASBE meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of the Meeting of the State Board for Applied Technology Education and the State Board of Education held October 3, 1997.

2. Contracts

The following contracts were approved by the Board:

(A) Department of Human Services. \$85,590. 7/1/97-6/30/98

Purchase 100% of Maryann Williams' salary, benefits, and indirect cost for development services of a system of care for children (and their families) with serious emotional disorders.

(B) Cedar Pointe Equities, Inc. \$20,640. 12/1/97-11/30/98. - Fed. - Amend.

To extend lease agreement one year for 2,320 square feet of residential space located at 731 South 300 East, Units A105, C103, J208, K212, Salt Lake City, Utah. One year renewal option - rentals to be negotiated. Rentals will provide housing for students attending SDBVI.

(C) Peter Van Hook, Consultant, Inc. \$7,100. 9/1/97-7/1/98.

To provide consultations, research, and training to the Independent Living Council members and the Division of Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing staff in inter-relationships with staff and agencies, effective functions and council relationships, and conflict resolution.

(D) Westinghouse Broadcasting Company/KUTV. \$45,000. 9/1/97-7/1/98. - Amend.

School-to-Careers public awareness campaign - purchase of additional television features and additional KUTV air time. Original contract was for \$69,000. This amendment is for \$45,000. The contract total is now \$114,000. (\$15,000 1st Quarter air time for public service ads and \$30,000 to ½ hour program).

(E) Asay Advertising. \$35,000. 9/1/97-7/31/98 - Amend. 4.

Legislative Mandate: Develop a multi-media campaign focusing on current labor market information and the excellent training opportunities available through ATE. Improve the impute and promote the importance of ATE in providing individuals with technical, occupational, personal, and academic skills necessary to succeed in a global society.

(F) Northern Region Dept. Workforce Services. \$6,500. 7/1/97-6/30/98.

To pay 1/4 salary and benefits for clerical position at the Davis Applied Technology Center.

(For complete details of the Contracts, see General Exhibit No. 7843.)

3. SBR/SBE Joint Liaison Committee Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the Joint SBR/SBE Liaison Committee Meeting held September 9, 1997. Actions if any by the Joint Liaison Committee were also ratified. (For complete details of the Minutes, see General Exhibit No. 7844.)

4 Proposed 1998 State Board of Education, State Board for Applied Technology Education Meeting Schedule

A proposed meeting schedule for the State Board for Applied Technology Education and the State Board of Education for 1998 was approved by the Board with the exception of the March 13 date. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 7845.)

5. State Textbook Commission Recommendations

A printout of the titles being recommended by the Utah State Textbook Commission following their meeting on September 24, 1997. The Commission also recommends that the State Board accept the bids received from the publishers and award contracts to the publishers to furnish instructional materials to the schools of Utah. (For complete details of the List, see General Exhibit No.7846.) The State Board of Education adopted the instructional materials as recommended by the Utah State Textbook Commission and directed staff to award contracts to the various publishers.

6. Sevier Valley Applied Technology Center Accreditation

On November 14 and 15, 1995, an applied technology education accreditation visit was conducted at Sevier Valley Applied Technology Center. The results of this visit were forwarded to the State Applied Technology Education Accreditation Committee for its appraisal. The committee recommended that the Sevier Valley Applied Technology Center be granted Conditional Endorsement for its applied technology education programs.

In January, 1997, a follow-up report was submitted to the Utah State Office of Education for review by accreditation team leaders. Accreditation team leaders reviewed the report and conducted an on-site review. Recommendations were then forwarded to the State Applied Technology Education Accreditation Committee for its appraisal. It is the committee's recommendation that the Sevier Valley Applied Technology Center be granted Full Accreditation for its applied technology education programs. An Executive Summary of the Final Report was presented. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 7847.)

The State Board for Applied Technology Education approved the recommendation of the State Applied Technology Education Accreditation Committee and granted Full Accreditation to Sevier Valley Applied Technology Center.

7. Visually Handicapped Trust Fund Expenditures

The Division of Services for the Blind Visually Impaired Advisory Council, at their August 21, 1997, meeting unanimously supported the following requests from the Visually Handicapped Trust Fund.

Ogden Association for the Blind - \$7,000

The Ogden association for the Blind works with cab companies providing discount cab coupon books purchased by the blind/visually disabled individuals in Ogden, Weber, and Northern Davis Counties. The coupon book provides the opportunity for this population to be independent and participate in community activities.

Palisade Pals - \$2,000

Palisade Pals serves children with disabilities and their families as a non-profit organization

sponsoring recreational and learning activities. Since this organization began in 1983, participation has grown from 650 individuals to over 1,200 individuals.

National Federation of the Blind of Utah - \$9,000

Due to increasing numbers of individuals being served, the National Federation of the Blind of Utah established the Utah Parents of Blind Children Resource Center. This Center is a central source for information and other services to parents of blind children across the State. Seminars, publications and other materials are some of the services given to Utahns. This funding will help to increase these services by providing funding for costs for continued braille services.

