

UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

UTAH STATE BOARD FOR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

MINUTES

February 1, 2000

Minutes of the meeting of the State Board for Applied Technology Education and the State Board of Education held February 1, 2000, at the Utah State Office of Education, Salt Lake City, Utah. Meeting commenced at 1:05 p.m. Board Chairman Jill G. Kennedy presided.

Members present were:

Chairman, Jill G. Kennedy
Vice Chairman, Kim R. Burningham
Member Janet A. Cannon
Member Cheryl Ferrin
Member Susan C. Henshaw
Member Boyd F. Jensen
Member Judy Larson
Member Marilyn Shields

Members Arial, Barney, Haslem, Hurst, Morrill and Richards excused.

Also present were:

Executive Officer Steven O. Laing
Deputy Superintendent Gary L. Carlston
Associate Superintendent Robert O. Brems
Associate Superintendent Patrick Ogden
Associate Superintendent Jerry P. Peterson
Public Information Officer, Eileen Rencher
Executive Director, USOR, Blaine Petersen
Board Secretary Twila B. Affleck

Also present for portions of the Board meeting were:

Members of the Press:

JaNae Francis, Ogden Standard Examiner
Kathy Kapos, Salt Lake Tribune

Kevin Ashby, Southeast ATCSR
Miles Nelson, Southeast ATCSR
Brent A. Judd, Southwest ATCSR
Joan Erickson, Citizen
Mildred Horton, Murray Board of Education
Bo Hall, Wasatch Front South ATC
Billie Telford, Utah Eagle Forum
Greg Haws, Citizen, Governor Appointment

Members, State Office of Education staff:

Pat O'Hara, Agency Services

Randy Upton, Agency Services
Larry Newton, Agency Services
Ron Stanfield, Planning and Project Services
Barbara Lawrence, Planning and Project Services
Connie Amos, Instructional Services

The Board repeated the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Member Susan C. Henshaw offered a reverence.

Board secretary Twila B. Affleck recorded the minutes.

Ben Black, Specialist, Media Product, briefly reviewed the new microphone system.

Chairman Kennedy introduced Greg Haws, new Board Member, District 5, recently appointed by Governor Leavitt pending Senate confirmation.

Mr. Haws expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve on the Board. He indicated he was a lifelong resident of Weber County, he has a degree in accounting and is a Certified Public Accountant. In 1990 he was the Auditor/Treasurer of Weber County for one term. He and his wife own the Burger Barn in Roy and he also does some land development. He has also been a Board Member on the Weber School District Foundation.

Legislative Tracking Sheet

Superintendent Laing reviewed the proposed legislation and the staff recommendations. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 8300)

Following the review Superintendent Laing identified the following bills and requested the Board to take positions on them.

HB 223, School and Institutional Trust Lands Amendments

Motion was made by Member Cheryl Ferrin and seconded by Member Boyd F. Jensen to support the legislation. Motion carried.

SB 15, Use of Tobacco Settlement Revenues

Motion was made by Vice Chairman Kim R. Burningham and seconded by Member Judy Larson to support the legislation. Motion carried.

HB 248, Firearms Restrictions - Houses of Worship, Residences, and Schools

Motion was made by Vice Chairman Kim R. Burningham and seconded by Member Boyd F. Jensen to support the legislation. Motion carried.

SB 32, Concealed Permit Holders Requirements

Motion was made by Member Marilyn Shields and seconded by Member Cheryl Ferrin to support the legislation. Motion carried.

HB 78, State Board of Education Election Amendments

HJR8, Resolution on the State Superintendent

Motion was made by Member Marilyn Shields and seconded by Member Cheryl Ferrin to

oppose both pieces of legislation. Motion carried.

HB 218, Initiative and Referendum Process for School Districts

HJR7, Resolution Authorizing Recall Election Process

Motion was made by Vice Chairman Kim R. Burningham and seconded by Member Janet A. Cannon to oppose both pieces of legislation. Motion carried.

HB 99, Southeastern Utah Applied Technology Center

HB 239, Applied Technology Centers Amendments (Great Basin ATC)

HB 261, State Applied Technology Centers (Southwest ATC)

Superintendent Laing reported that past-chairman John Watson, present chairman Jill Kennedy, the Chair of the Board of Regents and Commissioner have met leadership of the legislature and indicated the need to do some expedient master planning with regard to applied technology education.

