

UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
LEGISLATIVE MEETING MINUTES
January 25, 2024

A Utah State Board of Education legislative meeting was held on January 25, 2024. Vice Chair Earl presided. As authorized by Utah Code 52-4, this meeting was held at the Utah State Capitol Complex Senate Committee Room 210 Salt Lake City, UT 84114. The public can hear the audio of the meeting through live YouTube streaming.

Members Present:

Chair James Moss	Member Matt Hymas
Vice Chair Molly Hart	Member Joseph Kerry (online)
Vice Chair Jennie Earl	Member Carol Lear
Member Christina Boggess	Member Kristan Norton
Member Randy Boothe	Member Brent Strate
Member Natalie Cline	Member LeAnn Wood
Member Cindy Davis	Member Sarah Reale
Member Emily Green (online)	

Executive Staff Present:

Sydnee Dickson, State Superintendent
Scott Jones, Deputy Superintendent
Angie Stallings, Deputy Superintendent
Sarah Young, Chief of Staff
Kelsey James, Board's Communication Coordinator

Minutes were taken by:

Cybil Prideaux, Executive Assistant

Others Present:

Ashley Biehl, Darin Nielson, Adam Herd, Vanessa Barnes, Brittney Cummins, Michelle Beus, Jennifer Thronsen, Elisse Newey, Adam Prows, Julie Lundell, Malie Hite, Sam Urie, Dale Frost, Deborah Jacobson, Lexi Cunningham, and Royce Van Tassell.

Opening Business

Vice Chair Earl called the meeting to order at 12:07 a.m. She welcomed the public and board members to the forum. He shared an overview of the legislative session and board members' participation protocol.

1. Budget Priorities - 12:05 to 12:25 PM

1.1. DISCUSSION: Legislative Session Funding Priorities

Scott Jones, Deputy Superintendent of Policy, and Dale Frost, MSP Administrator, discussed the funding priorities. In accordance with the Budgetary Procedures and Money Management Acts, the Utah State Board of Education provides the legislature with funding requests/prioritizations for the current and next fiscal year.

2. Review of Legislation - 12:30 to 1:30 PM

2.1. INFORMATION: Legislator Review of Bills

Angie Stallings, Deputy Superintendent of Policy
Elise Newey, Policy Advisor

1. [HB 1](#) Public Education Base Budget Amendments, Rep. Pulsipher
2. [HB 250](#) Driver Education Modifications, Rep. Defay
3. [HB 82](#) Public Education Program Modifications, Rep. Pierucci
4. [HB 263](#) Statewide Online Education Program Funding Amendments, Rep. Johnson
5. [HB 339](#) School Community Council Amendments, Rep. Jefferson Moss
6. [SB 137](#) Teacher Empowerment, Sen. Fillmore
7. [1st Sub HB 182](#) Student Survey Amendments, Rep. Lisonbee
8. [HB 84](#) School Safety Amendments, Rep. Wilcox
9. [SB 93](#) School Climate Data Amendments, Sen. Fillmore
10. [HB 29](#) Sensitive Material Review Amendments, Rep. Ivory

2.2. INFORMATION: Legislative Policy Requests

2.3. DISCUSSION: 2023 General Session Legislation

3. Action on Legislation - 12:00 pm

3.1. POTENTIAL ACTION: Board Positions on Legislation

Angie Stallings, Deputy Superintendent of Policy

MOTION was made by Member Boggess and seconded by Member Earl that the Board direct staff to work with Representative Lisonbee to add language into HB 182 to ensure LEAs provide a translation of all surveys into the language of preference for parents who have made that request.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION was made by Member Davis and seconded by Member Strate that the Board:

1. supports Sen Fillmore's SB 93; and
2. requests that staff work with Sen. Fillmore to:
 - a. add an ability for the Board to allow an LEA to opt out of up to 10% of the survey questions; and
 - b. add language into SB 93 to ensure LEAs provide a translation of the school climate survey into the language of preference for parents who make that request, when possible.

MOTION TO DIVIDE was made by Member Cline and seconded by Member Boggess that the Board divide items #1 and #2 from the above motion.

The motion carried with Members Davis, Hymas, Lear, Norton, Reale, and Strate opposed and Members Moss, Hart, Earl, Boggess, Boothe, Cline, Green, Kerry, and Wood in favor.

DIVIDED MOTION 1.

That the Board:

1. supports Sen Fillmore's SB 93; and

MOTION TO AMEND that the Board supports Senator Fillmore's SB 93, as amended as requested by the Board.

The motion carried with Members Earl, Cline, Green, Hymas, Kerry, and Wood opposed and Members Moss, Hart, Boggess, Boothe, Davis, Lear, Norton, Reale, and Strate in favor.

DIVIDED MOTION 2.

requests that staff work with Sen. Fillmore to:

- a. add an ability for the Board to allow an LEA to opt out of up to 10% of the survey questions; and

The motion passed unanimously.

DIVIDED MOTION 3.

requests that staff work with Sen. Fillmore to:

- b. add language into SB 93 to ensure LEAs provide a translation of school climate into the language of preference for parents who make that request, when possible.

The motion passed unanimously.

4. Adjournment - 1:45 PM

Member Hymas made a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 1:45 pm.