

UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION STUDY SESSION MINUTES

March 25, 2021

A Study Session of the Utah State Board of Education was held March 25, 2021. The meeting was held electronically due to the COVID-19 pandemic and was streamed live 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 Molly Hart
Member Scott L. Hansen
Member Matt Hymas
Member Carol Barlow Lear
Member James Moss Jr.
Member Kristan Norton
Member Brent J. Strate

Others Present

Sydnee Dickson, Scott Jones, Patty Norman, Tiffany Stanley, Sarah Young, Jerry Record, Darin Nielsen, Tracy Vandeventer, Paula Plant, Debbie Davis, Jennifer Thronsdon, Leah Voorhies, Deborah Jacobson, Malia Hite, Kathy Helgesen, Aaron Brough, Sarah Young, Michelle Beus, Bryan Quesenberry

Minutes taken by:

Lorraine Austin, Board Secretary

Opening Business

At the request of the Chair, Vice Chair Laura Belnap conducted. Vice Chair Belnap called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. She 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.*

USBE Strategic Plan

Chair Huntsman reviewed the vision and mission of the Board as stated in the Board's Strategic Plan and touched on the Portrait of a Graduate and Education Elevated targets established for 2022 as part of the plan. He also stated the four goals of the plan: Early Learning, Personalized Teaching and Learning, Safe and Healthy Schools, and Effective Educators and Leaders.

Vice Chair Cindy Davis reviewed the Strategic Plan development and implementation process and the successes the Board has had in alignment with the plan. The Board will adopt a plan every four years and will need to do so in 2022.

Superintendent Sydnee Dickson stated that the Strategic Plan is the driving force of the agency and informed about cross-functional implementation teams and progress monitoring.

The staff leaders of the four goal areas reviewed each goal, provided a progress update and upcoming milestones, and answered Board Member questions:

- Jennifer Thronsen, Director of Teaching and Learning—Early Learning goal;
- Darin Nielsen, Assistant Superintendent—Effective Educators and Leaders goal;
- Sarah Young, Director of Strategic Initiatives—Personalized Teaching and Learning goal;
- Leah Voorhies, Assistant Superintendent—Safe and Healthy Schools goal.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

[For additional information on items from the meeting, see General Exhibit No. 21-09.]

Lorraine Austin, Board Secretary
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