Superintendent Laing reported that Board Member Lynn Haslem had phoned him earlier in the day specifically about these bills and voiced his concern that we recognize the desirability of establishing applied technology centers, we have needs in these underserved areas and if at all possible the Board should consider supporting these. If not, to support the concept.

Chairman Kennedy recognized Brent Judd, Director of the Southwest ATCSR. Mr. Judd stated that it is time for an ATC in the Southwest area of the state. They feel they cannot go another year in the status they have and not be recognized. They have tried to work under the situation of the two boards, but there is too much conflict when it comes to the budgetary process. He requested Board support in giving them a road to go down in forming an applied technology center.

Chairman Kennedy recognized Miles Nelson, Director, Southeast ATCSR. Mr. Nelson stated that they have the same anxiety and concern as the Southwest ATCSR. They feel the time is now to move forward, the programs need to be able to grow at a rate that will help their region. They are not serving many parts of their region because they are not allowed to pursue the resources needed to do that. He also requested the Boards support in moving this forward.

Superintendent Laing reported that there was a misconception that the reason things were not going forward is because we said to put a hold on it, and this is not the case. Superintendent Laing recommended that the Board support the concept because they are in favor of applied technology centers, but recognize the difficulties we have and are aware that additional funding is going to be nearly impossible. However, the way the bills are crafted you could do it with existing funds and establish an applied technology center, but future funding will be problematic given the state of affairs with regard to capital facilities. Also, we need to continue with the planning efforts to resolve the issues.

Discussion ensued relative to the need and desirability of having an applied technology center in each of these areas. It was felt that the master planning efforts should go forward so there could be the combined support of the legislative, executive and education levels.

Superintendent Laing recommended that the Board support the concept for each of these bills.

Associate Superintendent Rob Brems identified the differences in the legislation between the Southwest and Southeast ATCSRs and the request for the Great Basin

Discussion ensued relating to the Wasatch Front South ATC and whether or not support of these pieces of legislation would water-down the possibility of getting the funding for the Wasatch Front ATC.

Motion was made by Member Susan C. Henshaw and seconded by Vice Chairman Kim R. Burningham to support the concept on HB 99, HB 239, and HB 261.

Kevin Ashby, Board Member, Southeast ATCSR stated that there is a need for all of this to work. There are needs for vocational training that will not be met any other way.

Motion to support concept carried.

HB 50, Sales and Use Tax - Sales Relating to Schools

Motion was made by Member Susan C. Henshaw and seconded by Member Cheryl Ferrin to support the legislation. Motion failed; Members Ferrin, Henshaw, Jensen, Kennedy, Larson and Shields voting in favor; Member Burningham opposed; Member Cannon abstained.

HB 189, Classroom Supplies

Motion was made by Member Cheryl Ferrin and seconded by Member Janet A. Cannon to support the concept of the legislation. Motion failed with Member Cannon, Ferrin, Kennedy, Larson, and Shields voting in favor; Member Henshaw and Jensen opposed.

SB 30 S1, Property Tax - Uniform Fees on Recreational Vehicles

Motion was made by Vice Chairman Kim R. Burningham and seconded by Member Cheryl Ferrin to oppose the legislation. Motion carried.

Member Janet Cannon noted that the **Utah School Boards Association was discussing a bill** relative to proposed legislation that would **put the tax on soft drinks into public education**. She questioned if those bills had been identified. Doug Bates, Coordinator, School Law and Legislation indicated that **these bills will be studied for a year**. The legislation was based on a bill in Arkansas and Legislative Research feels there may be some portions that violate provisions in the Utah Constitution.

Chairman Kennedy noted that **Thursday, February 3, 2000 is USBA Day on the Hill** and the Board needed to RSVP for the lunch. Four members of the Board indicated they would be in attendance for the lunch.

Member Janet Cannon distributed a pamphlet from the *Coalition for Quality Public Education (CQPE)*. It is hoped that every legislator will receive this brochure. It looks at the issues that we would like to address by **funding a 7% increase for public education each year for the next ten years**.

Member Cannon also distributed copies of legislative directories.

Motion was made by Member Janet A. Cannon and seconded by Member Marilyn Shields to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.