

**UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES**

February 1, 2018

A regular meeting of the Utah State Board of Education was held February 1, 2018 at the Utah State Board of Education Building, 250 East 500 South, Salt Lake City, Utah. First Vice Chair Brittney Cummins and Chair Mark Huntsman conducted the meeting.

Members Present:

Chair Mark Huntsman	Member Linda B. Hansen
1 st Vice Chair Brittney Cummins	Member Carol Barlow Lear
2 nd Vice Chair Alisa Ellis	Member Scott B. Neilson
Member Laura Belnap	Member Kathleen Riebe
Member Michelle Boulter	Member Spencer F. Stokes
Member Janet A. Cannon	Member Terryl Warner
Member Lisa Cummins	Member Joel Wright
Member Jennifer Gravier	

Executive Staff Present:

Sydnee Dickson, Superintendent
Scott Jones, Deputy Supt.
Patty Norman, Deputy Supt.
Angie Stallings, Deputy Supt.

Minutes taken by:

Lorraine Austin, Board Secretary

Others Present:

Bryan Quesenberry, David Thomas, Michael Bell—Attorney General’s Office; Emilie Wheeler, Tiffany Stanley, Jerry Record, Keith Lawrence—USBE staff; Melissa Mendenhall—Alpine School District; Laurieann Thorpe; Kathleen Smith, Carrie Johnson—National Board Certified Teachers; Allen Michaelis; Tina Smith—Utah Association of Public Charter Schools; Janis Christensen; Tami Flygare—Utah National Board Coalition; Danell Mieure—Advisory Committee on Equity of Educational Services for Students; Heidi Matthews—Utah Education Association; Merrilee Boyack—Family Watch; Kara Sherman—Utah PTA; Mary Nielson—Utah School Boards Association

Call to Order

First Vice Chair Brittney Cummins called the meeting to order at 8:08 a.m. Chair Huntsman was excused for the first part of the meeting.

Executive Session

MOTION was made by Member Cannon and seconded by Member Neilson that the Board go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pending or reasonably imminent litigation.

Upon voice vote of Members Belnap, Boulter, Cannon, B. Cummins, Ellis, Hansen, Graviet, Lear, Neilson and Riebe, the Board moved into closed Executive Session at 8:09 a.m.

Those present included all above plus Board member Lisa Cummins, and Sydnee Dickson, Scott Jones, Bryan Quesenberry, David Thomas, Michael Bell and Lorraine Austin.

MOTION was made by Member Hansen and seconded by Member Riebe that the Board come out of Executive Session.

Motion carried. The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:40 a.m.

Opening Business

The Board reconvened at 8:50 a.m. Member Kathleen Riebe led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Member Message

Vice Chair Alisa Ellis offered an invocation.

Introduction of New Employees

New employees Lauralee Gillespie and Neil Stevens introduced themselves.

Acknowledgment of Student Artwork

Educational Specialist Cathy Jensen informed the Board about the artwork hanging in the boardroom from Beacon Heights Elementary and Washington Elementary.

Education Highlight

Educational Specialist David Smith acknowledged the thirteen Utah teachers who completed the rigorous process and were awarded certificates for National Board Certification this year. The following teachers introduced themselves and commented on the certification

process: Amber Callister, Ann Clyde, Jennifer Colona, Rock Frampton, Carrie Johnson, Kathy Smith and Louise Wizner. The other awardees that were unable to attend were Jill Buxbaum, Matthew Nagel, Sheryl Lassig, Lisa Formed, Louis Philippe Vanye and Steven Catida.

The teachers highlighted the experience of self-reflection on their classroom processes and collaboration with others. They were applauded and congratulated by Board members.

Public Comment

Allen Michaelis, parent – voiced that the current science standards are not the best for his children as they are outdated and desperately in need of revising. Students need more opportunities to gather and analyze data and less memorization of facts and theories. He acknowledged concerns about climate change and evolution, but suggested taking what is best with the Next Generation Science Standards and improving upon them. He wants his children to be prepared for college and careers and life. He asked the Board to approve the recommendations of the science standards writing committee that will come before the Board.

