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DRAFT UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION LEGISLATIVE MEETING MINUTES

January 29, 2015

A legislative meeting of the Utah State Board of Education was held January 29, 2015 at the Utah State Office of Education, 250 East 500 South, Salt Lake City, Utah. Chair David Crandall conducted. The meeting commenced at 12:05 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Chair David L. Crandall

1st Vice Chair David L. Thomas

2nd Vice Chair Jennifer A. Johnson

Member Dixie L. Allen

Member Leslie B. Castle

Member Brittney Cummins

Member Linda B. Hansen

Member Jefferson Moss

Member C. Mark Openshaw

Member Spencer F. Stokes

Member Nancy Tingey (non-voting)

Member Terryl Warner

Board Members Participating Electronically

Member Laura Belnap

Member Barbara W. Corry

Member Mark Huntsman

Member Joel Wright

Board Members Excused:

Member Freddie Cooper (non-voting)

Member Kristin Elinkowski (non-voting)

Member Marlin K. Jensen (non-voting)

Member Steven R. Moore (non-voting)

Member Teresa L. Theurer (non-voting)

Executive and Board Staff Present:

Brad Smith, State Superintendent

Sydnee Dickson, Deputy Supt.

Judy Park, Associate Supt.

Bruce Williams, Associate Supt.

Lorraine Austin, Board Secretary

Emilie Wheeler, Board Communications
Specialist

Chris Lacombe, Assistant Attorney
General

Others Present:

Fawn Morgan, Lori Kimlos and Sharyl Smith - School Library PALS; D'Lynn Poll, Morgan School District; Blake Wight; Adam Olowich; Chris Gadfrey, Utah School Employees Association

Opening Business

Chair David Crandall called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. He noted that Members Belnap, Corry, Huntsman, and Wright were participating by phone.

Nancy Tingey, the new Utah School Boards Association member appointed to the Board, was welcomed.

Discussion with Legislator

Representative Stephen Handy was welcomed to the meeting. He reviewed his bill, HB 49 *Clean Fuel School Buses and Infrastructure*. He noted that he has worked with Utah State Office of Education (USOE) staff and a transportation task force on this bill to accelerate clean fuel school buses. The bill includes grants to school districts with a match requirement.

Representative Handy acknowledged that the Board has removed pupil transportation from its budget priority list, but requested that the Board work with him to move the bill forward. He requested that USOE staff provide him with information to help educate and support the initiative. Superintendent Smith indicated that USOE staff will work with him to provide information.

Budget Revisions and Prioritization

Chair Crandall referenced a talking points sheet distributed to legislative committees and information about the two percent budget reduction exercise called for by the Executive Appropriations Committee of the legislature.

Associate Superintendent Bruce Williams reviewed the documents. It was reported that Board leadership submitted suggestions for the two percent budget reduction as the deadline for submission was prior to a Board meeting.

The Board considered budget reductions for the Minimum School Program.

MOTION was made by Vice Chair Thomas and seconded by Member Openshaw that the Board adopt the recommendations as submitted by Board leadership.

Vice Chair Johnson asked for a separate discussion of each item. Superintendent Williams reviewed each line item.

MOTION TO AMEND was made by Member Stokes that the following

adjustments be made to the Minimum School Program budget reduction recommendations: Reinstatement funds for Enhancement for At Risk Students (\$300,000); reinstate funds for Youth in Custody (\$1 million); reinstate funds for K-3 Reading Improvement (\$2 million); reinstate funds for Library Books and Electronic Resources (\$550,000); reinstate funds for Critical Languages and Dual Immersion (\$300,000), and; reinstate funds for Early Intervention (\$500,000).

MOTION was made by Vice Chair Thomas that the motion be divided. Without objection, the motion was divided.

Motion to amend to reinstate funds for Enhancement to At Risk Students carried, with Member Belnap opposed.

Motion to amend to reinstate funds for Youth in Custody carried, with Member Belnap opposed.

Motion to amend to reinstate funds for K-3 Reading Improvement carried unanimously.

Motion to amend to reinstate funds for Library Books and Electronic Resources carried, with Members Allen, Castle, Corry, Crandall, Hansen, Huntsman, Stokes, Warner and Wright in favor, and Members Belnap, Cummins, Johnson, Moss, Openshaw and Thomas opposed.

Motion to amend to reinstate funds for Critical Languages and Dual Immersion carried, with Member Belnap opposed.

Motion to amend to reinstate funds for Early Intervention carried unanimously.

Motion to amend was made by Member Hansen that Matching Funds for School Nurses (\$882,000) be reinstated. Without a second the motion did not move forward.

MOTION TO AMEND was made by Member Warner and seconded by Member Hansen that \$882,000 be moved from Adult Education to Matching Funds for School Nurses; and that \$1 million be moved from Adult Education into Enhancement for Accelerated Students.

