

UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION LEGISLATIVE MEETING MINUTES

February 23, 2017

A legislative meeting of the Utah State Board of Education was held February 23, 2017 at the Utah State Capitol Complex, Senate Building E210, Salt Lake City, Utah. Chair Mark Huntsman conducted.

Board Members Present:

Chair Mark Huntsman

1st Vice Chair Terry Warner

2nd Vice Chair Brittney Cummins

3rd Vice Chair Alisa Ellis

Member Michelle Boulter

Member Janet Cannon

Member Lisa Cummins

Member Jennifer Graviet

Member Linda B. Hansen

Member Carol Barlow Lear

Member Scott B. Neilson

Member Kathleen Riebe

Member Joel Wright (by phone)

Board Members Excused:

Member Laura Belnap

Member Spencer F. Stokes

Executive Staff Present:

Sydnee Dickson, State Superintendent

Scott Jones, Deputy Superintendent

Angie Stallings, Deputy Superintendent

Minutes taken by:

Lorraine Austin, Board Secretary

Others Present:

Bryan Quesenberry, Michael Bell, David Thomas, Asst–Attorney General’s Office; Emilie Wheeler, Diana Suddreth, JoEllen Shaeffer–USBE staff; Zane Woolstenhulme–Ogden School District; Chris Lewis–Granite School District; Christine Cooke–Sutherland Institute; Tami Pyfer, Karen Peterson–Governor’s Office; Nancy Kennedy, Nancy Tingey–Utah School Boards Association; Amber Shill–Canyons School District; Rebecca Araya; JJ Grant–Southeast Educational Service Center; Todd Hauber–Park City School District; Jay Blain, Tracey Watson–Utah Education Association; Trent Kaufman–Ed Direction

Call to Order

Chair Mark Huntsman called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

Overview of Fiscal Note Process

Deputy Superintendent Scott Jones introduced Ben Leishman and Jill Curry from the Legislative Fiscal Analyst's Office. They reviewed the process by which fiscal notes on legislative bills are developed.

Legislation

Senator Lincoln Fillmore discussed S.B. 240, Local School Options. He indicated the bill represents a large amount of local control in schools and would give local school boards and school community councils the ability to craft their own programs. It is initially for a pilot. Board members provided feedback on the bill. He indicated the intent is not for the bill to pass this session, but to launch the concept, and hopefully, to come back in the interim session for more discussion.

Tiffany Stanley, USBE Policy Analyst, reviewed H.B. 291, School and Institutional Trust Lands Amendments.

MOTION was made by Member Hansen and seconded by Member Gravier that the Board oppose H.B. 291.

Motion carried, with Member Cannon opposed.

Deputy Superintendent Angie Stallings reviewed S.B. 223, Modifications to Charter School Governance, H.B. 231, Educator Evaluation Amendments, and H.B. 413, Public School Membership in Associations.

MOTION was made by Member Hansen and seconded by Member Warner that the Board support H.B. 231.

Motion carried unanimously.

Tiffany Stanley reviewed S.B. 220, Student Assessment and School Accountability Amendments.

MOTION was made by Member B. Cummins and seconded by Member Boulter that the Board direct staff to request that the sponsor of S.B. 220 consider changing line 584 to read: "a college readiness assessment accepted by universities."

Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION was made by Member B. Cummins and seconded by Member Riebe that the Board direct staff to ask the sponsor of S.B. 220 to consider looking at school grading in a way that may reduce the impact of A to F, and possibly remove the A to F designations.

Motion carried; Member Wright absent.

Adjournment

MOTION was made by Member L. Cummins and seconded by Member Neilson that the meeting adjourn.

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Lorraine Austin, Board Secretary
Minutes approved March 9, 2017