

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

September 5, 2014

**Board Members Participating:** Dixie Allen, Kim Burningham, Keith Buswell, Leslie Castle, Freddie Cooper (non-voting), Barbara Corry, David Crandall, Kristin Elinkowski (non-voting), 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, Castle, Jensen, Moss, Openshaw and Roberts were absent for portions of the meeting.

- Joel Coleman was sworn in as the Interim State Superintendent of Public Instruction.
- The Board approved its General Consent Calendar, with rule R277-471 removed.
- R277-471 *School Construction Oversight, Inspections, Training and Reporting*, as amended, was approved on third and final reading.
- The Board approved SAGE proficiency level cut scores as presented.
- The Board voted to replace the UCAS Report Card with the Governor's School Report Card.
- The Board approved Board leadership, Interim Superintendent Joel Coleman, and Associate Superintendent Judy Park meeting together with Executive Appropriations to discuss the following three options, and bring back to the Board for further discussion and action in its October meeting: 1) Calculate school grades the same as last year; 2) adjust the calculation allowing some schools to grade higher; and 3) do not calculate school grades this year, which would put a hold on school grades. In addition, direction was given to discuss with Executive Appropriations the Board using the Governor's Report Card this year.
- The Board accepted the recommendations of the Utah Professional Practices Advisory Commission (UPPAC) in Cases 13-1138 and 13-1179.
- The Board approved releasing for public comment for a 60-day period the presumptions used by the Utah Professional Practices Advisory Commission.
- The Board approved inviting representatives from the Division of Child and Family Services to a Board meeting to discuss their database.
- Motion to accept the UPPAC recommendations in Cases 13-1165, 13-1178 and 14-1183 failed, with Members Burningham, Buswell, Corry, Griffiths, Jensen and Thomas in favor, and Members Castle, Crandall, Groom, Johnson and Warner opposed; Members Allen, Moss, Openshaw and Roberts absent.

- Motion that the Board reject the UPPAC recommendation in Case No. 13-1171 for the reason of finding the resolution unreasonable in comparison to historic case practice that a different resolution be found, and that a three-member panel review the case file and present to the Board an alternative resolution failed, with Members Castle, Crandall, Griffiths, Groom, Johnson and Warner in favor, and Members Burningham, Buswell, Corry, Jensen and Thomas opposed; Members Allen, Moss, Openshaw and Roberts absent.
- Board Resolution No. 2014-02, *A Resolution Establishing the Official Position of the Utah State Board of Education Regarding Federal Land Management Policy* was approved with amendments. In addition, the Board Chair was directed to send a proposed letter, as amended, regarding the Resolution.
- The Board provided direction to USOE staff to create an amendment to the FY 15 budget to include the compensation plan as proposed, with the addition that individual sections be given the flexibility for increased compensation within their own existing operating budgets.
- The Board directed that staff move FY 15 rent savings into unallocated accounts, with the understanding that the Board will discuss the use of those funds in a future meeting.
- Motion to approve amendments to the charter of MyOptions Charter School failed, with Members Burningham, Buswell, Corry and Thomas in favor; Members Crandall, Johnson and Warner opposed; Members Castle, Griffiths and Groom abstaining; and Members Allen, Jensen, Moss, Openshaw, and Roberts absent. The Board approved reconsidering the amendments in its October meeting.
- The Board approved R277-700-6 *The Elementary and Secondary School Core Curriculum* as amended, on second reading.
- The Board approved changes to its Bylaws and Policies and Procedures.
- The Board approved proposed legislative budget priorities with additional changes.
  - The ongoing funding list was prioritized. Full funding of growth and WPU increase (inflationary) are listed first as expectations. Other ongoing priorities are as follows: #1—USOE risk mitigation (staffing and systems); #2—technology initiative; #3—targeted professional development (principal development/math); #4—WPU increase (above inflationary); #5—professional development determined by LEAs; #6—early reading initiative; #7—graduation initiative.
  - The one-time list was prioritized as follows: #1—USOE risk mitigation; #2—technology initiative; #3—funding for ESEA waiver; #4—capital equalization program; #5—transportation initiative; #6—professional development (math/technology); #7—Beverly Taylor Sorenson Arts Learning Program (\$2 million).