

UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

October 8-9, 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, 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 approved the September 17, 2015 minutes of the Utah State Board of Education acting as the governing board for the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind (USDB).
- The Board approved the USDB 2014-15 Annual Legislative Report.
- The Board approved the General Consent Calendar.
- The monthly budget report was approved.
- The Board approved *Utah's Master Plan – Essential Elements for Technology Powered Learning*.
- The Board approved releasing the 6-8 Grade Science with Engineering Education (SEEd) Standards for 30-day public comment, with the wording “display of pictorial” removed from Strand 7.5.4. Members Castle, Hansen and Thomas opposed.
- The Board Strategic Plan was referred to a Board committee for further development.
- The Board directed staff to develop a form for outside groups to ask for Board consideration of specific budget requests.
- The Board approved as a priority a request for legislation to remove in statute references to the Utah State Office of Education and replace those references with the Utah State Board of Education.
- The Board approved as a priority a request for legislation to replace in statute the designation of “school district” with “local education agency” where appropriate.
- The Board added \$1 million to the priority list of one-time funding for the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind to purchase the Grant Elementary School building.
- The Board added \$175,000 to the priority list of ongoing funding for the Utah State Office of Rehabilitation (USOR) to fund an assistant attorney general for the USOR.
- A motion to eliminate the Electronic High School was postponed to a future meeting, pending information on the high school being made available.

- The Board referred the request from Esperanza Elementary to accelerate its approved growth model back to the State Charter School Board for reconsideration of its recommendation to approve the change, due to the school being designated as a low-performing school.
- The Board approved a change to the charter agreement of Karl G. Maeser Preparatory Academy to add twenty students to its total beginning in 2016-2017. Member Wright abstained.
- The Board approved on third and final reading, Version 2 of R277-207 *Utah Professional Practices Advisory Commission (UPPAC), Disciplinary Guidelines*, with the additional amendment to the end of Section 2(9)(c), line 147, “and demonstrates a reasonable expectation that the educator will not repeat the misconduct.”
- The Board approved on second reading R277-704 *Secondary School Completion Diplomas*, as amended.
- The Board approved on third and final reading the repeal of R277-118 *LEA Post-employment Benefits Plan*.
- The Board denied a request from APA Salem for charter termination and granting of a satellite school to Utah Charter Academies. The Board directed staff to create a protocol and/or rule consistent with 53A-1a-509.
- The Board approved on third and final reading R277-404 *Requirements for Assessment of Student Achievement*, as amended.
- The Board approved the Parental Exclusion from State Assessment Form, as amended.
- The Board approved the release of the draft Fine Arts Standards for 90-day public review.
- The Board approved the release of the draft K-12 Physical Education Standards for 90-day public review.
- The Board approved the release of the draft General Financial Literacy Standards for 20-day public review.
- A motion to approve the list of potential providers for child sexual abuse prevention instructional materials failed, with Members Allen, Johnson, Stokes, Thomas, Warner and Wright in favor, and Members Belnap, Castle, Corry, Cummins, Crandall, Hansen, Huntsman and Lockhart opposed. The Board directed that the materials be made available for Board review and brought back next month.
- The Board approved the Suicide Prevention Report for presentation to the Education Interim Committee.
- The Board approved the following requests for use of the discretionary fund: \$10,000 – Education Excellence Commission; \$11,000 – EIMAC; \$35,000 – Schools to Watch.
- A motion for the Board’s attorney to prepare legal counsel as to whether school districts are required to bus students who are beyond the boundary limits, and determine if schools districts can charge students to ride the bus, failed, with Members Allen,

Johnson, Lockhart, Stokes and Wright in favor, and Members Belnap, Castle, Corry, Cummins, Crandall, Hansen, Huntsman, Thomas, and Warner opposed.

- The Board approved the UPPAC Consent Calendar with Case No. 14-1240 and Case No. 15-38 removed.
- The Board directed that in Case 14-1240 a hearing be held.
- The Board directed that information from the DCFS LIS database be gathered in relation to Case No. 15-38, and that the case be brought back next month.
- The Board accepted the Utah Professional Practices Advisory Commission (UPPAC) recommendations in the following cases:
 - Case No. 14-1184 – suspend the educator’s Level 2 Secondary Education License for five years.
 - Case No. 15-1266 – suspend the educator’s Level 1 Secondary Education License for two years. Member Johnson opposed.
 - Case No. 14-222 – revoke the educator’s Level 2 Education License.
 - Case No. 14-1233 – revoke the educator’s Level 1 Education License.
 - Case No. 14-1229 – revoke the educator’s Level 1 Elementary Education License.
 - Case No. 04-691 – deny the petitioner’s request for reinstatement.
 - Case No. 12-1063 – reinstate petitioner’s license. Members Belnap and Johnson opposed.
 - Case No. 13-1116 – revoke the educator’s Level 2 Elementary Education License.
- A motion to accept the UPPAC recommendation in Case No. 91-251 failed, with Members Corry, Cummins, Hansen, Lockhart, Stokes, and Thomas in favor, and Members Belnap, Castle, Crandall, Huntsman, Johnson, Warner and Wright opposed. The Board rejected the UPPAC recommendation for reinstatement in Case No. 91-251. Findings will be prepared and the case will come back next month.
- The Board did not accept the UPPAC recommendation in Case No. 14-1246, and recommended a two-year suspension. Findings will be prepared and the case will be brought back next month.
- The Board appointed the following to the Utah Statewide Independent Living Council: Robert Ferris, Andrea Pitts, Lester Ruesch, Richard Luke, Isabel Gardett, Michael Lefevor, Jennie Ostermiller, Nancy Bentley, Tara Rollins, and Tom England.
- The Board appointed Dr. Ember Conley to the Public Educator Evaluation Requirements (PEER) Committee.