



UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

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

August 4, 2023
1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Utah State Board of Education held a state board meeting electronically on August 4, 2023. As Utah Code 52-4 authorized, 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 LeAnn Wood
Second Vice-Chair Jennie Earl	Member Christina Boggess
Member Matt Hymas	Member Carol Barlow Lear
Member Kristin Norton	Member Brent J. Strate
Member Natalie Cline	

Members Absent

Member Emily Green
Member Sarah Reale
Member Joseph Kerry

Executive Staff Present

Sydnee Dickson, State Superintendent
Patty Norman, Deputy Superintendent
Scott Jones, Deputy 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 Tony Bonny, ASL Interpreter Emily Longshore, Deborah Jacobson, Leah Voorhies, Darin Nielsen, Jim Russell, Melissa Mendenhall, Dale Frost, Audrie Urie, Darin Nielsen, Bryan Quesenberry, Ashley Biehl, Jerry Record, Joe Wright, Christy Fitzgerald, Karl Bowman, Ron Litchfield, Stephanie Patton, Ben Rasmussen, Shane Erickson, Michelle Watts, Kathleen Britton, Paula Plant, Aaron Brewer, Jason Strate, Duke Mossman, Superintendent Willis, Superintendent Mone, Tanya Albornoz, and Leah Voorhies.

Opening Business

Chair Moss called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

Utah Schools for the Deaf and Blind (USDB) Board Meeting

Joel Coleman, USDB Superintendent, led the discussion for the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind agenda items.

Consent Calendar

MOTION was made by Member Moss and seconded by Member Lear that the Board approve the Consent Calendar, as presented below.

The motion passed unanimously.

Members Boothe, Green, Hart, Kerry, and Reale were absent.

1. USDB Student Fee Schedule

MOTION was made that the board approve the USDB Student Fee Schedule.

2. USDB Student Fee Schedule Policy

MOTION was made that the board adopt the Student Fee Schedule Policy.

3. RBI Contract for Ogden Campus Athletic Field

MOTION was made that the board adopt the Ogden Campus athletic field contract.



USDB Monthly Budget as of June 30, 2023

USDB Finance Director Carl Empey provided the USBE members with an FY23 monthly update as of June 30, 2023.

USDB Facilities Plan

MOTION was made by Member Lear and seconded by Member Moss that the Board approve 1) the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind facilities plan and requests that the Utah Legislature's Public Education Appropriations (PEA) committee at their August 8, 2023, meeting recommend that the Executive Appropriations (EAC) committee authorize the utilization of the funds for the Salt Lake City Campus during their September 2023 meeting, and:

2) requests that the Executive Appropriations Committee of the Utah Legislature authorize the Division of Facilities and Construction Management (DFCM) to work with the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind and proceed with the programming and design of the Salt Lake City Campus immediately and design of the Salt Lake City Campus immediately and continue to work on the long-term master plan for Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind facilities.

MOTION TO AMEND was made by Member Norton and seconded by Member Boggess to add the following language to the action: with the Board to review the programming and design phase before approving construction.

The motion passed unanimously. Members Green, Hart, Kerry, and Reale were absent.

The final motion that the Board approves is 1) the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind facilities plan and requests the Utah Legislature's Public Education.



Appropriations (PEA) committee at their August 8, 2023, meeting recommended that the Executive Appropriations (EAC) committee authorize the utilization of the funds for the Salt Lake City Campus during their September 2023 meeting and:

2) requests that the Executive Appropriations Committee of the Utah Legislature authorize the Division of Facilities and Construction Management (DFCM) to work with the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind and proceed with the programming and design of the Salt Lake City Campus immediately and design of the Salt Lake City Campus immediately with the Board to review the programming and design phase before approving construction and continue to work on the long-term master plan for Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind facilities.

The final motion, as amended, passed unanimously. Members Green, Hart, Kerry, and Reale were absent.

Following the USDB meeting, the Board proceeded with the USBE Study Session. The meeting was called to order at 2:34 p.m.

Study Session

2024 General Session Legislation Preparation

Review of Board-Requested Legislative Funding Requests

Board-Supported Funding Requests

MOTION was made by Member Norton and seconded by Member Boothe that the board moves to add the RESA Service and Support Enhancements for Rural Education to the list of board-supported legislative funding requests for the 2024 legislation session.

