

UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

**Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind Governing Board
and Study Session**

Meeting Minutes

December 3, 2021

1:00 to 3:30 pm

A regular meeting of the Utah State Board of Education/Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind Governing Board was held electronically on December 3, 2021. Chair Mark Huntsman presided. The meeting was held electronically and streamed to the public.

Members Present

Chair Mark **Huntsman**

First Vice-Chair Laura **Belnap**

Member Randy **Boothe**

Member Janet A. **Cannon**

Member Natalie **Cline**

Member Jennie **Earl**

Member Scott B. **Hansen**

Member Molly **Hart**

Member Stacey **Hutchings**

Member Matt **Hymas**

Member Carol Barlow **Lear**

Member James **Moss Jr.**

Member Kristin **Norton**

Member Brent J. **Strate**

Excused Member

Second Vice-Chair Cindy **Davis**

Executive Staff Present

Patty Norman, Deputy Superintendent

Angie Stallings, Deputy Superintendent

Scott Jones, Deputy Superintendent

Leah Voorhies, Assistant Superintendent

Darin Nielsen, Assistant Superintendent

Minutes taken by:

Cybil Child, Executive Assistant

Jeffrey Van Hulten, Director of Public Affairs
Bryan Quesenberry, Assistant Attorney General
Joel Coleman, USDB Superintendent

Executive Staff Excused

Sydnee Dickson, State Superintendent

Others Present

Amanda Darrow	Armando Venegas	Catherine Jensen
Hailey Anderson	John Arthur	Tali Bruce
David Sallay	Tracy Vandeventer	Karl Bowman
Paula Plant	Sam Urie	Ben Rasmussen
Kathy Helgesen	Noralee Green	Jerry Record
Alex Farrah	Zac Christensen	Robert Palmer
Christelle Estrada	Jessica Kallin	Todd Call
Joanna Sorenson	Cathy Jensen	Malia Hite

Opening Business

Chair Mark Huntsman called the meeting to order and roll call at 1:04 pm.

Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind

FY22 Enrichment Funds increase for USD and USB

Susan Patten, Associate Superintendent of the Blind, and Michelle Tanner, Associate Superintendent of the Deaf, discussed the Advisory Council recommendation to increase the Utah School of the Deaf (USD) Enrichment Fund travel from \$15,000 to \$50,000 (an increase of \$35,000) due to COVID-19 restrictions. In addition, Ms. Patten will discuss the Advisory Council recommendation to add \$45,000 to the Utah School of the Blind (USB) trip for the Seventy-48 boat race.

MOTION was made by Member Norton and seconded by Member Belnap that the

Board approves the Advisory Council recommended changes to the USD and USB Enrichment funds.

Motion passed unanimously.

LEA Specific License Review/Approval

Susan Patten, Associate Superintendent of the Blind, reviewed the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind (USDB) LEA Specific license spreadsheet.

MOTION was made by Member Hart and seconded by Member Cannon that the Board approves the USDB LEA Specific License request.

Motion passed unanimously.

Update on FY23 Funding Requirements

Superintendent Joel Coleman provided board members with updated numbers from the FY23 Funding Requirements.

Monthly FY22 Budget Update

Carl Empey, Finance Director, provided board members with a monthly FY22 budget update as of October 31, 2021.

Study Session

Bullying Prevention, including an Overview and Training of R277-613, Local Education Agency (LEA) Policies

The Utah State Board of Education staff Angie Stallings, Deputy Superintendent of Policy, Tanya Albornoz, Prevention Specialist, and Amy Steele-Smith, Prevention Specialist presented an update on the reporting processes and the purposes of Board rule R277-613: Local Education Agency (LEA) Policies and Training Regarding Bullying, Cyber-bullying, Hazing, Retaliation, and Abusive Conduct.

The purpose of the rule is to:

(a) require LEAs to develop, update, and implement bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing, retaliation, and abusive conduct policies at the school district and school level;

(b) provide for regular and meaningful training of school employees and students;

(c) provide for enforcement of the policies in schools, at the state level and in public school athletic programs; and

(d) require an LEA to review allegations of bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing, retaliation, and abusive conduct.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:43 pm.

Cybil Child, Board Secretary
Minutes approved February 3, 2022.