

## MINUTES

December 5, 2003

Minutes of the special meeting of the State Board of Education held December 5, 2003, at the Utah State Office of Education, Salt Lake City, Utah. Meeting commenced at 9:35 a.m. Chairman Kim R. Burningham presided.

Members present were:

Chairman Kim R. Burningham  
Vice Chairman, Janet A. Cannon  
Member Dixie L. Allen  
Member R. Michael Anderson  
Member Linnea S. Barney  
Member Tim Beagley  
Member Laurel Brown  
Member Edward A. Dalton  
Member Greg W. Haws  
Member Denis R. Morrill  
Member David L. Moss  
Member John C. Pingree  
Member Joyce W. Richards  
Member Debra G. Roberts  
Member Teresa L. Theurer

Members Jed H. Pitcher and Sara V. Sinclair was excused.

Also present were:

Executive Officer Steven O. Laing  
Associate Superintendent Patti Harrington  
Associate Superintendent Patrick Ogden  
Associate Superintendent Raymond Timothy  
Executive Director, USOR, Blaine Petersen  
Public Affairs Director Mark Peterson  
Board Secretary Twila B. Affleck

Also present were:

Members of the Press:

Jennifer Toomer-Cook, Deseret Morning News  
Ronnie Lynn, Salt Lake Tribune  
Amy Stewart, Standard Examiner  
Dan Earley, Riverside Technology High School  
Mike Daniels, John Hancock Charter School  
Rick Johnson, Riverside Technology High School  
Lee Robinson, Superintendent, Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind  
Joe Oliva, Riverside Technology High School  
Russ LeBarron, Riverside Technology High School  
Lisa Larsen, Riverside Technology High School

Julie Steele, Riverside Technology High School  
Eric W. Stroys, Riverside Technology High School  
Mike Jacobsen, Weber School District  
Bryan Bowles, Davis School District  
Darrell K. White, Governor's Office  
Linda Smith, Legislative Coalition for People with Disabilities  
JoAnn Neilson, Utah PTA  
Cheryl Phipps, Utah PTA  
Marda Dillree, Utah State House of Representatives  
Scott Brown, Riverside Technology High School  
Jim Ferrin, Utah State House of Representatives  
Bruce Penland, Ogden City School District  
Martine Smith, Citizen  
Larry Madder, Salt Lake City School District

Utah State Office of Education staff:

Carolee Gunn, Student Achievement and School Success  
Hal L. Sanderson, Student Achievement and School Success  
Barbara Banks, Student Achievement and School Success  
Tina Morandy, Student Achievement and School Success  
Vicky Dahn, Student Achievement and School Success  
Linda Alder, Student Achievement and School Success

Board Member David L. Moss lead the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Member Teresa Theurer offered the Reverence.

Board Secretary Twila B. Affleck recorded the minutes.

Chairman Burningham excused Board Members Jed Pitcher and Sara Sinclair. He noted that Member Pitcher had attended the committee meetings earlier in the day.

Chairman Burningham shared a well-known quotation relative to education matters. He indicated that he has great aversion to the quote, and finds it negative and repugnant. The quote is from George Bernard Shaw: "Those who do, do and those who can't teach." In contrast to that another quotation that preceded the one by George Bernard Shaw from S.S. Alexander Pope, "Let such teach others who themselves excel." He understood that if you are going to be a valuable and successful teacher, it is fine to be excited about it, but you also need to know what you are talking about. Chairman Burningham stated that in the State of Utah we have many, many fine teachers, and he expressed appreciation to all of them who are excited about their topics and who have mastered the content.

#### U-PASS Program Test Results 2002-03 Report

Louise Moulding, Evaluation and Assessment Director presented a report of the results of the following assessment instruments: Stanford Achievement Test, Ninth Edition which is administered to students in grades 3, 5, 8 and 11; State criterion-referenced tests (CRTs); American College Test (ACT); Scholastic Achievement Test (SAT); Advanced Placement (AP); and the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). She indicated that all of

these assessments are required under the U-PASS Legislation. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 9202.)

