

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

December 3-4, 2015

Board Members Present: Chair David Crandall, First Vice Chair David Thomas, Second Vice Chair Jennifer Johnson, Members Dixie Allen, Laura Belnap, Leslie Castle, Barbara Corry, Brittney Cummins, Linda Hansen, Mark Huntsman, Stan Lockhart, Jefferson Moss, Spencer Stokes, Terryl Warner, Joel Wright.

All votes were unanimous unless noted otherwise. Board rules can be accessed at <http://schools.utah.gov/law/Administrative-Rules.aspx>.

- The Board held a hearing to receive public comment on R277-207 *Utah Professional Practices Advisory Commission (UPPAC), Disciplinary Rebuttable Presumptions*.
- The Board, acting as the Governing Board for the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind (USDB Board), approved the minutes of the USDB Board meeting of November 5, 2015.
- The Board approved the General Consent calendar, with Section B—Contracts and Agreements—removed.
- The Board approved the contracts for the Utah State Office of Rehabilitation Aspire federal grant.
- The Board approved the Board of Education/Board of Regents document, *College and Career Readiness Recommendations to High School Students*, with Member Belnap opposed.
- The Board approved making a recommendation to the Board of Regents that advanced computer science be added as a science option for the Regents Scholarship, and that the Board's representatives to the Regents take the message to that board.
- The Board approved the Grades 6-8 Science Standards with Engineering (SEEd) Standards, with Members Allen, Castle, Corry, Cummins, Crandall, Hansen, Huntsman, Lockhart, Stokes, Thomas, and Warner in favor, and Members Belnap, Johnson, Moss, and Wright opposed.
- The Board made the following changes to its SFY 2017 legislative funding priorities:
 - Added ongoing funding of \$1.5 million for the Beverley Taylor Sorenson Arts Learning Program. Member Johnson absent.
 - Added ongoing funding of \$2 million for the American Indian and Alaskan Native Education Plan. Members Johnson and Lockhart absent.

- Added ongoing funding of an additional \$115,000 for and FTE for a rule writer/policy analyst. Member Johnson absent.
- Added ongoing funding of \$150,000 for an FTE for a contract attorney. Member Johnson absent.
- Added ongoing funding of \$470,000 for the increase in costs for the ACT assessment. Member Johnson absent.
- Added ongoing funding of \$7 million for teacher supply money. Members Corry and Lockhart opposed. Member Johnson absent.
- Placed the teacher supply money request as item #8 on the ongoing list. Members Allen, Belnap, Crandall, Huntsman, Moss, Stokes, Warner, and Wright in favor, and Members Castle, Corry, Cummins, Hansen, Lockhart, and Thomas opposed. Member Johnson absent.
- Increased the request for the WPU increase to two percent. Members Allen, Belnap, Castle, Corry, Cummins, Crandall, Hansen, Huntsman, Moss, Warner and Wright in favor, and Members Lockhart, Stokes, and Thomas opposed. Member Johnson absent.
- Added a request for one-time, non-lapsing funding for the Strategy for Change library program for \$3.6 million over three years. Member Johnson absent.
- Removed one-time funding of \$1.5 million for science standards implementation. Member Johnson absent.
- Added one-time funding of \$2.5 million for the Beverley Taylor Sorenson Arts Learning Program. Member Lockhart opposed and Member Johnson absent.
- The Board directed staff to be prepared with a data-based approach for next year's legislative priorities work. Member Johnson absent.
- The Board approved recommending to the legislature the following changes to statute, after first seeking input from the State Charter School Board and charter associations. Member Wright opposed and Member Johnson absent.
 - Amend 53A-1a-511(4)(3) that exempts charter schools from fiscal requirements in Title 53A-19 Fiscal Procedures to exempt charter schools from Section 53A-19-103 and 105 only.
 - Amend 53A-1a-510.5 to provide more specificity pertaining to the closure of a charter school to: 1) Replace the references to "as soon as possible" to hard timelines; 2) Increase the number of entities that a closing school is required to

notify when the school is going to close; 3) change some of the responsibilities currently delegated to a closing school and reassign them to the authorizer; 4) require the authorizer to oversee and supervise the audit, inventory, and liquidation of assets.