Utah Council for the Blind - \$10,500

The Utah Council for the Blind also provides discount cab coupon books for the Blind in counties of the State. They would like to propose funding to promote this program and to provide independence. Also, craft classes will be held in Ogden and Salt Lake City weekly open to participation for the blind/visually disabled individuals. This activity has proven very popular in demonstration of creativity as well as providing socialization not provided elsewhere. Also, this will subsidize computer access technology for the blind.

Utah Foundation for the Blind and Visually Impaired - \$4,000

This non-profit organization's mission is to help children and youth, ages 5 through 18, become more independent by enhancing their self-esteem through recreation and sports activities. This funding will provide daily living and sports programs for young people.

Utah Association of Blind Students - \$3,000

This Association would like to expand activities that will help blind and visually impaired students to become more independent. A Student to Student Mentoring Program will be established at a cost of \$1,500 to offset costs. Also a Student Accessible information and Literature Program at a cost of \$500 will offset costs of purchasing literature. Also, to offset costs, the Council approved \$1,500 for a Student Athletic Program.

The Board approved the above requests for expenditures from the Visually Handicapped Trust Fund.

8. Internal Auditor Reclassification

The Board approved a reclassification of the Internal Auditor to Range 55 to 70 and placed him on Step 67.

9. Ratification of Employment

Mae Taylor-Sweeten was ratified as Director, Special Education, Instructional Services Division.

Ronald M. Stanfield was ratified as Coordinator, Teacher Certification, Planning and Project Services Division.

10. List of Applicants for Certificates

The list of applicants for initial and renewal certificates was approved by the Board. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 7849.)

11. Financial Statement and Claims Report

The Claims Report in the amount of \$126,863,946.18 and Financial Statement ending October 31, 1997.
(For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 7850.)

Minimum School Program Budget & Supplementals

Patty Bowles, Specialist, School Statistics, presented information on the fall enrollment in Utah as of October 1, 1997.
(For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 7848.)

Deputy Superintendent Laurie Chivers explained the difference in the enrollments on the spread sheet. She indicated that there are 20 districts growing and 20 districts declining which leaves a reduction of 318 students. The WPU figure is for one student per WPU. She pointed out that we do not save a lot of money through the declines and that the most difficult thing for a school district to work through is a decline.

Deputy Superintendent Laurie A. Chivers presented the near final copy of the Minimum School Program with Board priorities inserted with updated enrollment and tax projections. She indicated that changes have been made in the dollar amount for concurrent enrollment and the Extended Year Program has been added as a recommended Board priority. Dr. Chivers indicated that minor adjustments will be made to enrollment and tax figures as more updated information becomes available. Dr. Chivers also pointed out a change in social security figure of \$480,000.

Associate Superintendent Rob Brems presented adjustments to the ATC/ATCSR Growth Funding Formula. The discussion of this area last month was based on projections and preliminary data. We have now received the membership hour report from the ATCs and the ATCSRs. The ATCs were projected at 10.8 in growth and their data came in very close to that. However, the ATCSRs we projected their growth at 18.7 percent, and their actual growth indicates a 45.5 percent increase in their membership hours. Dr. Brems indicated we have adjusted the request from \$206,000 to \$501,400.

Associate Superintendent Rob Brems reported that we have an opportunity to purchase a piece of property adjacent to the Ogden Weber ATC. Superintendent Wallis has had an appraisal done on the property which was \$290,000. On the Supplemental and One Time Requests is currently shows \$250,000. Dr. Brems suggested that the \$290,000 for the Ogden-Weber ATC Property Purchase be added to the Supplemental and One Time Requests list.

Associate Superintendent Steve Laing presented information relative to the changes made in the figures on the extended day pilot programs.

Superintendent Bean reported that we are asking the legislature to change the experimental range from three to five years on the extended day. We may even ask that the extended year be taken out of the experimentals so we can get some good data on what is happening.

(For complete details of the Minimum School Program Budget and Supplementals, see General Exhibit No. 7851.)

Motion was made by Member C. Grant Hurst and seconded by Member Lynn Haslem to accept, subject to minor final changes only, the recommendations for the Minimum School Program and Supplementals as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Newsline Demonstration/Information

Bill Gibson, Director Services for the Visually Impaired of the State Office of Rehabilitation reported that Newsline is a service developed by the National Federation of the Blind. Thirty-five states agencies serving the blind have now purchased the service through the Federation. Blind people are able to dial in and receive the daily editions of *USA Today*, the *New York Times* the *Chicago Tribune*, and now the *Deseret News* and the *Salt Lake Tribune*. They can select specific sections, articles, or use keywords and phrases for specific subject areas.

Mr. Gibson indicated that the Utah State Office of Rehabilitation and the Division of Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired are responsible for bringing Newsline to the blind and visually impaired in the State of Utah. This

service was made available to blind citizens beginning in April, 1997.

Mr. Gibson indicated that a person wishing this service needs to register with the division by calling 323-4343 or 1-800-284-1823 and they will receive help to complete the form and information to get set up.

Mr. Gibson provided a demonstration of how Newslite works.

Motion was made by Member C. Grant Hurst and seconded by Member Jill G. Kennedy to accept the report with commendation to the Division of Services for Visually Impaired for providing this opportunity to give additional services. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.