### Coalition of Minorities Advisory Committee

#### (CMAC) Quarterly Report

Charlene Lui Chair-elect of the Coalition of Minorities Advisory Committee (CMAC) presented their Quarterly Report to the Board. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 9203.) Among the recommendations from the committee was that they urged the Board to convene a state summit to review and make recommendations on the achievement gap in test results.

Ms. Lui expressed appreciation for the time to present the report and for the support of the Associate Superintendents and especially Board Member Joyce Richards.

### Board Standing Committee Reports

#### **Finance Committee**

Member R. Michael Anderson, Chairman of the Finance Committee presented the following recommendations from the Committee:

#### RDA Mitigation Payments

Each year school districts report to the Utah State Office of Education School Finance Director the number, dollar amount and purpose of redevelopment agency mitigation payments made to school districts to alleviate financial burdens or detriments caused to the school district by a redevelopment, economic development or education housing development project under provisions of Section 17B-4-1002. Under provisions of Section 17B-4-1008, the redevelopment agency may pay to any school district with territory located within the project area any amount of money which is, in the agency's determination, appropriate to alleviate any financial burden or detriment caused to the school district by a redevelopment project. The report covered the time period July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2003. (For complete details of the report, see General Exhibit No. 9204.)

The Committee also heard from Larry Newton regarding his voting record on the RAD projects and affirm that Mr. Newton should continue to maintain his independence from other education representatives. It was noted that he does not always vote the line with all of education, but he bases every vote upon Board rules and what he deems most prudent for that particular issue. The Committee indicated their support of the way he has been voting.

The Committee received the reports as information.

### Charter School Revolving Loan Fund Approval

The Revolving Loan Fund Committee recommended to the Superintendent that he authorize the loan for the John Hancock Charter School in the amount of \$300,000.

#### **Curriculum & Instruction Committee**

Member Teresa L. Theurer, Chairman of the Curriculum Committee presented the following

recommendations from the Committee:

Elementary and Secondary School Core Curriculum, R277-700

Performance Plus has been in statewide discussion for several months, culminating in the Governor's Summit in the fall of 2003. The Board has listened to broad public feedback and has taken action accordingly on some aspects of Performance Plus, preparing the plan for implementation in Utah schools. One such action is a motion to change the high school graduation requirements and the rule regarding graduation requirements to match the Performance Plus proposal of October 29, 2003. R277-700, Elementary and Secondary School Core Curriculum was amended to reflect the changes. Member Theurer reviewed the amendments to the rule. (For complete details of the amended rule, see General Exhibit No. 9205.)

The Curriculum and Instruction Committee approved the amendments to R277-700, Elementary and Secondary School Core Curriculum on first reading and moves that the Board approve R277-700 on second reading. Motion carried unanimously.

Utah Agenda for Empowering Students With Disabilities

The Utah Agenda for Empowering Students with Disabilities is a strategic plan guiding the efforts of the Special Education Services Unit at the Utah State Office of Education. The Utah Agenda was originally developed in 1991 in collaboration with stakeholders to help ensure that resources were maximized in meeting the needs of students with disabilities. Over the past year, representatives from stakeholder groups have met to update the Utah Agenda and to align special education efforts with other major education initiatives. The Committee was apprised of key priorities and action strategies to empower students with disabilities in this changing and complex society. (For complete details of the report, see General Exhibit No. 9206.) The Committee chose five of the ten strategies submitted: 1, 2, 5, 6 and 10.

