

UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES

October 2, 1998

Minutes of the meeting of the State Board for Applied Technology Education and the State Board of Education held October 2, 1998, at the Utah State Office of Education, Salt Lake City, Utah. Meeting commenced at 9:20 a.m. Board Vice Chairman John L. Watson presided.

Members present were:

Vice Chairman, John L. Watson
Member Linnea S. Barney
Member Neola Brown
Member Janet A. Cannon
Member Cheryl Ferrin
Member Lynn Haslem
Member Susan C. Henshaw
Member C. Grant Hurst
Member Boyd F. Jensen
Member Jill G. Kennedy
Member Joyce W. Richards
Member Marilyn Shields

Chairman Katharine B. Garff and Member Waynette Steel were excused.

Also present were:

Executive Officer Scott W. Bean
Deputy Superintendent Laurie A. Chivers
Associate Superintendent Robert O. Brems
Associate Superintendent Steven O. Laing
Associate Superintendent Jerry P. Peterson
Executive Director, USOR, Blaine Petersen
Public Information Officer, Eileen Rencher
Board Secretary Twila B. Affleck

Also present for portions of the Board meeting were:

Members of the Press:

Kelly K. Bogdanowicz
Jennifer Toomer-Cook, Deseret News
Hillary Groutage, Salt Lake Tribune

Con Rowley, Governor's Office
Lee Robinson, Superintendent, Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind
Kathy Girton, League of Women Voters
Connie N. Wunderli, Citizen
Earl M. Wunderli, Citizen

Dr. J.W. Clemmer, Salt Lake City School Board
Karen Derrick, Salt Lake City School Board
Ruth Robinson, Eagle Forum
Phyllis Sorensen, Utah Education Association
Gary Ricks, Legislative Fiscal Analysts Office

Members State Office of Education Staff:

Patricia Bradley
Members of the Curriculum staff that were introduced.

The Board repeated the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Member Susan C. Henshaw offered the reverence.

Board secretary Twila B. Affleck recorded the minutes.

Vice Chairman Watson excused Board Chairman Katharine B. Garff and Board Member Waynette Steel.

Introduction of Staff

Associate Superintendent Jerry Peterson introduced the staff of the Curriculum section in the Curriculum and Instruction Division.

Executive Officer Report

Superintendent Scott W. Bean presented the following items of information:

Eileen Rencher, Public Relations Director presented a video of the media coverage of the **Utah Teacher of the Year** and **Milken Awards**.

Dr. Bean expressed appreciation to Associate Superintendent Jerry Peterson and his staff for the coordination and work on the Milken Foundation awards. Dr. Bean also expressed appreciation to Nate Taggart and others in the public relations section for their coordination and work on the Teacher of the Year Award.

Dr. Bean reported that he attended **University of Utah President's inauguration**. He indicated that President Machen had come to meet with us a month ago at President Machen's request. The meeting was about two hours, and we were impressed with his understanding of public education. He also indicated that the inauguration was very informal compared to other university president inaugurations he has attended.

Dr. Bean reported that we have just completed the **new superintendents orientation** for six new superintendents this past week. The superintendents were from Tooele, Weber, Rich, Murray, Carbon and North Summit. This orientation is in association with the Utah School Superintendent's Association to make sure they understand all of the services and technical assistance that is available to them from our office.

Board Chairman Report

Member Janet Cannon noted that the *Salt Lake Tribune* had a report on **Youth Violence** in connection with Mayor's meeting with Janet Reno. She also commented on an article that Superintendent Bean had distributed at an earlier meeting relative to juvenile crime rates being higher between the hours of 2:00 and 5:00 p.m. The Mayor took a stand to start school later in the morning and staying in session longer. She felt this was a good idea because we have studies that show starting school later for high school students increases test scores.

Member Neola Brown commented that there has been considerable discussion and publicity relative to Superintendent Beans proposal for a **longer school day**. She voiced concern that the proper information is not being given through the media and questioned if there was a way it might be corrected so people would understand the reason for the proposal.

Member Cheryl Ferrin commented that she had enjoyed visiting around the state this past year and how good our education is in Utah.

Planning Proposals

Superintendent Bean presented the Planning Proposals discussed by the Board at their June meeting. He also shared feedback received from groups that have received this presentation. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 8017.)

Dr. Bean indicated that the proposal calls for an addition of **specialty teachers** in elementary schools which would reduce the number of preparations for elementary teachers. Also there should be a change in the pre-service and in-service for teachers. Dr. Bean noted that with this proposal teachers would not be instructing longer, and if we can get the legislature to invest in these reading specialists and other specialist teachers it would not be necessary to lengthen the school day.

