

## **UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION STUDY SESSION MINUTES**

November 5, 2021, from 1 – 3:00 pm

Via Zoom with anchor location at 250 E 500 S, SLC, 84114

A study session meeting of the Utah State Board of Education was held on November 5, 2021, electronically with an anchor location at the State Board of Education offices. The meeting was streamed live to the public. Vice-Chair Cindy Davis presided.

**Members Present:** Chair Mark Huntsman, Vice-Chair Cindy Davis, Vice-Chair Laura Belnap, Janet Cannon, Natalie Cline, Jennie Earl, Kristan Norton, Carol Lear, Stacey Hutchings, James Moss, Randy Boothe, Brent Strate, Molly Hart, Matt Hymas, and Scott Hansen

**Others Present:** Angie Stallings, Ben Rasmussen, Bryan Quesenberry, Cammy Wilcox, Carl Empey, Cheri Rieben, Cuong Nguyen, Cybil Child, Dale Frost, Darin Nielsen, Debbie Davis, Deborah Jacobson, Jared Felt, Jeff Van Hulten, Jennifer Thronsdon, Joel Coleman, Kathy Helgesen, Kevin John, Leah Voorhies, Michelle Beus, Michelle Tanner, Noralee Green, Patty Norman, Sam Uri, Sarah Young, Scott Jones, Susan Patten, Sydnee Dickson, Tiffany Stanley, Todd Hauber, Michelle Watts, Whitney Phillips, Zac Christensen.

### **Opening Business**

As authorized by Utah Code 52-4-207, this meeting is being held electronically. The meeting will be streamed to the public.

### **[Review of COVID-19 Relief State Reserve Funding from ESSER](#)**

The Board discussed the uses of the ESSER II and ARP-ESSER State Set-Aside funds. Given obligation deadlines for these funds, the Board will need to make final determinations regarding ESSER state set-aside funding allocations at its December Board meeting. As a result, the objective of the November Study Session is to: 1) prepare Board members to make these determinations in December; and 2) provide an opportunity for Board members to discuss possible uses and proposals for the funds.

The discussion began with the following:

1. Context for Decision to be Made
  - a. Information: Staff overview of the budget, timeline, criteria, LEA uses
  - b. Discussion: Board member clarifying questions on budget, timeline, criteria, LEA uses
2. Academic Headwinds and Tailwinds: Set-aside for accelerating learning that was disrupted by the pandemic

- a. Information: Staff review takeaways from an analysis of 2021 assessment results
- b. Discussion: Board members discuss their takeaways from the various data sources
- 3. Discuss potential uses of funds
  - a. Information: Staff review table of possible approaches and considerations
  - b. Discussion: Board member discussion of possible uses and proposals for further development

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Cybil Child, Executive Assistant  
Minutes pending approval.