

# UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

## UTAH STATE BOARD FOR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

### MINUTES

February 18, 2000

Minutes of the special meeting of the State Board for Applied Technology Education and the State Board of Education held February 18, 2000, at the Utah State Office Building, Room 5112, Salt Lake City, Utah. Meeting commenced at 10:00 a.m. Board Vice-Chairman Kim R. Burningham presided.

Members present were:

Vice Chairman, Kim R. Burningham  
Member Linnea S. Barney  
Member Cheryl Ferrin  
Member Susan C. Henshaw  
Member C. Grant Hurst  
Member Boyd F. Jensen  
Member Judy Larson  
Member Denis R. Morrill  
Member Joyce W. Richards  
Member Marilyn Shields

Members Arial, Cannon, Haslem, and Kennedy were excused

Also present were:

Executive Officer Steven O. Laing  
Associate Superintendent Robert O. Brems  
Public Information Officer, Eileen Rencher  
Board Secretary Twila B. Affleck  
Michael Bouwhuis, Superintendent, Davis Applied Technology Center  
Richard Jones, Superintendent, Uintah Basin Applied Technology Center  
Brent Wallis, Superintendent, Ogden-Weber Applied Technology Center

Board Secretary Twila B. Affleck recorded the minutes.

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Vice Chairman Burningham reported that **Chairman Jill Kennedy and Superintendent Steve Laing made a very outstanding presentation to the Education Appropriations Committee**. The response from the Appropriations Committee was very positive. Further, the Executive Appropriations Committee did not fund the reading specialist or professional development, but there was and is strong support for the Board's priorities. Vice Chairman Burningham complimented Superintendent Laing on his excellent presentation.

Vice Chairman Burningham reported that the **mainstream caucus is being very assertive**, and this is very important for education.

Member Grant Hurst offered **kudos to Board Members** for their participation in contacting legislators and being more involved this year. He indicated that this has paid big dividends toward receiving Board priorities.

Discussion ensued relative to the fact that **the press has provided excellent coverage in support of public education**. Member Linnea Barney complimented the *Provo* Herald for their strong support toward public education. She indicated this is the first time ever that they have come out in support of education.

Motion was made by Member C. Grant Hurst and seconded by Member Cheryl Ferrin that staff identify where public education has received good press and that a letter be sent to them expressing the Board's appreciation for highlighting education issues during the legislative session. Motion carried unanimously.

## Legislative Tracking Sheet

Superintendent Laing reviewed the legislation on the tracking sheet that the Board had not yet taken a position or that was recommended by staff for a changed position. (For complete details of the Tracking Sheet see General Exhibit No. 8319.)

### HB 119 - Public Education Amendments

Superintendent Laing reviewed this legislation. Of particular concern was that the local district superintendent would not have to be a licensed educator. Also, it puts the local boards in a position where they can choose to hire individuals who are otherwise professionally qualified, but not licensed teachers, for teaching positions. These teachers would be "at will" employees and not gain career status. Superintendent Laing indicated that the arguments against the bill need to be carefully phrased because this is not a requirement, it simply opens things up.

He further noted that licensure is a state responsibility in all professions.

Discussion ensued relative to strategies and the sensitivity of rebuttal points. Superintendent Laing felt that the State Board could take a position that the fact if this legislation is passed it becomes counter productive to stability in the district, sustained reform, and creates a shorter term for the superintendent, and all of these would adversely impact the ability of a district to implement reform. Also, with all the turmoil at the top, the position of stability would evolve to the school and they would become more entrenched as opposed to more responsive.

Motion was made by Member C. Grant Hurst and seconded by Member Judy Larson that the State Board adopt a resolution in opposition to HB 119 in support of the Utah School Boards Association. That a copy of that Resolution be furnished to the Utah School Boards Association.

Superintendent Laing continued reviewing the proposed legislation needing Board positions.

### HB 156 - Education Ethics Code

Superintendent Laing reported that we have been working with the sponsor and he has amended the legislation so we would recommend support of the amended version.

Motion was made by Member C. Grant Hurst and seconded by Member Marilyn Shields to change the Board position from oppose to support of the amended version of HB 156. Motion carried unanimously.