Melissa Mendenhall, Alpine District Elementary Science Specialist – has provided support to sixth grade teacher as they have implemented the new science standards. She read responses from the teachers comparing the new elementary standards to the old standards. Teachers commented that things the new core addresses that the old core did not include the practice of reasoning how the world works; the constant evolution of science; analyzing problems to produce effective solutions; learning to argue with relevant evidence to support findings; learning to critique and evaluate information; inclusion of mathematics and computational thinking; student responsibility for their own learning; and developing concrete skills that can be applied to other curricula. Finally, students and teachers are loving science. She asked the Board as they consider a vote to accept the review committee report and recommendations to keep in mind that everything we are trying to accomplish is centered on student learning.

Heidi Matthews, President, Utah Education Association – cited a study by the Utah Education Policy Center that found teachers enter the profession because they want to make a difference in the life of a child, but the overwhelming reasons teachers are choosing to leave is burnout, exhaustion and stress. She emphasized that we must unite our strength around a real

solution and suggested the Board should lead this convergence. She urged the Board to assure that Utah's teacher licensing promotes effective teachers for all students.

Vince Newmeyer – reported he was one of the participants of a former committee writing the science standards. He expressed disappointment because it appeared the committee was made up only of educators on the inside. He expressed that the committee members were all aware of the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) and had an agenda to push the NGSS as the primary document and framework from which the science standards would be pulled. The Board has rejected those standards when they were clearly presented as NGSS standards; however, the standards received a thesaurus translation and rearrangements of some of the concepts and were passed through. The standards are so heavily focused on global warming and Darwinian evolution that other important topics are ignored. He urged the Board to reject the recommendations from the standards writing committee.

General Consent Calendar

MOTION was made by Member Hansen and seconded by Member Cannon that the Board approve the General Consent Calendar.

Motion carried; Members Huntsman, Stokes and Warner absent.

General Consent Calendar

4.1 Approval of Minutes

The Board approved the minutes of its January 3-4, 2018 meeting. [For additional details, see General Exhibit No. 18-45.]

4.2 Approval of Contracts/Agreements

The Board approved contracts/agreements with the following: Panorama Education - early warning dropout prevention pilot; SHI International - Qualtrics platform for special education. [For additional details, see General Exhibit No. 18-46.]

4.3 Review of Contracts/Agreements

The Board received for review contracts/agreements with the following: Utah School Superintendents Association – membership; Division of Substance Abuse

and Mental Health/Division of Child and Family Services/Division of Juvenile Justice Services/Division of Medicaid and Health Financing/Utah Department of Health/State Department of Workforce Services – Utah Youth Initiative; Department of Health Services Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health – Prevention Dimensions; University of Utah Bookstore – Student Services summer conference; Utah Department of Public Safety – security services; SPEDSIS – creation of IEP under IDEA; Utah Department of Health – CDC student health and academic achievement. [For additional details, see General Exhibit No. 18-47.]

4.4 Grants

The Board approved acceptance of the following grants: CDC - Chronic Disease Control; William and Flora Hewlett Foundation – FAST SCASS Formative Assessment Program. [For additional details, see General Exhibit No. 18-48.]

4.5 Educator Licenses Processed

The Board received a list of educator licenses processed in December 2017. [For additional details, see General Exhibit No. 18-49.]

4.6 Requests for Temporary Authorizations

The Board approved temporary authorizations for educator licenses as submitted by local education agencies. [For additional details, see General Exhibit No. 18-50]

4.7 R277-122 Board of Education Procurement

The Board approved R277-122, Revision 1, on third and final reading. [For additional details, see General Exhibit No. 18-51.]

4.8 R277-482 Charter School Timelines and Approval Processes

The Board approved R277-482, as amended, on third and final reading. [For additional details, see General Exhibit No. 18-52.]

Monthly Budget Report

Deputy Superintendent Scott Jones reviewed the monthly report and gave an update on the discretionary fund. He reported that in its meeting tomorrow, the Finance Committee will consider uses for the discretionary fund, and invited all Board members to give input.

Finance Director Deborah Jacobsen reported that additional money is needed to cover indirect costs of early retirement stipends.

MOTION was made by Member Hansen and seconded by Member Riebe that the Board approve using \$9200 from the discretionary fund to cover costs in the Indirect Cost Pool.

