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MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

October 8, 2012

A special meeting of the Utah State Board of Education, to appoint the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, was held October 8, 2012 at the Utah State Office of Education, 250 East 500 South, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Chair Debra Roberts conducted.

Board Members present:

Chair Debra G. Roberts	Member Craig E. Coleman
Vice Chair Dixie L. Allen	Member Joel Coleman
Member Laura Belnap	Member David L. Crandall
Member Laurel O. Brown	Member Michael Jensen
Member Keith M. Buswell	Member James V. (Jim) Olsen (non-voting)
Member Kim R. Burningham	Member C. Mark Openshaw
Member Janet A. Cannon	Member Tami W. Pyfer
Member Leslie B. Castle	

Board Members excused:

Member Carol A. Murphy	Member Teresa L. Theurer
Member R. Dean Rowley	Member David L. Thomas
Member Isaiah (Ike) Spencer	

Staff present:

Lorraine Austin, Board Secretary

Others present:

Whittney Evans, KUER; Hugo Rossi; Al Hartman, Salt Lake Tribune; Jan Ferré, LCPD; Jay Blain, UEA; MiLinda Hudnall; Sherri Gunn; Ben Wood, Deseret News; Lisa Schencker, Salt Lake Tribune; Gayle Ruzicka, Eagle Forum; Jessica Gail; KCPW Radio

Call to Order

Chair Debra Roberts called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

Instructions from Human Resources

David Rodemack, USOE Human Resources Director, instructed the Board on the types of questions allowable as part of the interview process. The questions must be job-related, and should not address religion, background, race, etc.

A list of questions was provided to Board members and the candidates.

Finalist Interviews

Three final candidates were interviewed in open session for the position of State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Names were drawn at a previous meeting to determine the order of interview. The candidates were interviewed, using predetermined questions, along with follow up questions from Board members.

Dr. Martell Menlove was interviewed beginning at 1:10 p.m.

Dr. Gregory Hudnall was interviewed beginning at 2:06 p.m.

Dr. Michael Sentance was interviewed beginning at 3:00 p.m.

Executive Session

Motion was made by Member Laurel Brown and seconded by Member Dixie Allen that the Board move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the character, professional competence, and physical or mental health of individuals.

A voice vote was taken, and upon unanimous consent of those present, the Board moved into Executive Session at 3:55 p.m.

Motion was made by Member Janet Cannon and seconded by Member Mark Openshaw that the Board reconvene into open session.

Motion carried. The Board moved into open session at 5:30 p.m.

Appointment of State Superintendent

Motion was made by Member Tami Pyfer and seconded by Member Keith Buswell that the Board appoint Dr. Martell Menlove as State Superintendent of Public Instruction effective January 1, 2013.

Motion carried unanimously.

Comments from Dr. Menlove

Dr. Menlove thanked the Board for the appointment, and expressed that he looks forward to a long and successful tenure in serving the Board and providing leadership to the Utah public education system. He feels humbled by the opportunity, but knows he has prepared himself well.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Member Dixie Allen and seconded by Member Michael Jensen that the meeting adjourn.

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m.