

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

February 25, 2021

A legislative meeting of the Utah State Board of Education was held February 25, 2021. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the meeting was held electronically and streamed to the public. Chair Mark Huntsman presided.

Members Present

Chair Mark Huntsman
First Vice Chair Laura Belnap
Second Vice Chair Cindy Davis
Member Randy Boothe
Member Janet A. Cannon
Member Natalie Cline
Member Jennie Earl

Member Scott L. Hansen
Member Molly Hart
Member Matt Hymas
Member Carol Barlow Lear
Member James Moss Jr.
Member Kristan Norton
Member Brent J. Strate

Executive Staff Present

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

Minutes taken by:

Lorraine Austin, Board Secretary

Others Present

Lexi Cunningham—Utah School Superintendents/School Boards Associations; Representative Jefferson Moss; Joel Coleman, Carl Empey—Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind; Michelle Beus, Bryan Quesenberry—Assistant Attorneys General; Spencer Jenkins—Utah System of Higher Education; Jeff Van Hulten, Darin Nielsen, Jerry Record, Ben Rasmussen, Sarah Young, Cybil Child, Brian Olmstead, Dale Frost, Jared Felt, Kathy Helgesen, Tracy Vandeventer, Jennifer Throndsen, Patrick Lee, Nathan Auk, Whitney Phillips, Deborah Jacobson, Zac Christensen, Leah Voorhies, Malia Hite, Aaron Brough, Tiffany Stanley—USBE staff

Opening Business

Chair Mark Huntsman called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m. He read the following statement: *As authorized by Utah Code 52-4, this meeting is being held electronically without an*

anchor location to reduce the risk to health and safety from COVID-19 by limiting the frequency of in-person meetings.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

MOTION was made by Member Belnap and seconded that the Board approve the minutes of its February 18, 2021 meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

Review of Legislation

Legislator Review of Bills

Representative Jefferson Moss reviewed H.B. 381 Grow Your Own Teacher and School Counselor Pipeline Program. The legislation was created to address concerns around recruiting and retaining teachers and counselors.

2021 General Session Legislation

Deputy Superintendent Angie Stallings and Public Affairs Director Jeff Van Hulten reviewed the following bills: H.B. 425 Education Monitoring and Funds Management Amendments; H.B. 421 Intensive Services Pilot Program; H.B. 430 Student Safety Education for Parents Amendments; H.B. 382 Online Course Access Amendments; S.B. 226 Online Education Program Revisions; S.B. 234 Statewide Online Education Program Amendments; H.B. 417 Charter School Authorization Amendments; H.B. 428 Public Education Governance and Appeals; H.B. 300 Reporting Requirements for Local Education Agencies; H.B. 402 School Transportation Funding Amendments; S.B. 178 Education Deadline and Fiscal Flexibility; 1st Substitute H.B. 323 High Poverty Schools Teacher Bonus Program Amendments; H.B. 43 School Emergency Drills Amendments; H.B. 395 Charter School Finance Amendments; and S.B. 211 Child Care Background Check Modifications.

Spencer Jenkins, Utah System of Higher Education, reviewed S.B. 136 Higher Education Scholarships Amendments.

Budget Priorities

Dale Frost, USBE Policy Analyst, reviewed the February revenue updates from the Executive Appropriations Committee.

Deputy Superintendent Jones explained that the Executive Appropriations Committee will meet tomorrow and Monday to determine the recommended appropriations for public education. The supplemental funding for public education will come out in the Bill of Bills.

Action on Legislation

MOTION was made by Member Belnap and seconded that the Board support H.B. 425 Education Monitoring and Funds Management Amendments, H.B. 421 Intensive Services Pilot Program, H.B. 430 Student Safety Education for Parents Amendments, and H.B. 402 School Transportation Funding Amendments.

Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION was made by Member Strate and seconded that the Board support H.B. 381 Grow Your Own Teacher and School Counselor Pipeline Program.

A concern was voiced that the program in the bill may replace the creativity in which LEAs and universities are engaging to recruit and retain teachers with a more regulated approach.

Motion carried, with Members Cline and Earl opposed.

MOTION was made by Member Earl and seconded that the Board support H.B. 38 School Technology Amendments.

Some members questioned the necessity of the bill as the Utah Education and Telehealth Network has already put the requirements and elements in the bill into practice.

Motion carried, with Member Strate opposed.

MOTION was made by Member Lear and seconded that the Board support H.B. 382 Online Course Access Amendments.

Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION was made by Member Hart and seconded that the Board oppose H.B. 428 Public Education Governance and Appeals.

Motion carried; Member Moss abstained.

MOTION was made by Member Hansen and seconded that the Board support H.B. 395 Charter School Finance Amendments.

An observation was made that the State Charter School Board has not taken a position on the bill.

Motion carried, with Member Cline opposed, and Member Moss abstaining.

MOTION was made by Vice Chair Davis and seconded that the Board support H.B. 340 Mathematics and Science Opportunities for Students and Teachers Program.

Motion carried unanimously; Chair Huntsman absent.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:01 p.m.

[For additional information on items from the meeting, see General Exhibit No. 20-07.]

Lorraine Austin, Board Secretary
Minutes approved April 8, 2021