Motion carried; Members Ellis, Huntsman, Neilson, Stokes and Warner absent.

[For additional details, see General Exhibit No. 18-53.]

Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Plan

Deputy Superintendent Patty Norman, Assistant Superintendents Lea Voorhies and Darin Nielsen, and Teaching and Learning Director Diana Suddreth addressed with the Board three concerns the U.S. Department of Education has regarding Utah's ESSA Plan: 1) Equitable distribution of effective teachers; 2) the accountability system for alternative schools; and 3) the 95 percent participation requirement on the state assessment. [For additional details, see General Exhibit No. 18-54.]

Accountability System for Alternative Schools

Assistant Superintendent Voorhies reported on the work of a committee organized to review how Utah includes alternative schools in the accountability system and improvements that could be made. The committee operated on two main premises—that all schools will be included in the accountability system, and that if a school is identified as falling in the bottom five percent, that school may be given a second review. Superintendent Voorhies reviewed the proposal from the committee for the purpose of the ESSA Plan and proposed language that could be submitted as part of the ESSA response.

The committee has recommended it continue meeting to do more in-depth work on the definition of alternative schools. Board members also suggested the committee consider schools that haven't been identified as an alternative school but fit the parameters, and also consider an appeal process.

Equitable Distribution of Effective Educators

Diana Suddreth, Teaching and Learning Director, discussed equitable distribution of effective educators. A committee reviewed performance evaluation data and found that fewer than 25 teachers statewide have been deemed ineffective by the Utah evaluation system.

Dr. Suddreth reviewed proposed language for submission in the Utah's ESSA Plan response. Part of the proposal is that the Board adopt rules requiring charter schools to report the numbers of ineffective teachers, as the Board currently doesn't receive that information. Superintendent Dickson clarified that all charters have evaluation system, but aren't required to use the Board's system.

Assessment Participation Requirement

Assistant Superintendent Darin Nielsen discussed the calculation of the achievement indicator where a 95 percent participation rate is required. Currently, Utah does not meet the requirement. Utah statute 53A-15-1403(9) is also in conflict with the ESSA requirement.

Superintendent Nielsen reviewed three approaches that were presented to the Board last month, and indicated that given Board feedback, the focus has been on seeking a waiver of this ESSA provision. He has received information that there is not much flexibility in ESSA on this provision, which may be due to a philosophy that no student should be invisible to the accountability system.

Superintendent Nielsen outlined the process for seeking a waiver and gave possible rationale including language showing how advancing student academic achievement would be met by the waiver. Superintendent Dickson reported that Governor Herbert is in favor of the waiver and his office is willing to assist.

MOTION was made by Vice Chair Ellis and seconded by Member L. Cummins that concerning compliance with the 95 percent participation on the achievement indicator required by ESSA, the Board indicate in the state ESSA plan that Utah cannot comply to this provision, to affirm that Utah is in control of its education system.

Board members expressed concern that this approach puts federal funding for Utah's most vulnerable students at risk and that the legislature will not make up the funding, as Utah is already the most underfunded system in the nation. It was also noted that the predecessor to

ESSA, No Child Left Behind, did provide an opportunity for states to improve options for minorities.

Others expressed doubt that the Department of Education would take away funding, particularly because it would be so high profile, and that this is an opportunity now for Utah to be courageous and be the first state to stand up for its sovereignty.

Motion failed, with Members Boulter, L. Cummins, Ellis, Neilson and Wright in favor, and Members Belnap, Cannon, B. Cummins, Graviet, Hansen, Lear, Riebe, Stokes (by phone) and Warner (by phone) opposed; Member Huntsman absent.

MOTION was made by Member Hansen and seconded by Member Cannon that concerning compliance with the 95 percent participation on the achievement indicator required by ESSA the Board seek a waiver of this statutory provision.

Motion carried unanimously; Member Huntsman absent.

MOTION was made by Member Hansen and seconded by Member Cannon that the Board approve the ESSA Plan responses on the accountability system and the equitable distribution of effective educators as proposed by staff.

Motion carried; Members Huntsman, Neilson, Stokes and Warner absent.

FY 2019 Budget Request

Deputy Superintendent Jones reviewed a summary of USBE legislative funding requests. He reported that the Public Education Appropriations Subcommittee has been briefed on the Board's request, but made no decisions. [For additional details, see General Exhibit No. 18-55.]

