

**MEETING OF THE UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BOARD
FOR THE UTAH SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND**

June 9, 2016

A meeting of the Utah State Board of Education Acting as the Governing Board for the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind was held June 9, 2016 at the Utah State Board of Education Building, 250 East 500 South, Salt Lake City, Utah. Chair David Crandall conducted.

Board Members Present:

Chair David L. Crandall	Member Brittney Cummins
1 st Vice Chair David L. Thomas	Member Linda B. Hansen
2 nd Vice Chair Jennifer A. Johnson	Member Mark Huntsman
Member Dixie L. Allen	Member Stan Lockhart
Member Laura Belnap	Member Spencer Stokes
Member Leslie B. Castle	Member Terryl Warner
Member Barbara W. Corry	

Board Members Excused:

Member Jefferson Moss
Member Joel Wright

USDB Executive Staff and Board Staff Present:

Joel Coleman, USDB Superintendent	Scott Jones, USBE Deputy Superintendent
Carolyn Lasater, USDB Associate Supt.	Angie Stallings, USBE Associate Supt.
Michelle Tanner, USDB Associate Supt.	Lorraine Austin, Board Secretary
Letty Debenham, USDB Finance Director	Emilie Wheeler, Public Information Officer
Sydnee Dickson, Interim State Superintendent of Public Instruction	Nicole Call, Assistant Attorney General
	Bryan Quesenberry, Assistant Attorney General

Others Present:

Cindy Boring, USDB; Crystal Thomas, USBE staff; Chris Johnson, Shannon Deets, Uintah School District; Clay Hatch, American Preparatory Academy

Call to Order

Chair David Crandall called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION was made by Member Allen and seconded by Member Cummins that the Board approve the minutes of the May 12, 2016 meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

Parent Infant Program Report

USDB Superintendent Joel Coleman introduced Paula Pitman, Director of the Parent Infant Program for the School for the Deaf. Ms. Pitman gave a presentation about the work of the PIP program, which provides support, information, and resources to families with a deaf child.

Member Castle asked if there are any differences in the program from ten years ago. Ms. Pitman responded that there are differences. She reported that families are no longer forced to choose a hearing methodology, and that all approaches are used. The program helps parents observe their child to determine the best approach. Many families are using both approaches.

USDB Financial Report

USDB Finance Director Letty Debenham reviewed the financial report. The school is on track in terms of FY2016 projected expenses and are expecting carryforward of \$816,800. A prioritization has been done for use of the carryforward money.

Vice Chair Johnson noted that on the district contracts only half of the collections have been made. Ms. Debenham explained that districts are billed twice for the contract—in December and June. The districts will make payment on the remaining contracts amounts before June 30.

Vice Chair Johnson also observed that only 52 percent of the Medicaid school-based has been collected. Ms. Debenham indicated Medicaid is very volatile in terms of eligibility so it is difficult to project. Every month USDB receives information from teachers that serve Medicaid eligible students. The collections are current.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Joel Coleman reported on the following items.

- USDB staff has been engaged this spring in an intensive planning and zero-based budgeting process.
- A timeline has been prepared for the opening of the Salt Lake City building, with an opening date of August 10. A ribbon-cutting will take place sometime after that date, and Board members will be invited.
- Superintendent Coleman has met with the state Division of Facilities, Construction and Management concerning acquisition of land in Utah County. Several pieces of land are under consideration.
- Superintendent Coleman asked for feedback from the Board on the USDB Advisory Council. The Council currently has nine members, but the Board may appoint up to eleven. He indicated he plans to keep it at nine unless the Board would like to make a change.

Executive Session

MOTION was made by Vice Chair Johnson and seconded by Member Allen that the Board move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pending and reasonably imminent litigation.

Upon voice vote of the members present, the Board moved into Executive Session at 5:31 p.m.

Those present in Executive Session included Board Members Allen, Belnap, Castle, Corry, Crandall, Cummins, Hansen, Huntsman, Johnson, Lockhart, Stokes, Thomas, and Warner; and Joel Coleman, Sydnee Dickson, Carolyn Lasater, Nicole Call, Bryan Quesenberry, Emilie Wheeler and Lorraine Austin.

MOTION was made by Vice Chair Johnson and seconded by Member Stokes that the Board come out of Executive Session.

Motion carried. The Board reconvened in open session at 5:38 p.m.

Adjournment

MOTION was made by Member Stokes and seconded that the meeting adjourn.

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

Lorraine Austin, Board Secretary
Minutes approved August 12, 2016