

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

May 4, 2017

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 May 4, 2017 at the Utah State Board of Education Building, 250 East 500 South, Salt Lake City, Utah. First Vice Chair Terryl Warner conducted.

Board Members Present:

Chair Mark Huntsman	Member Lisa Cummins
1 st Vice Chair Terryl Warner	Member Jennifer Gravier
2 nd Vice Chair Brittney Cummins	Member Linda B. Hansen
3 rd Vice Chair Alisa Ellis	Member Carol Barlow Lear
Member Laura Belnap	Member Scott B. Neilson
Member Michelle Boulter	Member Kathleen Riebe
Member Janet A. Cannon	Member Joel Wright

Members Excused:

Member Spencer F. Stokes

Executive Staff Present:

Joel Coleman, USDB Superintendent	Letty Debenham, Finance Director
Carolyn Lasater, USDB Associate Supt.	Lorraine Austin, Board Secretary
Michelle Tanner, USDB Associate Supt.	

Others Present:

Pam Christensen, USDB Education Association

Call to Order

First Vice Chair Terryl Warner called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION was made by Member L. Cummins and seconded that the Board approve the minutes of the USDB Board meeting held February 9, 2017.

Motion carried.

Contracts

Superintendent Joel Coleman discussed a contract for an upgrade of the audiovisual system at the USDB Ogden Campus that requires Board approval.

MOTION was made by Member Riebe and seconded that the Board approve the contracts as presented.

Motion carried.

LEAD-K Update

Associate Superintendent Michelle Tanner gave a presentation to the Board regarding the Language Equality and Acquisition for Deaf Kids (LEAD-K) program. The program provides services throughout the state to deaf and hard-of-hearing students on all modalities (spoken language and dual language) of deaf education. Parents are always given a choice of modality, and there are now a range of choices.

A Utah LEAD-K Committee has been formed with equal representation from both language programs, and updates from the Committee are going to the USDB Advisory Council. Committee members are also tasked with notifying parents and those they represent of the work of the committee.

Monthly Budget Report

USDB Finance Director Letty Debenham presented the monthly budget report. Overall USDB has approximately 30 percent left in its budget and is doing well in terms of expenditures versus budget.

She noted that revenue for programs is still being collected. The remittance for Baby Watch is usually not received until May or June, and remittances for the Blind Literacy Act, Deaf-Blind grant, IDEA and school nurses will also come in June.

Ms. Debenham highlighted the school trust enrichment funds. Staff had projected \$900,000 to be transferred from SITLA, but so far SITLA has only transferred \$269,000. She has

spoken with SITLA staff and they have indicated they are expecting to send about \$800,000 later in the fiscal year. The total will be a reduction from last year.

Jean Massieu School of the Deaf

Amy Breinholt, Director of Jean Massieu School, gave a presentation about the school. JMS opened as a charter school in 1999 and merged with USDB in June 2005. The school serves students preschool through post-high school. JMS collaborates with Evergreen Jr. High for middle school students to take some classes there; all high school students are in classrooms at Skyline High School.

The school is working on bilingualism and is focused on grade level curriculum. Ms. Breinholt shared the school's strategic plan goals.

Ms. Breinholt showed a video of the 6th grade class practicing to sign the national anthem at a recent Salt Lake Bees baseball game. She also reported on a trip the high school students were able to take to Thailand.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Joel Coleman reported on the following:

- He is in the process of developing a new negotiated agreement with the USDB Education Association.
- Jacoby Architects have been awarded by the Division of Facilities and Construction Management the contract to build the Springville building.
- The school is in the process of its massive spring planning process.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Lorraine Austin, Board Secretary
Minutes approved June 1, 2017