

**UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Study Session and**  
**Governing Board for the**  
**Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind (USDB)**

**MEETING MINUTES**

June 3, 2022  
1:00 pm to 2:30 pm.

The Utah State Board of Education held a state board meeting electronically on June 3, 2022, without an anchor location. As authorized by Utah Code 52-4, this meeting was held electronically without an anchor location for safety reasons due to the construction at the site where the public body would generally meet. Vice-Chair Belnap 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 Matt **Hymas**  
Member Carol Barlow **Lear**  
Member James **Moss Jr.**  
Member Kristin **Norton**  
Member Brent J. **Strate**

**Member Absent**

Member Stacey Hutchings

**Executive Staff Present**

Sydnee Dickson, State Superintendent  
Scott Jones, Deputy Superintendent  
Patty Norman, Deputy Superintendent  
Angie Stallings, Deputy Superintendent  
Leah Voorhies, Assistant Superintendent  
Darin Nielsen, Assistant Superintendent

**Minutes were taken by:**

Cybil Child, Board Secretary

Deborah Jacobsen, Assistant Superintendent  
Sarah Young, Chief of Staff

### **Others Present**

Jerry Record, Ashley Biehl, Bryan Quesenberry, Jennifer Throndsen, Michelle Tanner, Vicki Summers, Jeff Van Hulten.

### **Opening Business**

Vice-chair Belnap called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

### **Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind**

#### Braille Contract

**MOTION** was made by Member Hymas and seconded by Member Earl that the Board approves the USDB braille contract.

Motion passed unanimously.

#### FY23 USDB Budget Review

Carl Empey, Finance Director, updated the Board with a monthly budget update as of April 30, 2022.

#### FY22 Monthly Budget Update

Vicki Summers, Finance Director, will provide the USBE members with an FY22 monthly budget review as of April 30, 2022.

#### Superintendent's Report

Joel Coleman, USDB Superintendent, Susan Patten, Associate Superintendent of the Blind, and Michelle Tanner, Associate Superintendent of the Deaf, updated the Board about current events.

### **Study Session**

### School Safety Presentation

The Utah State Board of Education staff lead the board members in a discussion about statewide school safety efforts, using what we know, what are schools doing, and recommendations for future responses. The staff leading the presentation were Shauntelle Cota, Safe and Healthy Schools Coordinator; Rhett Larsen, Student and School Safety Specialist; Cathy Davis, Prevention Specialist; and Amy Steele-Smith, Prevention Specialist.

In Spring 2019, the Utah State Legislature passed [House Bill \(H.B.\) 120: Student and School Safety Assessment\(External Web Content\)](#). The establishment of H.B. 120 formed the Utah State Board of Education (USBE) School Safety Center (SSC), a group of professionals from USBE, the Utah [Department of Public Safety \(DPS\)\(External Web Content\)](#), the Utah [Utah Office of Substance Use and Mental Health \(OSUMH\)\(External Web Content\)](#) the [University of Utah SafeUT\(External Web Content\)](#).

The SSC works together to strengthen school safety efforts through technical assistance, developing resources, training, and materials for school safety. They reviewed the statewide efforts of the SafeUt – SHARP data, school climate survey, and school safety research. Followed by a deeper discussion about the functions, roles, and supports for a crisis response team and what schools are doing to be proactive about responding to school emergencies.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Cybil Child, Board Secretary

Approved August 4, 2022.