MOTION was made by Member Hansen and seconded by Member Riebe that the Board add to its priority list \$545,000 for restorative discipline services personnel.

Motion carried; Members Huntsman, Neilson, Stokes and Warner absent.

Review of Legislation

Deputy Superintendent Angie Stallings reviewed H.B. 46 Educator Licensing Modifications; H.B. 175 Oversight Creation Committee; and H.B. 132 Juvenile Justice Modifications. [For additional details, see General Exhibit No. 18-56.]

MOTION was made by Member Hansen and seconded by Member Riebe that the Board oppose H.B. 175 Oversight Creation Committee.

Motion carried, with Members Belnap (by phone), Cannon, B. Cummins, L. Cummins, Graviet, Hansen, Lear and Riebe in favor, and Members Boulter, Ellis and Wright abstaining. Members Huntsman, Neilson, Stokes and Warner absent.

Executive Session

MOTION was made by Member Wright and seconded by Member Huntsman that the Board go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of individuals.

Upon voice vote of members Boulter, Cannon, B. Cummins, L. Cummins, Ellis, Graviet, Hansen, Huntsman, Riebe and Wright, and the Board moved into Executive Session at 1:38 p.m.

Those present included the Members above plus Members Lear and Warner, and Sydnee Dickson, Bryan Quesenberry, David Thomas, Ben Rasmussen, Emilie Wheeler and Lorraine Austin.

MOTION was made by Member Huntsman and seconded by Member Hansen that the Board come out of Executive Session.

Motion carried. The Board reconvened in open meeting at 2:28 p.m.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Sydnee Dickson reported on the following.

- Utah has received an A+ grade on state curriculum and assessment training for teachers from the Centers for Excellence report on financial literacy.
- The Board has received a C+ grade on its website based on widespread concerns regarding privacy, use of advertising, etc. Utah was complimented for its demonstration that websites can “offer meaningful privacy experiences to parents, educators, and other stakeholders without resorting to invasive and undisclosed ad tracking.” Most states received an F grade.

- Superintendent Dickson and Deputy Superintendent Norman have met with a group of stakeholders to discuss the Board's motion to create a computer science task force. Recommendations for membership will come to the Board in March.
- Dr. Dickson attended the first meeting of a suicide prevention task force of which she is a member. There is a great desire to look at statewide landscape and try to fill solutions. She will make sure the Board is informed about the work of the task force, and encouraged board members to give her input to any studies they would like to have done in this area.

Executive Session Action Items

Appointments

MOTION was made by Member Lear and seconded by Member Huntsman that the Board appoint Dave Brotherson, Duchesne District Superintendent, to the Utah Education and Telehealth Network Board for a term ending June 30, 2020.

Motion carried; Members Belnap, Neilson and Stokes absent.

MOTION was made by Member Lear and seconded by Member Huntsman that the Board appoint Sundie Goulding to the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind Advisory Council, as a non-voting representative of teachers for the blind, for an interim term February-August 2018 and a two-year term beginning August 2018.

MOTION was made by Member Cannon and seconded by Member Huntsman that the Board appoint the following individuals for two-year terms to its Advisory Committee for Equity of Educational Services for Students (ACEESS): Amadou Niang, representing African Americans/Blacks; David Robles, representing Hispanic/Latino Americans; Brian Yazzie, representing American Indians.

Motion carried; Members Belnap, Neilson and Stokes absent.

Action on Educator Licenses

MOTION was made by Member Lear and seconded by Member Riebe that in Utah Professional Practices Advisory Commission (UPPAC) Case No. 18-1 the Board clear the background check.

Motion carried; Members Belnap, Neilson and Stokes absent.

MOTION was made by Member Lear and seconded by Member Cannon that the Board accept the UPPAC recommendation in Case No. 16-1381 and suspend the educator's Level 2 Secondary Education license for a period of no less than four years consistent with the consent to discipline.

Motion carried; Members Belnap, Neilson and Stokes absent.

MOTION was made by Member Lear and seconded by Member Gravier that the Board clear the background check in Case No. 17-162.

Motion carried; Members Belnap, Neilson and Stokes absent.