### HB 299 - Advanced Readers at Risk Recommendation to SC - 2.

### SB 68 - Focus on Core Curriculum Change Board position from Unnecessary to Support

Motion was made by Member Judy Larson and seconded by Member Marilyn Shields to adopt the recommended positions identified by asterisks on the tracking sheet. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Laing distributed the **Public Education Ongoing Budget Needs** document which identifies the **Board Priorities**, the Subcommittee Action, and the Difference. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 8320.) He

indicated we received direct funding for 13 of the 15 priorities. Dr. Laing reported that the No. 7 priority, the ATC Lease/Purchase of the Wasatch Front South, even though it was passed by the committee, we are beginning to hear that there are efforts to unravel that.

Associate Superintendent Rob Brems commented that we are also pursuing **capital facility projects and a maintenance building to be replaced at the Ogden-Weber Applied Technology Center**, which is on the capital facilities list for approved funding. He reported that Brent Wallis, Superintendent, Ogden-Weber ATC received a call which indicated that they would probably be taking the Ogden-Weber ATC maintenance building off the list because of the public education appropriation to the **Wasatch Front South facility**. Mr. Brems indicated that he has heard comments that the Wasatch Front facility is going to happen, but not this year.

Discussion ensued relative to the issues of capital facilities and the appropriation for the Wasatch Front South facility. It was noted that the Capital Facilities Subcommittee felt that if public education could fund a capital facility that maybe they should do the Ogden-Weber as well.

Superintendent Laing indicated that this is one issue, but it is part of the **whole ATE/ATC governance issue**.

Further discussion ensued relative to the ATE/ATC issue and their existence under the State Board for Applied Technology Education, and the need to defend what it is and what it does for the students in Utah.

Superintendents Wallis, Bouwhuis and Jones all spoke in favor of the development of an ATC in the Salt Lake area, and indicated they had always been supportive of a facility in Salt Lake. They indicated they did not want to be held "hostage" for their projects versus the Wasatch Front South appropriation.

### **Legislative Tracking Sheet (continued)**

Superintendent Laing reviewed legislation on the tracking sheet that will be discussed by the Utah School Boards and Superintendents Association in their meeting later today.

SJR9S1 - Resolution on Funding the Arts in Public Schools - Superintendent Laing recommended a position of support.

Motion was made by Member Judy Larson and seconded by Member Marilyn Shields that the Board take a position of support on SJR9S1 - Resolution on Funding the Arts in Public Schools. Motion carried with Members Barney, Ferrin, Henshaw, Jensen, Larson, Morrill, Richards and Shields voting in favor; Member Hurst absent.

SB186-S1 - Redevelopment Agency Tax Increment Changes - Superintendent Laing recommended a position of support.

Motion was made by Member Judy Larson and seconded by Member Marilyn Shields that the Board take a position of support on SB 186-S1, Redevelopment Agency Tax Increment Changes. Motion carried with Members Barney, Ferrin, Henshaw, Jensen, Larson, Morrill, Richards and Shields voting in favor; Member Hurst absent.

SB 68 - Focus on Core Curriculum Superintendent Laing recommended a position of support instead of unnecessary.

Motion was made by Member Boyd F. Jensen and seconded by Member Marilyn Shields that the Board take a position of support on SB 68 - Focus on Core Curriculum. Motion carried with Members Barney, Ferrin, Henshaw, Jensen, Larson, Morrill, Richards and Shields voting in favor; Member Hurst absent.

HB 117 - Individual Income Tax - Estimated Tax Payments and Use of Revenues for Education - Superintendent Laing recommended a position of support.

Motion was made by Member Marilyn Shields and seconded by Member Judy Larson that the Board take a position of support on HB 117 - Individual Income Tax - Estimated Tax Payments and Use of Revenues for Education. Motion carried with Members Barney, Ferrin, Henshaw, Jensen, Larson, Morrill, Richards and Shields voting in favor; Member Hurst absent.

HB 111 - Motor Vehicle Uniform Fees - [this was not listed on the tracking sheet]

Superintendent Laing reported that this reverses the process of a flat fee for vehicles and goes back to a fee based on value. This has a \$3.4 million impact on the Uniform School Fund. Superintendent Laing recommended that the Board just watch this for now.

Superintendent Laing reviewed the **actions of the appropriations committee** relative to the "other budget needs."

Superintendent Laing presented an explanation of the **uses of the weighted pupil unit**. He indicated there are two basic pieces of school finance, the capital budget and the maintenance and operation budget. He indicated that the weighted pupil unit flows into the maintenance and operations budget. Dr. Laing further explained the tax revenues and how they fit into the maintenance and operations budget as well as additional monies from board and voted leeways and equalization. Dr. Laing explained that the capital budget all comes from property tax.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

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