The motion carried with Members Cline opposed. Members Green, Kerry, and



Reale were absent.

MOTION was made by Member Boothe that the Board supports the USBE Internal FTE Needs for Capacity and Service for the 2024 Legislative Session.

The motion carried with Members Boggess, Cline, and Earl opposed. Members Green, Kerry, and Reale were absent.

MOTION was made by Member Boothe that the Board supports the USBE Market Adjustments for the 2024 Legislative Session.

The motion carried with Member Cline opposed. Members Green, Kerry, and Reale were absent.

MOTION was made by Member Norton that the Board supports the San Juan School District Tribal Student Network Project Maintenance for the 2024 Legislative Session.

The motion carried with Members Boggess, Cline, and Earl opposed. Members Green, Kerry, and Reale were absent.

MOTION was made by Member Boothe that the Board supports the Statewide Online Education Program (SOEP) for the 2024 Legislative Session.

The motion carried with Members Boggess, Cline, and Hart opposed. Members Green, Kerry, and Reale were absent.

MOTION was made by Member Moss that the Board supports the WPU Increase for the 2024 Legislative Session and that the Board automatically sets the WPU Increase each year first on the list.

The motion carried with Members Boggess and Cline opposed.



MOTION was made by Member Boggess that the Board supports the Elementary School Music Educators for the 2024 Legislative Session.

The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION was made by Member Strate that the Board supports the Educator Preparation Hours for the 2024 Legislative Session.

The motion carried with Members Cline and Wood opposed.

MOTION was made by Member Moss that the Board supports the Supporting Teacher Development, Recruitment, and Retention Through Teacher Leadership Tracks for the 2024 Legislative Session.

The motion carried with Member Cline opposed.

MOTION was made by Member Boothe that the Board supports the Beverley Taylor Sorenson Arts for the 2024 Legislative Session.

The motion carried with Member Cline opposed.

MOTION was made by Member Davis that the Board supports the Special Education Funding for LEAs for the 2024 Legislative Session.

The motion carried with Members Boggess, Cline, and Hymas opposed.

MOTION was made by Member Strate that the Board supports Reduce Curricular and Co-curricular Fees for the 2024 Legislative Session.

The motion failed with Members Boothe and Strate in favor.



MOTION was made by Member Boothe that the Board supports the Pupil Transportation for the 2024 Legislative Session.

The motion passed unanimously.

The Board approves the USBE staff to develop a legislative funding request for the 2024 legislative session to address the following topics:

1. Grow Your Own Educator Pipeline Program (Moss, Hart, and Strate)
2. Moving iSEE organization from provisional status to line-item status (Moss, Earl, and Boothe)
3. Adult Education Supportive Services Pilots (Hymas, Lear, and Moss)
4. Dual Language Immersion (Wood, Strate, and Moss)
5. Platform to Support Implementation of Sensitive Instructional Materials (Moss, Strate, and Cline)
6. Utah Code 53G-10-503 Driver education funding: Increase funding into the LEA's operating accounts. (Hart, Lear, and Strate)
7. Adobe Create Utah (Boothe, Norton, and Moss)
8. Computer Science Integration (Moss, Wood, and Boothe)
9. Professional Outreach Programs in the Schools – Increase (Boothe, Hymas, and Strate)
10. USIMAC On-Going Funding (Wood, Strate, and Earl)
11. Benefits for USDB Paraeducators (Wood, Boggess, and Boothe)



Additional Board Direction for Legislative Funding Requests

MOTION was made by Member Davis and seconded by Member Strate that the Board direct staff to develop a legislative funding request for the 2024 legislative session to request \$11M for the Educator Salary Adjustment and request a policy change for formula adjustment.

The motion carried with Member Cline opposed.

MOTION was made by Member Hymas and seconded by Member Earl that the Board direct staff to develop a legislative funding request for the 2024 legislative session to request to add charter schools to the statewide average of what districts receive in State transportation dollars.

The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION TO AMEND was made by Member Davis and seconded by Member Wood that the Board request for charter schools be amended to include school district students who currently do not qualify for transportation funding.

The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 4:52 PM.

Minutes were taken by Cybil Prideaux, Board Secretary.

The minutes were approved 9/7/2023.