MOTION was made by Member Lear and seconded by Member Huntsman that the Board approve the UPPAC Consent Calendar with Case No. 18-17 removed to seek further information.

Motion carried; Members Belnap, Neilson and Stokes absent.

[For additional details, see General Exhibit No. 18-57.]

Audit Committee Report/Recommendations

Committee Chair Alisa Ellis reported on the January Audit Committee meeting. No formal actions were taken. The committee reviewed several audits and discussed the ongoing school fees audit, MSP automation, the Audit Plan for the upcoming year, and risk mitigation.

Law and Licensing Committee Report/Recommendations

Committee Chair Michelle Boulter reported on the following items from the January 4, 2018 Committee meeting. [For additional details, see General Exhibit No. 18-58.]

Utah State Hospital Youth Center Program and Contract Recommendations

The committee received information from staff.

USBE Data Governance Plan – Board Policy 3006

MOTION from Committee that the Board approve the updates incorporated into Board Policy 3006, USBE Data Governance Plan. [For additional details, see General Exhibit No. 18-59.]

Motion carried. Members Belnap, Neilson and Stokes absent.

Utah Department of Health Office of the Medical Examiner Data Sharing Agreement

MOTION from Committee that the Board approve the Utah Department of Health Office of the Medical Examiner data sharing agreement request to collect, analyze and retain information on individuals who have died within the State of Utah and specifically collect, analyze and retain information related to individuals who have died by suicide. [For additional details, see General Exhibit No. 18-60.]

MOTION was made by Member Boulter and seconded by Member Hansen that the Board refer the agreement back to the Law and Licensing Committee.

Assistant Attorney General David Thomas explained that the legislature is considering legislation regarding this data collection, and the committee recommended waiting to make a decision until after the legislative session.

Motion carried. Members Belnap, Neilson and Stokes absent.

Voices for Utah Children Data Sharing Agreement

The Committee did not approve a data sharing agreement with Voices for Utah Children. Concerns were expressed by committee members that the group is a lobbying group, and that the explanation of how the data would be used was vague. [For additional details, see General Exhibit No. 18-61.]

Advisory Group Draft Recommendations to the Student Data Protection Act

The Committee received an update on the recommendations. [For additional details, see General Exhibit No. 18-62.]

R277-613 LEA Bullying, Cyber-bullying, Hazing, and Harassment Policies and Training

The Committee reviewed R277-613 and approved R277-613, Revision 5, with additional amendments [to become Revision 6], on first reading.

MOTION from Committee that the Board approve and continue R277-613, Revision 6, on second and final reading.

MOTION TO AMEND was made by Member Warner and seconded by Member Ellis that the Board amend Revision 6 with the changes proposed in Revision 7.

It was noted that Revision 7 contains the changes in Revision 5 with one additional change; also, changes made in Revision 6 that reversed some recommendations from the Bullying Subcommittee have been removed in Revision 7.

Motion to amend carried.

Motion to approve and continue R277-613, Revision 7, *LEA Bullying, Cyber-bullying, Hazing, and Harassment Policies and Training* on second and final reading carried; Members Belnap, Neilson and Stokes absent.

[For additional details, see General Exhibit No. 18-63.]

R277-709 Education Programs Serving Youth in Custody

The Committee approved and continued R277-709, Draft 1, on first reading. [For additional details, see General Exhibit No. 18-64.]

MOTION from Committee that Board approve and continue R277-709, Draft 1, *Education Programs Serving Youth in Custody* on second and final reading.

Motion carried; Members Belnap, Neilson, Stokes and Wright absent.

R277-116 Audit Procedure

The Committee discussed proposed amendments to R277-116, Drafts 2 and 3 that give more clarity to the rule. The Committee approved R277-116, Draft 3, on second reading. [For additional details, see General Exhibit No. 18-65.]

MOTION from Committee that the Board approve R277-116, Draft 3, *Audit Procedure* on third and final reading.

Motion carried; Members Belnap, Neilson and Wright absent.

R277-719 Standards for Selling Foods Outside of the Reimbursable Meal in Schools

The Committee considered R277-719 in accordance with the Administrative Rulemaking Procedures five-year review requirement, and reviewed proposed technical changes. The

Committee approved and continued R277-719, Draft 1, on first reading. [For additional details, see General Exhibit No. 18-66.]

