

**UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
LEGISLATIVE MEETING MINUTES**

January 31, 2019

A legislative meeting of the Utah State Board of Education was held January 31, 2019 at the Utah State Capitol Complex, House Building, Room 30. Board Vice Chair Brittney Cummins presided.

Members Present:

Vice Chair Brittney Cummins
Member Laura Belnap
Member Michelle Boulter
Member Janet A. Cannon
Member Cindy Davis
Member Lisa Cummins

Member Jennie Earl
Member Alisa Ellis (by phone)
Member Jennifer Graviet
Member Linda B. Hansen (by phone)
Member Scott L. Hansen
Member Carol Barlow Lear

Members Absent:

Chair Mark Huntsman
Member Scott Neilson

Executive Staff Present:

Sydnee Dickson, State Superintendent
Scott Jones, Deputy Superintendent
Angie Stallings, Deputy Superintendent

Minutes taken by:

Lorraine Austin, Board Secretary

Others Present:

Michelle Beus, Bryan Quesenberry—Assistant Attorney’s General; Christine Cooke—Sutherland Institute; Rocio Hernandez—KUER; Lauren Rich, Bethanie Monsen Ford, Hollie Peterson —Utah Association of School Psychologists; Jay Blain, Sara Jones—Utah Education Association; Karen Sherman, LeAnn Wood—Utah PTA; Duane Nixon—CSD; Andrea Rorrer—Utah Education Policy Center; Tami Pyfer—Governor’s Office; Royce Van Tassel—Utah Association of Public Charter Schools; Susan Edwards—Canyons School District; Emilie Walsh—League of Women Voters; Anna Thomas—Voices for Utah Children; Todd Hauber—Utah Association of School Business Officials; Jason Davis—Utah Department of Transportation; Ben Horsley—GSP; Darin Nielsen, Tiffany Stanley, Emilie Wheeler, Jeff Van Hulten, Ricky Scott, Jodi Kaufman, Leah Voorhies, Cybil Child, Jill Curry, Kathy Helgesen—USBE staff

Vice Chair Brittney Cummins called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

General Consent Calendar

MOTION was made by Member Belnap and seconded that the Board approve the Consent Calendar, with the clarification that the number of hearings for the Science Standards item be approved as outlined in the backup document. [For more details, see General Exhibit No. 19-27.]

MOTION TO AMEND was made by Member S. Hansen and seconded that the March 26 online meeting be held instead as an in-person public meeting at the State Board of Education Building, and streamed live.

Motion to amend carried unanimously.

Motion, as amended, carried unanimously.

With the amendment, the hearings for the K-5 and 9-12 Science Standards will be held on the following dates from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

January 22 – Alpine School District Office
February 12 – Box Elder School District Office
March 20 – Southern Utah University
February 28 – online meeting
March 13 – online meeting
March 26 – Utah State Board of Education Building

Overview of School Accountability

Assistant Superintendent Darin Nielsen presented an overview of the Utah School Accountability System. [For more details, see General Exhibit No. 19-28.]

Review of Legislation

Representative Marie Poulsen was welcomed to the meeting. Representative Poulsen reviewed H.B. 199 Education Accountability Amendments, designed to remove the requirement for the State Board to assign letter grades to schools. Board members expressed support and thanked her for her work on the bill.

Representative Suzanne Harrison was welcomed to the meeting. She reviewed her bill, H.B. 208 Safe Routes to School Program. The bill would provide funding and support for the

safety of students going to and from school. She clarified that the funding would come from the General Fund and codifies a program that already exists.

Deputy Superintendent Stallings reviewed H.J.R. 13 Proposal to Amend Utah Constitution, which amends Article X, Section 3 [State Board of Education] to remove the word “elected.”

USBE Policy Advisor Jeff Van Hulten reviewed H.B. 120 Student and School Safety Assessment which enacts provisions related to school safety.

[For more details, see General Exhibit No. 19-29.]

Legislation/Budget Priorities

MOTION was made by Member Lear and seconded that the Board oppose H.J.R. 13 Proposal to Amend Utah Constitution—State Board of Education.

Several members voiced that they would prefer to see the bill that will accompany the resolution prior to voting concerning the legislation.

Member Lear spoke to her motion, stating that she cannot support anything that removes “election” from the Constitution in terms of the State Board of Education, and she feels it is a protection provided by the Constitution.

Motion carried 8-4, with Members Boulter, Cannon, L. Cummins, Earl, Ellis, Graviet, Lear and S. Hansen in favor, and Members Belnap, B. Cummins, Davis, and L. Hansen opposed.

MOTION was made by Member Lear and seconded that the Board support H.B. 208 Safe Routes to School Program.

Member Lear spoke to her motion, indicating this would be a great use of a minimal amount of money.

Several Members expressed concerns that more information is needed about the funding, that state funds would be used for a local or parental issue, and that it codifies a program that already provides grants.

Other Members expressed support as this would facilitate an otherwise very long process to get funding for things such as sidewalks that provide greater safety for children, and would have health benefits as well.

Motion to amend was made by Member Belnap and seconded that the Board support the concept of safe routes to school rather than the bill.

Motion to amend failed, with Members Belnap, Boulter, L. Cummins, Earl and Ellis in favor, and Members Cannon, B. Cummins, Davis, Gravier, L. Hansen and S. Hansen opposed.

Motion failed 6-5, with Members Cannon, B. Cummins, Davis, Gravier, L. Hansen and S. Hansen in favor, and Members Belnap, Boulter, L. Cummins, Earl and Ellis opposed.

Adjournment

MOTION was made by Member Lear and seconded that the meeting adjourn.
Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 1:39 p.m.