Superintendent Bean noted that nearly all districts require four units of language arts and three units of computer science. At the present time the **Board graduation requirements** for language arts and computer science are lower than these in the districts. He recommended that the Board change their requirements to four units of language arts which could include writing and speaking; and three units of computer science. Dr. Bean noted that the changes being proposed could be made and stay within the current time frame if all districts would change to either the trimester system or eight period block.

Dr. Bean reported that he will be meeting Monday with the Superintendents where he will pose this recommendation to move to either the **trimester system or eight period block** because the State Board will be increasing the requirements for graduation.

Superintendent Bean again reiterated that these changes will improve achievement levels of young people when they exit high school.

Superintendent Bean noted that students and parents will have the opportunity to waive one of the requirements and substitute another course.

Superintendent Bean also suggested that if it is good for high schools to look at the trimester system and eight period blocks it would also be good for junior high and middle schools as well.

Motion was made by Member C. Grant Hurst and seconded by Member Boyd F. Jensen to receive the report. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Watson welcomed Mr. Earl Wunderli who is running for the State Board of Education.

Priority Recommendations on State Board of Education Budget

Deputy Superintendent Laurie A. Chivers presented the recommendations from staff for the budget priorities and the accompanying dollar amounts. Dr. Chivers indicated that these priorities reflect needs and ensure that the total budget request is reasonable based on available funds. She noted that these recommendations are final with the exception of the **Minimum School Program** which will be reviewed again in the November meeting. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 8018.)

Dr. Chivers expressed appreciation to her staff, Tim Leffel and Janet Medrano and Brent Hackett and Judy DeWaal. Also Con Rowley from the Governor's Office.

With regard to the **Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind** recommendations, Member Grant Hurst questioned the funding of the **Career Ladder Program**. Dr. Chivers indicated that this amount is to bring their career ladder funding up to the lower level of that of school districts.

Member Hurst requested that the Board be given a report on how the career ladder dollars are spent at the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind.

With regard to the **Applied Technology Budget** Member Neola Brown suggested that the Southwest ATCSR Leasing M&O Needs be moved to a higher priority.

After considerable discussion relative to the priorities, motion was made by Member Neola Brown and seconded by Member C. Grant Hurst to move the Southwest ATCSR Leasing M&O Needs from priority #5 to priority No. 4. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Chivers noted a change to the Minimum School Program under #11, Early Childhood for additional funding for the **Utah Reads Initiative**, changing that figure from \$300,000 to \$500,000. Associate Superintendent Jerry Peterson presented information on the increase for the **Literacy Initiative** and the supplemental request for \$1 million for additional textbooks.

Associate Superintendent Jerry Peterson presented new building block requests from the **Utah Education Network**. He noted that this had been taken out of the State Board request last year by the Legislature and put over into Higher Education. He indicated that there is a concern that this receive a fair hearing by the Legislature and not be lost. Therefore, we would like to add it to our request. He noted that this will be heard in the Higher Education Budget hearings.

Con Rowley, Governor's Office of Planning and Budget suggested that the Board send a letter to Higher Education and the co-chairs of the higher education appropriations sub committee.

Motion was made by Member Linnea Barney seconded by Marilyn Shields to send letter as recommended. Motion carried unanimously.

Deputy Superintendent Laurie Chivers continued the review of the budget increase requests.

Motion was made by Member C. Grant Hurst and seconded by Member Janet A. Cannon to change the **Wasatch Front South ATC** Land Acquisition on the Supplemental and One Time Requests from \$3.6 to \$5 million. Motion carried unanimously.

The following motions were made on the budget:

Motion was made by Member C. Grant Hurst and seconded by Member Boyd F. Jensen to raise the amount on the Minimum School Program request for Item #11, Early Childhood from \$300,000 to \$500,000 in keeping with the Governor's request for his initiative programs. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Member Cheryl Ferrin and seconded by Member Neola Brown to change the Minimum School Program request last items to read ○Increased specialist teachers for elementary schools, with a request for \$40 million. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Member Susan Henshaw and seconded by Member Lynn Haslem to add a No. 8 to the Supplemental and One Time Requests for the **Read To Me Program** in the amount of \$1,000,000, increasing the total to \$44,750. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Member C. Grant Hurst and seconded by Member Lynn Haslem to adopt the budget and summary data as proposed and amended for the 1999-2000 fiscal year, including the supplemental request for 1998-99. Motion carried unanimously.