MOTION from Committee that the Board approve and continue R277-719, Draft 1, *Standards for Selling Foods Outside of the Reimbursable Meal in Schools* on second and final reading.

Motion carried; Members Belnap, Neilson and Wright absent.

R277-518 Career and Technical Education Licenses

The Committee reviewed R277-518 in accordance with the Administrative Rulemaking Procedures five-year review requirement. The Committee approved continuation of R277-518 on first reading. [For additional details, see General Exhibit No. 18-67.]

MOTION from Committee that the Board approve continuation of R277-518 *Career and Technical Education Licenses* on second and final reading.

It was noted that the rule will come back to the committee for possible amendment after the Licensing Task Force finishes its work.

Motion carried; Members Belnap, Neilson and Wright absent.

Board Bylaws

MOTION from Committee that the Board approve amendments to Sections IX through IX of the Board Bylaws. [For additional details, see General Exhibit No. 18-68.]

MOTION TO AMEND was made by Member Hansen and seconded by Member Boulter that Sections X(J) and X(L) be reinstated.

Motion to amend carried.

Motion carried; Members Belnap, Neilson and Wright absent.

Standards and Assessment Committee Report/Recommendations

Committee Chair Janet Cannon reported on the following items from the January 4, 2018 Committee meeting. [For additional details, see General Exhibit No. 18-69.]

Safe Schools

MOTION from Committee that the Board approve the addition of Safe Schools as a provider for child sexual abuse prevention instructional materials. [For additional details, see General Exhibit No. 18-70.]

Motion carried, with Member L. Cummins opposed; Members Belnap, Neilson, Stokes and Wright absent.

Driver Education Standards

The Driver Education Standards were open to a 90-day public reviewing beginning in July 2017. The Committee received an update of modifications that have been made after receiving the feedback. The final standards will be presented to the committee in its February meeting. [For additional details, see General Exhibit No. 18-71.]

Accountability System to Schools that Serve Special Student Populations

The Committee received information concerning the applicability of the accountability system enacted in legislation passed in the 2017 Legislative Session to schools that serve special student populations. The Committee gave recommended options to staff and directed staff to study the options and report back to the committee in its February meeting. [For additional details, see General Exhibit No. 18-72.]

KEEP Entry Performance

The Committee received a report from staff on the Kindergarten Entry and Exit Profile (KEEP). [For additional details, see General Exhibit No. 18-73.]

R277-610 Released-time Classes and Public Schools

The Committee reviewed R277-610 in accordance with the Utah Rulemaking Procedures five-year review requirement, and reviewed technical changes proposed. The Committee approved and continued R277-610, Draft 1, on first reading. [For additional details, see General Exhibit No. 18-74.]

MOTION from Committee that the Board approve and continue R277-610, Draft 1, *Released-time Classes and Public Schools* on second and final reading.

Motion carried; Members Belnap, Neilson and Wright absent.

R277-521 National Board Certification

The Committee reviewed proposed amendments to R277-511. The rule will come back to the committee in a future meeting. [For additional details, see General Exhibit No. 18-75.]

Underage Drinking Prevention Advisory Council Report

The Committee heard a report on the work of the Council. [For additional details, see General Exhibit No. 18-76.]

Annual School Counselor to Student Ratios Report

The Committee received the counselor to student ratios report. [For additional details, see General Exhibit No. 18-77.]

Board members expressed concern over districts that continue to be out of compliance with requirements every year and over the high rates of teen suicides. Members emphasized the need for increased support for students. The role of local boards in making decisions concerning counselors was also noted.

Staff were directed to send the report to all local boards.

Finance Committee Report/Recommendations

Committee Chair Joel Wright reported on the following items from the January 4, 2018 Committee meeting. [For additional details, see General Exhibit No. 18-78.]

Science Item Sharing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

The Committee discussed the proposed MOU, reviewing considerations contained in a memo from Assistant Superintendent Darin Nielsen. The Committee also discussed the provision in statute for a parent test item review committee, of which five members are Board appointments. [For additional details, see General Exhibit No. 18-79.]

MOTION from Committee that the Board approve participating in the science item-sharing consortium, and that the process for appointing parents to the parent test item review committee be clearly outlined.

