

UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind
Study Session

MEETING MINUTES

January 14, 2022
1:00 to 4:00 pm

A state board meeting of the Utah State Board of Education was held on January 14, 2022, electronically without an anchor location. Chair Huntsman opened the meeting and Vice-Chair Cindy Davis presided. The meeting was streamed live to the public.

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 Stacey Hutchings
Member Matt Hymas
Member Carol Barlow Lear
Member James Moss Jr.
Member Kristin Norton
Member Brent J. Strate

Executive Staff Present

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

Minutes taken by:

Cybil Child, Board Secretary

Opening Business

Chair Huntsman called the meeting to order at 1:03 pm.

Utah Schools for the Deaf and the BlindMonthly Budget Update as of November 30, 2021

Carl Empey, Finance Director, provided the Board with a monthly budget update as of November 30, 2021.

Review/Approve USDB Special Education Policy and Procedure Manual.

Superintendent Joel Coleman presented the USDB Special Education Policy and Procedure Manual amendments.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Joel Coleman provided the Board with an update on USDB news and events.

Study Session - 1:30 to 3:30 PM.School Accountability Redesign System

The established School Accountability Redesign Executive Committee is engaged in the work of creating a theory of action, identifying potential indicators, defining reporting mechanisms, and many other aspects of creating an operational school accountability system. This study session discussion revolved around the core values, the constraints, and the requirements within which the accountability system must operate. Board Members Stacey Hutchings and Molly Hart, plus State Board of Education staff members Darin Nielsen, Assistant Superintendent of Student Learning, and Sarah Young, Chief of Staff, led the presentation.

Public Education Hotline

USBE staff Debbie Davis, Chief Audit Executive, and Kevin John, Deputy Audit Executive, presented the public education hotline discussion.

In approximately 2014, the Utah State Board of Education (USBE) Internal Audit Department established the public education hotline informally. During the state fiscal year 2015, under new leadership, Internal Audit began tracking hotline concerns separately. In 2016, Internal Audit took steps to formalize the Public Education Hotline (Hotline) process by establishing policies and procedures. Policies and procedures facilitate consistency, data reliability, efficiency, effectiveness, professionalism and mitigate risk to the Board. Since 2016, and in accordance with new regulations (53E-3-401(8)(d), R277-123, Board Policy 2005), Internal Audit has made several revisions and improvements to the process.

While the Hotline is the official venue for reporting concerns, it is not the only method used to report problems; Board Members, the USBE Superintendency and staff, LEAs, etc., also receive concerns. Therefore, the Hotline is one of many sources to be considered as part of a risk management process to gather and evaluate opportunities and barriers to the public education system.

In addition to supporting information provided as part of this agenda item, additional information about the Hotline is available on the Public Education Hotline website.

Vice-chair Cindy Davis passed the gavel to Chair Huntsman.

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MOTION was made by Member Belnap and seconded by Member Hart that the Board approves this emergency meeting under Utah Code 52-4-202 to consider action related to USDB.

Motion passed unanimously

MOTION was made by Member Belnap and seconded by Member Hart that the Board instructs USDB to follow the decision of a local school district when the local district's school

where USDB students have located transitions from in-person to remote learning.

Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION TO AMEND made by Member Hansen and seconded by Member Strate to add the following, "This emergency delegation of authority shall terminate at the expiration of the time in the governor's January 13, 2022 letter."

Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION was made by Member Belnap and seconded by Member Boothe that the Board delegate to Board Leadership the authority to approve a request from USDB to allow a program on any of USDB's campuses (Ogden, Salt Lake, and Springville) to transition from in-person to remote learning up to four days and under the conditions outlined on January 13, 2022, the letter from the governor's office. The triggering event for USDB to make this request is the risk of insufficient staff or the spread of COVID-19 on any of these USDB campuses. This emergency delegation of authority shall end on January 28.

Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:01 pm.

Cybil Child, Board Secretary

Minutes approved February 3, 2022.