Other

Phyllis Sorensen, President of the **Utah Education Association** encouraged Board members to attend their **convention on October 8 & 9**, ○Connections In Technology○. She mentioned some of the programs associated with the convention and expressed appreciation to Vicky Dahn for her help in preparation for the convention. She presented each Board Member a clip board for American Education Week.

Time Out of School Survey Results 1997-98

Associate Superintendent Steve Laing presented background on the reason for collecting data relative to the time out of school for high school students. He reviewed the process for how the information was collected. Dr. Laing then reviewed the results of the 1997-98 survey of time out of school. (For complete details of the survey results, see General Exhibit No. 8019.)

Dr. Laing presented the conclusions and recommendations based on the study and recommended statutory changes which include: a requirement for an activity disclosure statement; requirement for time out of school data be included in the district annual report; and to modify the language on the annual State Superintendent's report so we can aggregate the data from the local district report and report statewide data for those that are interested. Also to eliminate Senate Bill 30 in the 1998 session.

Member Cheryl Ferrin commented that in the Rich District it has been stated by parents that they are aware of the concern about children taking time out of school for these activities. However, they are In favor of doing this under auspicious of school because it is such a community event. She indicated that small communities are also going to private enterprises for activities and the parents are taking their children out of school to participate in these types of activities that would not show up on a report of this nature.

Motion was made by Member C. Grant Hurst and seconded by Member Marilyn Shields to accept the report and ask staff to proceed with recommendations made from a legislative standpoint. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Member C. Grant Hurst and seconded by Member Susan C. Henshaw that the Board write a letter to the Utah High School Activities Association and the Utah School Boards Association thanking them for their participation in this study, and encouraging them to continue to support the review and process. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Report

Applied Technology and Rehabilitation Committee

Member Susan C. Henshaw, Chairman of the Applied Technology and Rehabilitation Committee presented the following recommendations from the Committee:

Custom Fit Program Report

Dale Stephens, State Specialist for Custom Fit Training reported on the Custom Fit training that occurred during the 1998 fiscal year. He indicated that 371 companies were provided training involving over 13,900 trainees. The average cost per trainee was \$210, which is down from \$264 per trainee two years ago. The program is becoming even more efficient and in demand by Utah employers in keeping their employees up-to-date in their workforce skills. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 8020.)

Motion from the Committee that the Board receive the report. Motion carried unanimously.

Wasatch Front South Applied Technology Education Study

Dr. Floyd L. McKinney and Dr. Morgan V. Lewis of the Center on Education and Training for

Employment at Ohio State University reported the results of a six-month study of applied technology education and training needs in the Wasatch Front South Service Area. The report indicates a significant need for additional applied technology education and training for citizens of the area, especially high school-aged students. The recommendations of the study are very similar to the goals of the State Board of Education to establish three applied technology center facilities in the Salt Lake and Tooele Counties. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 8021.)

Associate Superintendent Rob Brems commented that he is pleased with how report turned out. However, it does indicate that we have a lot of work to do in terms of meeting the shortage of applied technology education and training along with Wasatch Front. He further commented that it also sets a good format for us to look at as we consider the shortages in other areas of the state.

Board Member Jill Kennedy who chairs the steering committee reported on the steering committee activities relative to this proposal.

Motion from the committee to receive the report. Motion carried unanimously.

General Consent Calendar

Motion was made by Member C. Grant Hurst and seconded by Member Lynn Haslem to approve the General Consent Calendar as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of the Meeting of the State Board for Applied Technology Education and the State Board of Education held September 11, 1998.

2. Contracts

(A) Institute for Behavioral Research in Creativity. \$24,880. 8/1/98-12/15/98.

To produce the Accountability Reports for all Utah schools based on the 1998 Statewide Testing Program using the Stanford Achievement Test, ninth edition.

(B) Melisa Genaux. \$9,500. 7/1/98-6/30/99. - Fed.

The federal Sp. Ed. Law, I.D.E.A. mandates that USOE provide a comprehensive system of personnel development. Consultant will develop and promote the Behavioral Education Strategies for Teachers Project by continuing on the Statewide Assistance Team (SWAT) and provide training for rural & urban, elem/middle/secondary model sites with regular ed/resource/self-contained components. Training will be given to teachers, and professional personnel in Utah's education system with follow-up and evaluation of sites and personnel skills to be provided.

(C) Utah Association for the Deaf (RECEIVABLE). \$6,000. 11/1/98-10/31/99. - Amend.

To provide space for the Utah Association for the Deaf (UAD) to operate a Bookstore for the deaf, hard of hearing, and speech impaired individuals in Utah.