Chair Huntsman clarified that in statute the five USBE appointments to the parent test item review committee are made by the Board Chair.

Board members discussed that currently there aren't many test items from which to choose, and consequently, 6th grade students aren't able to prepare for the assessment; that there is no cost for participation; and that Utah can choose to accept questions or not.

Others expressed concerns that there is no need to have an agreement to work with other states; that a royalty will go to a vendor; that a gag order will be put on those participating; that the test questions will be aligned to the Next Generation Science Standards; and that the parent test item review process has not been transparent.

Without objection the motion was divided.

The motion to participate in the science item sharing consortium carried, with Members Cannon, B. Cummins, Graviat, Hansen, Huntsman, Lear, Riebe and Warner in favor, and Members Boulter, L. Cummins, Ellis and Wright opposed; Members Belnap, Neilson and Stokes absent.

Motion to have a clearly aligned process for appointments to the parent test item review committee carried; Members Belnap, Neilson and Stokes absent.

Chair Huntsman reported that he will be seeking names and recommendations for appointment and will bring the names to the Board for review.

Board Bylaws

The Committee reviewed Board member assignments and the development of a process for reporting on those assignments. Discussion will continue in the Committee's February meeting. [For additional details, see General Exhibit No. 18-68.]

Section Budget Reviews

The Committee reviewed budgets of the State Charter School Board (SCSB), Career and Technical Education Section, and Special Education Section. [For additional details, see General Exhibit No. 18-80.]

Committee members questioned whether the Board had oversight to change a line item in the SCSB budget. Assistant Attorney General Bryan Quesenberry clarified that the Board does have the ability oversee and supervise budget line items, but can't move money out of the SCSB budget to another program.

Systems for Off-site Board Meetings

The Committee heard from staff concerning the purchase of microphones and other equipment that the Board could use in off-site meetings. The Committee directed that staff move forward with the purchase of the system.

Requests for Data and Information

Committee Chair Wright reported that he has asked for reports to be broken out by gender.

Eliminating Barriers to Educational Excellence Task Force Report

Task Force Chair Alisa Ellis reported on the work of the Eliminating Barriers Task Force and recommendations from the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind to the Task Force.

MOTION from the Task Force that the Board refer R277-801(6) *Services for Students Who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, Blind, Visually Impaired, and Deafblind—Services for Qualifying Students* (3 percent rule) to the Board Executive Committee for assignment to a Board standing committee.

Motion carried; Members Neilson and Stokes absent.

MOTION from the Task Force that the Board refer R277-801(3) *Services for Students Who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, Blind, Visually Impaired, and Deafblind—Responsibilities of LEAs* (temporary placement of ASL student) to the Board Executive Committee to refer to a standing committee.

Motion carried; Members Neilson, Stokes absent.

USBE Strategic Plan

MOTION was made by Member Hansen and seconded by Member Cannon that the Board include in the strategic plan the alternate assessments administered to students with significant cognitive disabilities and the career development credential as measures to assess progress toward of achieving the goal of creating the conditions for each student to be prepared for career and community success in the future.

Motion carried; Members Belnap, Neilson and Stokes absent.

[For additional details, see General Exhibit No. 18-81.]

Board Chair's Report

Chair Huntsman thanked staff and Board members for their work and participation in the breakfast for legislators. He reported that he received much positive feedback.

Chair Huntsman thanked Public Information Officer Emilie Wheeler for keeping the Board posted on legislative and other meetings.

Board Member Comments

Member Riebe reported on meetings with the STEM Action Center Board, RFP Committee and School Leadership Working Group. She also reported on a town hall meeting in which she participated with several legislators and a visit to a Canyons School District CTE open house.

Member Wright reported that he attended his first meeting with the SITLA Board Nominating Committee. He invited Board members to provide names of those that might want to serve on the SITLA Board that are highly qualified in the oil and gas area.

Vice Chair Ellis gave a shout out to staff who are working around the clock during this legislative session and expressed appreciation for their efforts.

Adjournment

MOTION was made by Member Riebe and seconded by Member Cannon that the meeting adjourn.

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

Lorraine Austin, Board Secretary
Minutes approved March 15, 2018