

UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Study Session Minutes

August 6, 2021

A study session meeting of the Utah State Board of Education was held on August 6, 2021, electronically with an anchor location at the State Board of Education offices. The meeting was streamed live to the public. Vice Chair Cindy Davis presided.

Members Present: Chair Mark Huntsman, Vice Chair Cindy Davis, Vice Chair Laura Belnap, Janet Cannon, Natalie Cline, Jennie Earl, Kristan Norton, Carol Lear, Stacey Hutchings, James Moss, Randy Boothe, Brent Strate, Molly Hart, Matt Hymas, and Scott Hansen

Others Present: Sydnee Dickson, Angie Stallings, Patty Norman, Jeff Van Hulten, Bryan Quesenberry, Cybil Child, Jerry Record, Alex Farah, Jennifer Throndsen, and Cory Kanth

Opening Business

Vice Chair Davis called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

SOEP Funding Recommendation for the Legislature

Jennifer Throndsen, Director of Teaching and Learning, and Dr. Cory Kanth, SOEP Educational Specialist

Per HB5012 in 2020 Special Session 5, the Utah State Board of Education was charged with evaluating the participation of home school and private school students in the Statewide Online Education Program (SOEP), including a) ongoing funding levels, b) the mix between home and private school students, c) how to best manage future growth needs within the appropriated funding, and d) the potential of using mechanisms to control costs, including implementing a fee structure or requiring private and homeschool students to enroll in a local education agency. USBE staff presented three potential options for funding recommendations for the Board to select from and forward on to the Legislature for their consideration.

MOTION was made by Member Huntsman and seconded by Member Strate that the Board approves Option 1: fully fund to meet demand funding recommendation for SOEP private and homeschool students.

Motion to amend by Member Hart and seconded by Member Huntsman to change the language to read: Option 1: Fund based on enrollment projections plus a 20% additional amount, for SOEP private and homeschool students.

Motion to amend the amendment by Member Hutchings and seconded by Member Hansen to add the words “held in reserve.”

Motion passed unanimously

Final motion: That the Board approves Option 1: Fund based on enrollment projections plus a 20% additional amount, held in reserve for SOEP private and homeschool students, as amended.

Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:43 p.m.

Cybil Child, Board Secretary
Approved September 2, 2021.