(D) Bess Rentals. \$33,300. 10/16/98-10/15/01 - Fed. - Amend.

Lease of Division of Rehabilitation Services, Brigham City office located at 695 South Main Street, Suite 4, Brigham City, Utah.

(E) ReNae Jessop.\$170,000. 10/1/98-9/30/99- Fed. - Amend.

To continue a service contract to maintain a statewide training network for the Child Nutrition Programs.

(F) Xerox Corporation. \$189,091.20. 10/30/98-9/30/03. - Amend.

Upgrade 2 Xerox 5100 machines to 2 Xerox 5895 copy machines and to be extended to the year 2003. End of lease purchase option per machine is \$5,000.

(G) DATAMETRICS, Inc. \$4,500. 10/2/98-6/30/99. - Amend.

As a subset to the above, Datametrics will research recidivism rates for offenders chosen to be part of a special post-secondary education program authorized and funded by the U.S. Department of Education.

(H) Craig Berntson. \$20,000. 9/1/98-6/30/99

To complete, test, and maintain the ATC Accounts Receivable Interface Software.

(I) Department of Human Services (RECEIVABLE). \$200,000. 7/1/98-6/30/99.- Fed.

Substance Abuse Prevention Services in connection with Applied Technology Education Programs. Provides inservice training and curriculum development and materials for drug prevention programs. Provides a full-time secretary for the Drug Prevention Specialist: a portion of travel, space, utilities, communications, office equipment and printing.

(For complete details of the Contracts, see General Exhibit No. 8022.)

3. SBR/SBE Joint Liaison Committee Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the Joint SBR/SBE Liaison Committee Meetings held July 31, 1998. The Board approved the minutes of the Committee Meetings, and ratified the actions of the Joint Liaison Committee. (For complete details of the Minutes, see General Exhibit No. 8023.)

4. District Career Ladder Plans Approval

The following Districts have met the requirements set by the State Board for their 1998-99 Career Ladder Plans. Each plan has been submitted on a standard form and carefully reviewed by the State Career Ladder Review Committee: One Year--Beaver, Kane, Rich, South Sanpete and Wayne Districts. The Board approved the 1998-99 Career Ladder funding for the agencies listed above. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 8024.)

5. Certification Agenda

The Certification Agenda only included recommendations for temporary certification authorization requests. The Board approved the Certification Authorization Requests presented. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 8025.)

6. Evaluation of Teacher Education Program at Brigham Young University

On March 30 & 31, 1998, an on-site evaluation was conducted of the Teacher Education Program at Brigham Young University. The team was chaired by Gail Johnson, Specialist, Utah State Office of Education.

In accordance with the evaluation, the following programs are recommended to the State Board of Education for approval on condition that suggested changes and improvements are implemented or responded to within a reasonable period of time, but not to exceed one year from the date of the visit: Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, Administrative/Supervisory, School Counselor, School Psychologist, Special Education (Mild/Moderate, Sever/Profound) Communication Disorders (Audiology, Speech Pathology), Secondary Education--Fine Arts (Secondary Music, Elementary Music, Theatre, Art, Dance), Foreign Languages, Driver Education, Health, Physical Education, Math, English, ESL, Reading, Science (Biology, Geology & Earth Science, Physics, Physical Science, Chemistry), Social Studies (Geography, History, Political Science, Psychology, Behavioral Science Composite, Sociology), Home Economics, Technology Education, Computer Science, Gifted and Talented, and Urban Teacher Certification Program. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 8026) The State Board of Education approved the Teacher Education Program at Brigham Young University as recommended above.

7. Ratification of Employment

David P. Gomez was ratified as an Educational Specialist, Migrant Education, Planning and Project Services Division.

8. List of Applicants for Certificates

The list of applicants for initial and renewal certificates was not made available.

9. Claims Report

The Claims Report in the amount of \$143,262,251.66 ending September 30, 1998, was approved by the Board. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 8027.)

Superintendent Bean expressed congratulations to Dick Siddoway, Electronic High School Specialist who has written a book entitled ○The Christmas Wish○. The book has been published and will be a CBS movie starring Debbie Reynolds on Sunday, December 6, following Touched by an Angel.

Executive Session

Motion was made by Member C. Grant Hurst and seconded by Member Neola Brown that the Board move into executive session for the purpose of discussing litigation or personnel issues. The Board was polled and by unanimous consent of those present, the Board moved into executive session during lunch at 12:55 p.m.

Motion was made by Member Susan C. Henshaw and seconded by Member Marilyn Shields to close executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

There was no action from the executive session.

Meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.
