

**UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MEETING MINUTES**

**Governing Board for the  
Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind (USDB) and  
Utah State Board of Education Study Session**

November 4, 2022  
1:00 pm to 3:30 pm.

The Utah State Board of Education held a state board meeting electronically on November 4, 2022. As authorized by Utah Code 52-4, this meeting was held electronically with an anchor location at 250 E 500 S, Salt Lake City, UT 84114. 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 Janet A. Cannon  
Member Natalie Cline  
Member Jennie Earl  
Member Stacey Hutchings  
Member Scott L. Hansen

Member Randy Boothe  
Member Matt Hymas  
Member James Moss Jr.  
Member Kristin Norton  
Member Brent J. Strate  
Member Carol Barlow Lear  
Member Molly Hart

**Executive Staff Present**

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

**Minutes were taken by:**

Cybil Child, Board Secretary

## **Others Present**

USDB Carl Empey, Joel Coleman, Rachel Benedict, ASL Interpreter Michelle Draper, DFCM Matt Boyer, Capital Development Assistant Director, Jerry Record, Bryan Quesenberry, Jeff Van Hulten, Kelsey James, Andrea Curtin, Cindy Andersen, Debbie Davis, Brandon Watts, Dr. Rich Nye, Darin Nielsen, JoAnna Sorensen, and Alex Farah.

## **Opening Business**

Vice-chair Belnap called the meeting to order at 1:03 pm.

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

### New Building Project Support

Joel Coleman, USDB Superintendent, walked through his presentation on their building construction requests. During the 2022 legislative session, the Legislature approved the capital facilities for USDB in southwestern Utah and Salt Lake county - to maximize student capacity and academic needs, the efficiency of use, cost-effectiveness, and priority of construction. USDB requested support from the Board for construction funding for the Salt Lake and St. George buildings to move forward with the approval to the Executive Appropriations Committee on November 17 to secure the financing.

**MOTION** was made by Member Huntsman and seconded by Member Boothe that the Board supports the JMS Secondary School project and the St. George Preschool building and, before construction begins, request DFCM and USBE provide a report to the Board on how DFCM will explore additional efficiencies in construction, other buildings, and building utilization.

The **motion** passed unanimously.

### LEA Specific License Approval

Superintendent Coleman shared the FY23 USDB Key Data Report with board members to show monthly tracking of all divisions and services provided to students.

**MOTION** was made by Member Davis and seconded by Member Cannon that the Board approves 13 LEA-specific licenses.

The **motion** passed unanimously.

#### FY23 Monthly Budget Update as of September 30, 2022

Carl Empey, Finance Director provided the USBE members with an FY23 monthly update as of August 31, 2022.

#### **Study Session**

##### Elementary Social Studies Standards Revision Grades K-5 Step

**MOTION** was made by Member Hansen that the Board adopts the K-5 social studies standards.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION** was made by Member Norton and seconded by Member Strate that the Board divide and consider the K-4 social studies standards separate from the 5-6 social studies standards.

The motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION** was made by Member Norton and seconded by Member Huntsman that the Board approve the K-4 social studies standards as approved by the Standards and Assessment Committee on Oct. 20, 2022.

**MOTION TO AMEND** was made by Member Earl and seconded by Member Cline that the Board removing the words “identify problems” written twice and replace with “addressing needs” in standards 3.3.2. and make corresponding technical changes.

The **motion to amend** carried with Members Hansen opposed.

That the Board approves the K-4 social studies standards, as amended.

The **motion** passed unanimously.

**MOTION** was made by Member Norton and seconded by Member Huntsman that the Board approves the 5-6 social studies standards as submitted by the Writing Committee after revising the standards with public input.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION** was made by Member Hart and Member Hymas that the Board refers the grades 5-6 standards to a committee consisting of two board members, two

writing committee members, two curriculum directors, and two history specialists, including one from the University (UVU) to address alignments, introduction to standards, and to differentiate between standards that could be marked as enrichment or critical standards.

**MOTION TO POSTPONE** was made by Member Huntsman and seconded by Member Hart.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Cybil Child, Board Secretary  
Minutes approved December 1, 2022