- Amend 53A-1a-508 to limit a new charter school's charter agreement with a charter school authorizer to a three- to five-year initial contract that may be renewed upon successful execution of the charter agreement.
- In addition, the Board directed that once input has been sought for the item above from the State Charter School Board and charter associations, the item come back to the Board for further discussion before recommendations are forwarded to the legislature.
- The Board held elections for its 2017 leadership, voting first to have two vice chairs. The Board elected David Crandall as Chair, David Thomas as First Vice Chair, and Jennifer Johnson as Second Vice Chair.
- The Board adopted *A Resolution Establishing the Official Position of the Utah State Board of Education Regarding Federal Land Policy, Including National Monuments and School Trust Lands*.
- The Board approved changes to the School Children's Trust Section FY 2017 budget request.
- The Board approved reporting findings on the Study Privacy Plan to the legislative body of jurisdiction to determine whether the legislature is willing to fund the plan.
- The Board approved the proposed Argosy University School Counselor Program for Utah licensure. Member Johnson opposed.
- The Board approved R277-510 *Educator Licensing – Highly Qualified Assignment*, as amended, and continuation of the rule, on second reading.
- The Board approved Board Policy 1001 *Board Internal Policymaking Authority and Process*, on second and final reading, with section 8 removed.
- The Board approved R280-204 *USOR Employee Background Check Requirement*, as amended, and continuation of the rule, on second reading.
- The Board directed its representative to the Taxing Entity Committee to the Redevelopment Agency of West Valley City to vote with the local board on the creation of an Urban Renewal Project in West Valley City. Members Allen, Belnap, Castle, Corry, Cummins, Hansen, Huntsman, Stokes, and Thomas in favor, and Members Crandall, Johnson, Moss, Warner, and Wright opposed. Member Lockhart absent.

- The Board approved the American Indian and Alaskan Native Education State Plan as presented in proposed legislation.
- The Board approved five school districts—Box Elder, Cache, Davis, Provo, and Tooele—to participate in the Intervention for Reading Difficulties Pilot Program.
- The Board approved the updated General Financial Literacy Standards.
- The Board directed that a discussion of competency-based teaching for endorsements be held in the Law and Licensing Committee, followed by a study session on the topic at a future meeting.
- The Board directed staff to present to the Board an implementation plan, including a budget, before new standards are implemented.
- The Board approved adding a seal of biliterate proficiency to a student’s transcript.
- The Board thanked staff for their work on kindergarten assessment options, and directed that no further action be taken and a kindergarten assessment not be put in place. Member Hansen opposed.
- The Board directed staff to work directly with bill sponsors to find the exact data points for which they’re looking and work with local education agencies to confirm that these data points are included in their current kindergarten readiness assessments.
- The Board approved making a request of WestEd and the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to do an evaluation of the assessments and bring the results to the Board for review. Any further modifications of the assessment schedule should be suspended until the results of Wested have been evaluated.
- The Board approved R277-497 *School Grading System*, as amended, on third and final reading. Member Johnson opposed.
- The Board directed Board leadership to immediately begin engaging with legislators about some of the disparities between practice and the statute concerning distribution of funds for charter schools, and ambiguity in the statute.
- The Board instructed the School Finance Section to review the data gathered from local school districts and make recommendations to simplify the reporting process to minimize the time and data necessary to monitor and validate school district data and facilitation of the allocation of the to/from transportation appropriation. Member Castle absent.

- The Board approved continuing Class Size Reduction funding in its present status without change, and engaging local education agencies (LEAs) and other stakeholders in a more in-depth review of the utilization of the class size reduction funding and local resources devoted to this action by the LEAs. Member Castle absent.
- The Board approved reducing the SFY 17 legislative funding request for the Merit to Career Service Exempt Positions from \$1 million to \$800,000. Member Castle absent.
- Chair Crandall added a Board legislative meeting on March 3 to the 2016 meeting schedule.
- The Board approved a contract with the Utah Restaurant Association. Member Johnson opposed.
- The Board took the following action on Utah Professional Practices Advisory Commission (UPPAC) cases.
 - The Board rescinded its prior action in UPPAC Case No. 15-1284, and accepted a remand order.
 - The Board accepted the UPPAC recommendation in Case No. 15-1256 and directed that a letter of reprimand be issued to the educator, which will result in a flag on the Comprehensive Administration of Credentials for Teachers in Utah Schools (CACTUS) system for no less than two years. Members Belnap, Corry, Cummins, Crandall, Hansen, Huntsman, Moss, and Thomas in favor, and Members Johnson and Warner opposed. Members Allen, Castle, Lockhart, Stokes, and Wright absent.
 - A motion to approve the UPPAC recommendation in Case No. 15-1264 failed, with Members Corry, Cummins, Crandall, Hansen, Huntsman, Moss, and Thomas in favor, and Members Belnap, Johnson, and Warner opposed. Members Allen, Castle, Lockhart, Stokes, and Wright absent. The case will come back next month for further consideration.
 - The Board directed staff to provide more information on Case No. 13-1135. Members Allen, Castle, Lockhart, Stokes, and Wright absent.
 - The Board approved the UPPAC Consent Calendar, with Case No. 15-39 removed. Members Allen, Castle, Lockhart, Stokes, and Wright absent.
 - The Board accepted the UPPAC recommendation in Case No. 15-39 and cleared the individual to proceed with licensure, with Members Johnson and Warner opposed. Members Allen, Castle, Lockhart, Stokes, and Wright absent.