

**UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES**

July 16-17, 2018

BOARD MEETING, July 16

A special meeting of the Utah State Board of Education was held July 16, 2018 at the Utah State Board of Education Building, 250 East 500 South, Salt Lake City, Utah. Chair Mark Huntsman presided.

Board Members present included Chair Mark Huntsman, First Vice Chair Brittney Cummins, Second Vice Chair Alisa Ellis, Laura Belnap, Michelle Boulter, Janet Cannon, Lisa Cummins, Jennifer Graviet, Linda Hansen, Carol Barlow Lear, Kathleen Riebe, Spencer Stokes, Terryl Warner and Joel Wright. Member Scott Neilson was excused.

Others present included Sydnee Dickson, Scott Jones, Patty Norman, Angie Stallings, Emilie Wheeler, Lorraine Austin, Tiffany Stanley, Natalie Grange, Darin Nielsen, Leah Voorhies, Keith Lawrence, Jerry Record, Kevin John, Zac Christensen, Fay Tan, Michael Iwasaki, Steven Kaelin, Nic Shellabarger, Holly Todd, Kim Baker, Robert Palmer, Kamille Sheikh, Rabecca Cisneros, Jennifer Thronsdon, Tami Gear, Murray Meszaros, Sarah Young—USBE staff; Jennie Earl; Robert Hull, Kristen Amundsen—National Association of State Boards of Education; Sara Jones—Utah Education Association.

Call to Order

Chair Mark Huntsman called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Executive Session

MOTION was made by Member Boulter and seconded that the Board go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pending or reasonably imminent litigation.

Upon voice vote of members Belnap, Boulter, Cannon, B. Cummins, L. Cummins, Ellis, Graviet, Hansen, Huntsman, Lear, Riebe and Wright, the Board moved into closed Executive Session at 8:31 a.m.

Those present included the members above and Members Cannon and Warner, and Sydnee Dickson, Ben Rasmussen, Lorraine Austin, Bryan Quesenberry and Stan Purser.

MOTION was made by Member Cannon and seconded that the Board come out of Executive Session.

Motion carried. The Board reconvened in open meeting at 9:15 a.m.

General Consent Calendar

It was noted that legal review of contracts on the Consent Calendar, which was designated as pending, has been completed for all contracts and agreements.

Member Wright informed that he has a conflict of interest on item 3.10, Charter School Revolving Loan Application and Promissory Note Approval, and left the room for the discussion and vote.

Member Ellis noted that she will vote “no” on the Consent Calendar as she did not have a chance to review it.

MOTION was made by Member Belnap and seconded that the Board approve the General Consent Calendar.

Motion carried, with Members Belnap, Boulter, Cannon, B. Cummins, Graviet, Hansen, Huntsman, Riebe and Warner in favor, and Members L. Cummins and Ellis opposed; Members Lear, Stokes and Wright absent.

CONSENT CALENDAR

3.1. Approval of Minutes

The Board approved the minutes of its June 6-7, 2018 meetings.

3.2 Contracts/Agreements for Approval

The Board approved contracts and agreements over \$100,000 with the following: Utah State University; Weber State University; University of Utah; Southern Utah University; Department of Human Resource Management; University of Utah Biology Department; Curriculum Associates, LLC.

3.3 Contracts/Agreements for Review

Contracts and agreements with the following were provided to the Board for information and review: SHI; Anya Yeager; Dynamic Internet Solutions; Howell Education Consulting, LLC; Division of Juvenile Justice Services; Utah State University; Weber State University; University of Utah; Lexia Learning Systems, LLC; Waterford Institute, Inc.; Imagine Learning; Utah Department of Workforce Services; Education Direction; Utah Afterschool Network; American Institutes for Research; Utah Education Policy Center; Premier Speakers Bureau; Multidimensional Software Creations.

3.4. R277-419 Pupil Accounting

The Board approved R277-419 *Pupil Accounting*, Draft 1, on second and final reading.

3.5 R277-718 Out of School Time Program Quality Improvement Grants

The Board approved R277-718 *Out of School Time Program Quality Improvement Grants*, Draft 1, on second and final reading.

3.6 R277-602 Carson Smith Scholarships – Funding and Procedures

The Board approved R277-602 *Carson Smith Scholarships – Funding and Procedures*, Draft 3, on second and final reading.

3.7 Internal Data Sharing Requests

The Board approved data sharing agreements with Ogden City School District and WestEd.

3.8 Student Support Co-sponsorships for 2018-19

A list of co-sponsorships for Special Education, Indian Education, and Counseling, Equity and Prevention Programs was provided for Board information.

3.9 Art Works for Kids Grant Application

The Board approved staff applying for an Art Works for Kids grant from the Beverley Taylor Sorenson Arts Learning Program.

3.10 Charter School Revolving Loan Application and Promissory Note Approval

The Board approved loans to the following from the Charter School Revolving Account: Ascent Academies of Utah, \$300,000; HighMark Charter School, \$297,563; Lakeview Academy, \$300,000; Maria Montessori Academy, \$265,347; Scholar Academy, \$255,000.

