

UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES

Governing Board for the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind (USDB) and
USBE Study Session

April 7, 2023
1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

The Utah State Board of Education held a state board meeting electronically on April 7, 2023. As authorized by Utah Code 52-4, this meeting was held electronically with an anchor location at 250 E 500 S, Salt Lake City, UT 84114. Chair Moss presided. The meeting was streamed live to the public.

Members Present

Chair James Moss	Member Randy Boothe
First Vice Chair Molly Hart	Member Matt Hymas
Second Vice-Chair Jennie Earl	Member Sarah Reale
Member Christina Boggess	Member Kristin Norton
Member Natalie Cline	Member Brent J. Strate
Member Jennie Earl	Member Carol Barlow Lear
Member Emily Green	
Member LeAnn Wood	

Members Absent

Member Joseph Kerry

Executive Staff Present

Sydnee Dickson, State Superintendent
Patty Norman, Deputy Superintendent
Scott Jones, Deputy Superintendent
Leah Voorhies, Assistant Superintendent
Darin Nielsen, Assistant Superintendent
Kelsey James, Board's Communications Coordinator

Minutes were taken by:

Cybil Child, Board Secretary

Others Present

USDB Carl Empey, Joel Coleman, Susan Patten, Dr. Michelle Tanner, ASL Interpreter Jennifer Jackson, ASL Interpreter Emily Longshore, Deborah Jacobson, Bryan Quesenberry, Ashley Biehl, Darin Nielsen, Alex Farah, Kelsey James, Jerry Record, and Leah Voorhies.

Opening Business

Chair Moss called the meeting to order at 1:03 pm.

Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind

Teacher Student Success Account (TSSA) Grant Application

USDB Mission: The mission of USDB is to educate students who are Deaf, Blind, or Deaf-Blind and to provide resources and enrichment activities for them and their families so they can achieve their full academic, social, and career potential.

USDB Strategic Plans: USDB actively updates and utilizes Strategic Plans and Priorities. These plans never sit on a shelf! These are revisited quarterly and updated annually with teams of administrators, educators, staff, parents, and even students. Individual school and program priorities roll into Strategic Priorities for the School for the Deaf and, ultimately, USDB. The priorities are adjusted annually and reported to the USDB Advisory Council and Utah State Board of Education.

TSSA Focus: The USD Strategic Plan and Priorities supports the identified uses of the Teacher-Student Success Account (TSSA) by addressing the unique social and emotional learning of deaf and hard-of-hearing students. This plan aligns with the Targeted Support and Interventions (TSI) and Comprehensive Support and Interventions (CSI) priorities outlined by the Utah State Board of Education. These goals include research-based intervention strategies. Feedback on these goals is solicited from various stakeholders and will consist of School Community Council members.

Land Trust Goals: The USDB School Community Council works each fall, winter, and spring collaboratively to align the use of funds with the USDB Strategic Priorities to create a USDB Land Trust plan. Goals are selected through inquiry and reflection on relevant school-wide data. These goals foster equity and excellence for every child and improve the USDB student body's overall well-being. Progress on these goals is reported every winter and fall.

MOTION was made by Member Earl and seconded by Member Moss that the

Board approves the TSSA grant application for \$68,079.68 for FY24.

The motion carried with Member Cline opposed. Member Kerry was absent.

FY23 Monthly Budget Update as of February 28, 2023

USDB Finance Director Carl Empey provided the USBE members with an FY23 monthly update as of February 28, 2023.

USDB Adjournment

The USDB meeting adjourned at 1:45 pm.

Following the USDB meeting, the Board proceeded to the Study Session.

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Members Absent

Member Joseph Kerry

Study Session

INFORMATION: Strategic Plan Review and Revision

Purpose of Today's Session:

Set the stage and create a framework for Board to Move forward on updating USBE strategic plan.

Purpose of a Strategic Plan:

- Unites Board around proactive efforts by orienting policy toward outcomes
- Prioritizes Resources

- Focuses on the work of the agency

Board members shared their initial feedback, which was your thoughtful and candid insights on the future of education in Utah over the next five years. Their written input from the April meeting has been captured in a separate document. The Board will address the issues raised by Board members as they move through the strategic planning process.

In preparation for the May board meeting study session, they will examine the USBE vision and mission. They will discuss the mission's and vision's purpose and how they relate to the Strategic Plan (slides nos. 9-11). They will also review the Office of Legislator General's Audit on USBE Internal Governance (attached), especially pages 13-20, which relate to USBE's mission and vision, and pages 21-22, which address the alignment of measures of success with the goals and strategies outlined in the Strategic Plan.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:14 pm.