Utah State Instructional Materials Commission Report

Under S.B. 154, the 2003 Legislature changed the way in which schools and districts are allowed to purchase instructional materials from requiring them to select materials evaluated at the state level for accuracy and compatibility to the Core Curriculum to allowing them the ability to purchase any materials they desire, whether or not the materials have undergone evaluation by the Utah State Instructional Materials Commission. In a time of increased focus on standards, competencies, and research-based practices, it is the recommendation of the Commission that an examination of the purposes, policies, and procedures of the instruction materials adoption process be reviewed and reassessed for their effectiveness.

The Committee received the report on the activities of the Utah State Instructional Materials Commission,

its purpose, functions, and procedures. The report reviewed how the functions relate to *No Child Left Behind*, S.B. 154, and the Legislature's current RFP process. (For complete details of the report, see General Exhibit No. 9207.)

The Committee supported the three recommendations presented in the letter from the Instructional Materials Commission.

Motion was made by Member Teresa L. Theurer and seconded by Member John C. Pingree to encourage staff to adopt the three recommendations on page two of the letter. Motion carried unanimously.

Performance Plus Language for Section 504  
Students with Disabilities, and English  
Language Learners

The Performance Plus Task Force on Students with Disabilities presented proposed language for the Performance Plus document dealing with Section 504 Students with Disabilities, and English Language Learners. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 9208.)

The Committee reviewed the information and will hold it until other task forces have completed their work and Performance Plus is addressed as a whole.

**Law & Policy Committee**

Member David L. Moss, Chairman of the Law & Policy Committee presented the following recommendations from the Committee:

Educator Licensing Renewal  
R277-501

Amendments to R277-501, Educator Licensing Renewal were made to provide for specific amounts and types of professional development requirements for highly qualified teachers under No Child Left Behind. The amendment includes an additional change that was requested at the November 14 Board meeting regarding consistency with SB 154 (noted in Sections J and K). (For complete details of the amended rule, see General Exhibit No. 9209.)

The Committee approved the amendments to R277-501, Educator Licensing Renewal on first reading and moves that the Board approve R277-501 on second reading. Motion carried unanimously.

Charter School Application Review

Two Charter School Applications, the Ranches Academy and Riverside Technology High School were reviewed by the Committee on November 7, 2003. At that time the Law and Policy Committee requested that the Ranches Academy work on revisions to their charter and that Riverside Technology High School provide additional information along with a report of efforts to meet with NUAMES to discuss joining with them to create a single technology high school for the area.

**Ranches Academy**

Motion from the Committee that the application from the Ranches Academy in the Alpine School District

be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Riverside Technology High School**

Motion from the Committee that the application from the Riverside Technology High School in the Weber School District be approved.

Each Board Member was given an opportunity to comment on the recommended action to be taken. Those opposing the recommendation mainly expressed concern that it would be competing with a new century high school already chartered by the Davis, Ogden and Weber School Districts.

Members of the Law and Policy Committee voting in support of the charter school indicating that their recommendation was based on the application of the Riverside Technology High School and had nothing to do with the other school. Also, that the two schools would be serving a completely different set of the population.

Chairman Burningham called for a roll-call vote on the motion which failed with Members Allen, Anderson, Cannon, Morrill, Pingree, and Roberts voting in favor; Members Barney, Beagley, Brown, Dalton, Haws, Moss, Richards and Theurer voting against.

Motion was made by Member John C. Pingree and seconded by Vice Chairman Janet A. Cannon to approve the application effective one year from now, with a strong suggestion that NUAMES and Riverside work together to come up with a common program.

Member Ed Dalton questioned if there was an appropriate way put into the mix someone to facilitate working out the problems.

Member Denis Morrill clarified that the Board did not have any say over the NUAMES School.

Member Greg Haws commented that he understands the motion, however, that was not part of the Riverside application presented. He requested a representative from Riverside High School to comment if this would be agreeable to them.

Scott Brown, President of the Riverside High School Board of Directors stated that they would not be interested in approval one year from now that they would lose the support of businessmen and their IAF Grant.

Darrell White, Governor's Deputy for Education commented in behalf of NUAMES that they would be excited to work with Ogden City and to have a location in downtown Ogden. He clarified that the satellite locations are for grades 9 and 10.