3.11 Minimum School Program (MSP) Balances

The Board authorized the following transfers in the Minimum School Program: \$485,340.27 from PPF to PPG to cover the special education preschool deficit; \$7,825,268.56 from PPA and PPB Kindergarten and Grades 1-12 to PRA and PRB Voted and Board Leeway to cover the program deficits.

3.12 Kairos Revolving Loan

The Board approved the write off of the remaining principal, interest and late fee balance of the Kairos Academy loan and authorized staff to work with State Finance and the Office of State Debt Collection to obtain approval for final write off of this accounts receivable balance as of June 30, 2018.

3.13 Out-of-State Tuition Reimbursement Payments

The Board authorized payments to applying school districts for out-of-state tuition reimbursements pursuant to Utah Code 53F-2-304 and R277-421.

3.14 National School Lunch Program School Equipment Grant

The Board ratified acceptance of the National School Lunch Program School Equipment grant.

Strategic Planning

Chair Huntsman introduced representatives from the National Association of State Boards of Education, Kristen Amundsen, NASBE President and CEO, and Robert Hull, NASBE Executive Vice President, and welcomed them to the meeting.

Superintendent Sydnee Dickson emphasized the importance of a strong strategic plan and having a compelling vision and mission.

Mr. Hull and Ms. Amundsen gave an overview of the role of a state board member, the leadership voice of individuals and the collective, and how to be an effective board member. The Board developed norms for its work over the next two days.

Tiffany Stanley, Chief of Staff, reviewed baseline data on the Board's Education Elevated measures for 2017 and provided information about achievement gaps.

Board members discussed in groups various vision and mission statements and summarized their discussions for the full Board.

MOTION was made by Member Belnap and seconded that the Board approve adding Article X of the Utah Constitution at the beginning of its Strategic Plan following by the vision statement, then the mission statement as follows:

Vision: All Utah students have the knowledge and skills to learn, engage civically, and lead productive and meaningful lives.

Mission: The Utah State Board of Education leads by creating conditions for student success: developing policy, advocating for resources, and providing effective oversight of K-12 public education.

MOTION TO AMEND was made by Member B. Cummins to add that the vision and mission statement will be sent out for public comment and come back to the Board in August for final approval. [The Board agreed later to allow for longer public comment and bring back to the Board in September.]

Motion to amend carried unanimously.

Motion as amended carried, with Members Warner and Wright absent.

Adjournment

MOTION was made by Member Riebe and seconded that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 4:39 p.m.

BOARD MEETING - July 17

The State Board of Education met in special meeting on July 17, 2018 at the Utah State Board of Education Building, 250 East 500 South, Salt Lake City, Utah. Chair Mark Huntsman presided.

Members present included Chair Mark Huntsman, First Vice Chair Brittney Cummins, Second Vice Chair Alisa Ellis, Laura Belnap, Michelle Boulter, Janet Cannon, Lisa Cummins, Jennifer Gravier, Linda Hansen, and Kathleen Riebe.

Others present included Sydnee Dickson, Scott Jones, Patty Norman, Angie Stallings, Tiffany Stanley, Lorraine Austin, Debbie Davis, Emilie Wheeler, Jerry Record—USBE staff; Robert Hull, Kristen Amundsen—National Association of State Boards of Education; Terry Shoemaker—Utah School Superintendents/School Board Associations.

Call to Order

Chair Mark Huntsman called the meeting to order at 8:14 a.m.

Strategic Planning

MOTION was made by Member Riebe and seconded that the strategic plan mission statement be amended by adding the word “equitable” after “creating.”

Board members discussed varying definitions and perceptions of the word, “equitable.”

Motion failed, with Members Belnap, Cannon, B. Cummins, Gravier, Huntsman and Riebe in favor, and Members Boulter, Ellis, and Hansen opposed; Member L. Cummins absent.

Board members split into groups to discuss proposed goals for the strategic plan and possible commitments Board members could make that could be applied to all the goals. Each group summarized its discussion for the full Board.

Board members thanked Kris Amundsen and Robert Hull for their facilitation of the discussions and for coming to Utah. Mr. Hull thanked Board members for their service to the state.

MOTION was made by Member B. Cummins and seconded that the Board approve the following four goals for the Strategic Plan and send out for public review along with the vision and mission statements.

- Each student starts strong with a foundation of knowledge and skills.
- Each student and educator has access to individualized teaching and learning experiences.
- Each student learns in an environment that is safe and healthy.
- Each student is taught by an effective educator who is supported by an effective school leader.

Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Dickson shared a timeline of next steps, and indicated while the vision, mission and goals are out for public comment staff will begin working on the strategies, including external groups in the discussions.

Safe and Healthy Schools

Deputy Superintendent Patty Norman gave a brief overview of how an item such as safe and healthy schools could be incorporated into the Strategic Plan.

Adjournment

MOTION was made by Member Riebe and seconded that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:42 a.m.

Lorraine Austin, Board Secretary
Minutes approved August 2, 2018