MOTION was made by Vice Chair Thomas that the motion be divided. Without objection the motion was divided.

Motion to amend to move \$882,000 from Adult Education to Matching Funds

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for School Nurses was considered. Member Hansen voiced her strong support for school nurses. Member Castle mentioned that it would be helpful to know how effective the programs are for which the Board is voting.

Motion to amend failed, with Members Hansen and Warner in favor, and Members Allen, Belnap, Castle, Corry, Crandall, Cummins, Johnson, Moss, Openshaw, Stokes, Thomas and Wright opposed; Member Huntsman absent.

Motion to move \$1 million from Adult Education to Enhancement for Accelerated Students carried, with Members Castle, Crandall, Hansen, Johnson, Moss, Openshaw, Stokes, Thomas, Warner and Wright in favor, and Members Allen, Belnap, Corry, Cummins and Stokes opposed; Member Huntsman absent.

Member Stokes called the question. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt the two percent adjustment, as amended, carried, with Members Allen, Castle, Corry, Crandall, Cummins, Johnson, Openshaw, Stokes, Thomas, Warner and Wright in favor, and Members Belnap and Hansen opposed; Members Huntsman and Moss absent.

The Board considered reductions to the USOE Budget.

MOTION was made by Vice Chair Thomas and seconded by Member Stokes that the Board adopt Board leadership's suggestions on the USOE two percent budget reduction adjustments, and reduce USOE Travel by \$40,000, USOE Supplies by \$1 million and USOE Equipment by \$100,000.

Motion carried; Chair Crandall and Members Huntsman and Moss absent. Without objection the amount travel was reduced was amended to \$45,000.

The Board considered proposed reductions to the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind (USDB). USDB Superintendent Joel Coleman explained the recommendation to cut USIMAC because it is non-critical to the fundamental mission of USDB.

MOTION was made by Member Stokes and seconded by Member Allen that the Board approve the reduction of USIMAC funding by \$483,999.

Motion carried; Chair Crandall and Members Huntsman and Moss absent.

The Board considered proposed reductions to the Utah State Office of Rehabilitation (USOR). USOR Executive Director Russ Thelin reviewed the recommended cuts.

MOTION was made by Vice Chair Thomas and seconded by Member Warner that the Board adopt the two percent cuts to USOR as proposed.

Motion carried; Chair Crandall and Members Huntsman and Moss absent.

MOTION TO RECONSIDER was made by Member Warner and seconded by Vice Chair Thomas that the Board reconsider the adjustments to the Minimum School Program.

Motion to reconsider carried.

MOTION was made by Member Belnap and seconded by Member Hansen that the Board reinstate MSP funds for Charter School Local Replacement (\$11,400,000).

MOTION TO AMEND was made by Member Hansen and seconded by Member Belnap that the \$11.4 million be taken out of the WPU.

Motion to amend failed, with Members Belnap and Hansen in favor, and Members Allen, Castle, Corry, Cummins, Johnson, Openshaw, Stokes, Thomas, Warner and Wright opposed.

Motion to reinstate the Charter School Local Replacement funds carried; Chair Crandall and Members Huntsman and Moss absent.

MOTION TO RECONSIDER was made by Member Castle and seconded by Member Warner that the Board reconsider the MSP budget reduction regarding the Educator Salary Adjustment.

Motion to reconsider failed, with Members Castle, Hansen, and Warner in favor, and Members Allen, Belnap, Corry, Cummins, Johnson, Openshaw, Stokes, Thomas and Wright opposed; Chair Crandall and Members Huntsman and Moss absent.

State School Fund Two Percent Cap Legislation

Aaron Garrett from the USOE School Children's Trust Section gave an update on legislation to be sponsored by Representative Rich Cunningham to increase the cap on money that can come out of the permanent State School Fund and go to school community councils. Right now it is capped at two percent of the Minimum School Program. The legislation would raise it to five percent of the MSP.

ACT Tests

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Associate Superintendent Judy Park reviewed information distributed about the increased costs of the ACT tests, indicating there will not be sufficient funding for the 2015-16 school year to pay for the tests. The contract with ACT ends in August, and Superintendent Park recommended extending the contract for one year only, asking the legislature for additional funding to cover the costs of the tests, then conducting a study to determine whether SAGE results can be used to replace ACT EXPLORE and PLAN tests.

MOTION was made by Vice Chair Thomas and seconded by Member Openshaw that the Board add additional ACT funding of \$470,000 as #2 on the one-time priority list.

Motion carried; Chair Crandall and Members Huntsman and Moss absent.

Adjournment

MOTION was made by Member Allen and seconded by Vice Chair Thomas that the meeting adjourn.

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 2:15.

Lorraine Austin, Board Secretary

Minutes pending approval