

**UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
SUMMARY OF ACTIONS**

June 6, 2014

Board Members Present: Dixie Allen, Kim Burningham, Keith Buswell, Leslie Castle, Freddie Cooper (non-voting), Barbara Corry, David Crandall, Kristin Elinkowski, Dan Griffiths, Heather Groom, Marlin Jensen (non-voting), Michael Jensen, Jennifer Johnson, Steven Moore (non-voting), Jefferson Moss, Mark Openshaw, Debra Roberts, Dean Rowley (non-voting), Teresa Theurer (non-voting), David Thomas and Terryl Warner.

All votes were unanimous unless noted otherwise. Members Allen, Griffiths, Johnson and Openshaw were absent for portions of the meeting.

- Steven Moore was sworn in as an appointed Board member representing the Utah College of Applied Technology.
- The General Consent calendar was approved.
- The Board approved recommendations regarding the General Financial Literacy course as submitted by the Financial Literacy Task Force and as required in statute.
- The Board approved a change in graduation requirements, as proposed by the Board's Digital Literacy Task Force, to allow Computer Science to be used as a Core Science credit; and for other Board-approved courses, such as creative STEM, to be counted toward the required .5 Computer Technology credit.
- The Board approved further study of graduation requirements by adding it to a legislative agenda discussion on a future agenda.
- The Board accepted the following UPPAC recommendations:
 - Case No. 12-1084 – suspension of the educator's Level 2 Secondary Education License.
 - Case No. 13-1132 – suspension of the educator's Level 2 Elementary Education License.
- The Board appointed the following to the State Rehabilitation Council for terms from October 2014 through September 2017: Ronald Campbell, representing community rehabilitation providers; James Harvey and Melissa Freigang, representing business, industry and labor; Corrina Trujillo-Tanner and Amberley Snyder, representing consumers; Robyn Chidester, representing the Parent Center; and Susan Loving, representing the Utah State Office of Education.

- The Board appointed Hiram Alba to the Coalition of Minorities Advisory Committee as a Hispanic/Latino American representative, for a term ending December 31, 2014.
- The Board appointed Terryl Warner and Dr. James Kahn to the School Safety Tip Line Commission.
- A motion for the Board to authorize application for an extension of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Flexibility Waiver was postponed indefinitely, with Members Castle, Crandall, Griffiths, Groom, Jensen, Johnson, Moss, Openshaw and Thomas in favor, and Members Allen, Burningham, Buswell, Corry, Roberts and Warner opposed.
- The Board reaffirmed that all decisions regarding the choice of curriculum and pedagogy are solely at the discretion and responsibility of each local education agency. The State Office of Education and State Board of Education may provide recommendations, but will not mandate either curriculum or pedagogy to any local education agency.
- A motion that the Board, with the support of staff, discuss allowing districts the option of choosing between the integrated math and traditional math models was postponed indefinitely.
- The Board approved discussing in its August meeting a rule to require local districts to create a policy that would institute a committee process to review parental concerns on curriculum.
- The Board approved a technology initiative as one of its top legislative priorities and directed Board leadership and staff to work with the Governor and House and Senate leadership to craft a bill.
- The Board approved professional development in middle level (grades 4-6) math as a legislative priority.
- The Board approved continuation of the 3rd grade reading initiative as a legislative priority.
- The Board approved as a legislative priority a graduation initiative for the purpose of increasing the graduation rate.
- The Board approved as a legislative priority creation of a task force to study the governance of the Utah State Office of Rehabilitation, with Members Castle, Crandall, Griffiths, Groom, Johnson, Moss, Openshaw and Thomas in favor, and Members Allen, Burningham, Buswell, Corry, Jensen, Roberts and Warner opposed.
- The Board approved professional development opportunities as a legislative priority.
- The Board approved as a legislative priority the study of statutory mandates with requirements for the State Board of Education, with Members Buswell, Castle, Crandall,

Griffiths, Johnson, Moss, Openshaw and Thomas in favor, and Members Allen, Burningham, Corry, Groom, Jensen, Roberts and Warner opposed.

- The Board approved the FY 2015 operating budgets of the Utah State Office of Education (USOE), Utah State Office of Rehabilitation (USOR), and Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind (USDB), including the 1 percent employee cost of living and benefit increases appropriated by the Legislature, with the additional appropriation of .25% increase to go as much as possible to the Informational Technology section. The Board will also discuss in a future meeting prioritization of the following Board budget items: Board attorney, associate superintendent position, internal auditor position, superintendent salary negotiations, and USOE recruitment and retention.
- The Board approved R277-113-4 *LEA Fiscal Policies and Accountability*, as amended, on second reading.
- The Board voted to prohibit the Board Internal Auditors from contracting with LEAs to provide LEA internal auditing services.
- The Board approved as an emergency rule R277-419-9 *Pupil Accounting*, as amended, on second and third reading.
- The Board approved R277-400 *School Emergency Response Plans*, as amended, on second reading.
- Superintendent Menlove was directed to request an Attorney General opinion regarding what kinds of investments the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA) can make.
- The Board approved the charter application for new school Athenian Academy, to open in fall 2015.
- The Board approved a charter amendment request from American Preparatory Academy to add 600 students in kindergarten to its Draper #1 campus beginning fall 2015, with Members Burningham, Buswell, Castle, Groom, Moss, Openshaw, Roberts and Warner in favor, and Members Corry, Crandall, Griffiths, Jensen and Thomas opposed.
- The Board approved a charter amendment request from Syracuse Arts Academy to open a satellite campus located in Davis School District in fall 2015.
- The Board approved a charter amendment request from DaVinci Academy for a one-year online education pilot program, with the condition that the school will regularly report to the State Charter School Board. It was noted that the school gave verbal agreement that the contract with an online vendor will specify that the vendor will not provide financial incentives to students' families.

- The Board approved a charter amendment request from Summit Academy to open a satellite campus in Bluffdale in fall 2015. Chair Crandall disclosed that he is a member of the schools' governing board.
- The Board approved R277-502-5 *Educator Licensing and Data Retention – Professional Educator License Areas of Concentration, and Endorsements and Under-Qualified Employees*, as amended, on second reading.
- The Board approved R277-531 *Public Educator Evaluation Requirements (PEER)*, as amended, on second reading.
- The Board approved R277-532-3 *Local Board Policies for Evaluation of Non-Licensed Public Education Employees (Classified Employees) – School District Policies*, as amended, on second reading.
- The Board approved R277-607 *Truancy Prevention*, as amended, and continuation of the rule, on second reading.
- The Board approved R277-706 *Public Education Regional Service Centers*, as amended, and continuation of the rule, on second reading.
- The Board approved the Utah Comprehensive Accountability System for Alternative Schools (UCAS-A) as proposed.
- The Board approved new rule R277-402 *School Readiness Initiative* on second reading.
- The Board approved the list of applicants for the Utah School Readiness Initiative Grant as ordered, based on point totals by an expert committee, and directed that the list be forwarded to the School Readiness Board. Washington, Salt Lake City, Canyons, and Davis School Districts are on the list.
- The Board approved R280-203 *Certification Requirements for Interpreters for the Hearing Impaired*, as amended, and continuation of the rule, on second reading.
- The Board approved R277-619 *Student Leadership Skills Development*, as amended, on second reading.
- The Board approved R277-620 *Suicide Prevention Programs*, as amended, on second reading.
- The Board approved R277-704 *Financial and Economic Literacy: Integration into Core Curriculum and Financial and Economic Literacy Student Passports*, as amended, on second reading.