

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

MEETING MINUTES

March 11, 2022
1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

The Utah State Board of Education held a state board meeting on March 11, 2022, electronically without an anchor location. Vice-Chair Davis presided. The meeting was streamed live to the public.

Members Present

Chair Mark Huntsman
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

Member Absent

First Vice-Chair Laura Belnap

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
Deborah Jacobsen, Assistant Superintendent
Sarah Young, Chief of Staff

Minutes taken by:

Cybil Child, Board Secretary

Others Present

Jerry Record, Alex Farah, Bryan Quesenberry, Jennifer Throndsen, Michelle Jensen, Steve Durtschi, Sheline Miller, Shane Farnsworth, Debbie Davis, Todd Call, Bob Sonju, Royd Darrington, Brian Saxton, Joseph Jensen, Jessica Jones, Dr. Joel Perkins, Michael Hakkarinen, Kyle Robinson, R. Francom, R. Campbell, and David Boren.

Opening Business

Vice-Chair Davis called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

Utah Schools for the Deaf and the BlindUSDB Student Fee Policy

Susan Patten, Associate Superintendent of the Blind, and Michelle Tanner, Associate Superintendent of the Deaf asked to bring this item back to the April board meeting.

Contracts for Review

Armando Venegas, Director presented the request from the Utah State Instructional Materials Access Center (USIMAC) who is requesting review and approval of the contract to purchase 210 VP Columbia 2 Braille Embossers including 3-year maintenance and warranty agreement. Also, our IT department needs to purchase network infrastructure replacement for all USDB campuses. Susan Patten, Associate Superintendent of the Blind, and Michelle Tanner, Associate Superintendent of the Deaf were also available for questions.

MOTION was made by Member Earl and seconded by Member Huntsman that the Board approves contract to purchase 210 VP Columbia 2 Braille Embossers, including 3-year maintenance and warranty agreement for all LEA campuses and network infrastructure replacement for all statewide USDB campuses.

Motion passed unanimously, with Member Belnap absent.

USDB Monthly Budget Update ending January 31, 2022

Carl Empey, Finance Director updated the Board on the current USDB budget.

Superintendent's Report

Susan Patten, Associate Superintendent of the Blind, and Michelle Tanner, Associate Superintendent of the Deaf

Personalized, Competency-Based Learning (PCBL)

What is Personalized, Competency-Based Learning (PCBL)?

In a personalized, competency-based learning system, the following principles influence the daily actions of the educational community:

- Students are empowered daily to make important decisions about their learning experiences, how they will create and apply knowledge, and how they will demonstrate their learning.
- Assessment is a meaningful, positive, and empowering learning experience for students that yields timely, relevant, and actionable evidence.
- Students receive timely, differentiated support based on their individual learning needs.
- Students progress based on evidence of mastery, not seat time.
- Students learn actively using different pathways and varied pacing.
- Strategies to ensure equity for all students are embedded in the culture, structure, and pedagogy of schools and education systems.
- Rigorous, common expectations for learning (knowledge, skills, and dispositions) are explicit, transparent, measurable, and transferable.

The Utah State Board of Education is continuing the innovation for PCBL with the release of the [Utah's PCBL Framework](#) and continuation of the PCBL [Grant Programs](#). PCBL moves the focus of the classroom from teaching to learning based on fixed and well-defined targets for all students. It provides equitable access for each student to demonstrate core knowledge and skills in personalized and differentiated ways and can also empower students to engage in opportunities for deeper learning. PCBL moves instruction beyond information dissemination to a focus on transferable skills necessary for success in the modern world.

Individuals who presented included the following:

Timpview School District - Joe Jensen
Juab School District - Royd Darrington
Washington School District – Bob Sonju
Michael Hakkarinen, Educational Specialist
Todd Call, DTL Coordinator
Jennifer Thronsen, Director of Teaching and Learning
Patty Norman, Deputy Superintendent of Student Achievement
Angie Stallings, Deputy Superintendent of Policy
Leah Voorhies, Assistant Superintendent
Darin Nielson, Assistant Superintendent
Board Member Brent Strate
Board Member Cindy Davis
Board Member Matt Hymas
Board Member Randy Boothe
Board Member Stacey Hutchings

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:22 pm.

Cybil Child, Board Secretary
Minutes approved May 5, 2022.