Based on the statement from Riverside High School that they would not be interested in approval in one year, Members Pingree and Cannon withdrew their motion.

### **Public Participation/Comment**

Maura Carabello presented information relative to Havens for Learning the group supporting a change in legislation relative to guns in schools. She requested help in getting petitions signed and submitting them to make this

a ballot initiative. She requested that if Board members get petitions signed they return them to Havens for Learning. (For complete details of the material presented, see General Exhibit No. 9210.)

### General Consent Calendar

Member David L. Moss requested that Item G, Paraprofessional Qualifications, R277-524, be pulled from the General Consent Calendar and considered separately.

Motion was made by Member Teresa L. Theurer and seconded by Member Tim Beagley to approve the General Consent Calendar with the exception of Item G, Paraprofessional Qualifications, R277-524. Motion carried unanimously.

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of the Meeting of the State Board of Education held November 14, 2003.

2. Contracts

(a) Governor's Council for People with Disabilities. \$47,292. - Amend. - Fed.

To provide funds and operating guidelines for a statewide information and referral program (ACCESS UTAH NETWORK) to meet information needs for persons with disabilities and their families in the state of Utah. The program will be administered by the Utah Governor's Council for People with Disabilities.

(b) Xerox Corporation. \$131,430.60. 1/1/04-12/31/06.

To provide copy machines for the agency's use on the first and second floors.

(c) Digital Media Consulting, LLC. \$36,014.95. 1/1/04-6/30/05.

To provide hosting, continued development and modifications of the interactive School LAND Trust Program website.

(For complete details of the Contracts, see General Exhibit No. 9211.)

3. Educator Licensing Requests for Temporary Authorizations

Requests for Temporary Authorizations as submitted by the Schools Districts were reviewed and approved by the Board. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 9212.)

4. South Summit School District Interfund Transfer Authorization

State law allows the State Board of Education to give approval for a district to move money between funds. South Summit School District is asking permission to move approximately \$3,638,120 from their Building Reserve fund to the Tort Liability Fund. Moving the money will allow the district to pay a court ordered tax refund to Amoco Rockmount Company without having to impose a judgment levy on district taxpayers. The Board approved the transfer of approximately \$3,638,120 from the South Summit School District's Building Reserve Fund to their Tort Liability Fund. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 9213.)

## 5. Appropriate Licensing and Assignment of Teachers, R277-520

R277-520 was amended to include provisions for No Child Left Behind legislation and for Utah SB 154 legislation. The significant amendments to the rule integrate current programs to prepare teachers through the traditional university preparation, the alternative routes to licensure, definitions of federal “highly qualified” teachers and the SB 154 district competency-based licensure.

The Board at the November 14, 2003 meeting repealed and reenacted R277-520, Appropriate Licensing and Assignment of Teachers on second reading. There have been no substantive changes to the rule since that time. The Board approved R277-520 on third and final reading. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 9214.)

## 6. Athletic Coaching Certification, R277-517

Amendments to R277-517 provide for tracking athletic coaching qualifications and preparation and making this information available to the public as appropriate. The information will be included in the activity disclosure statements required from local school boards under Section 53A-3-420.

The Board, at the November 14, 2003 meeting approved R277-517, Athletic Coaching Certification on second reading. There have been no substantive changes to the rule since that time. The Board approved R277-517 on third and final reading. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 9215.)

## 7. Comprehensive Guidance, R277-462

The funds for the Comprehensive Guidance Program are now over-subscribed, and districts can no longer be held harmless when changes in enrollment result in a school dropping from one level of funding to another. Such a drop means a loss of \$10,500 or more per school, a devastating fluctuation for smaller districts. The amendments to R277-462 will provide funds on a base allocation for each school plus a per student allotment will eliminate such drastic fluctuations. Further, changing the enrollment count date from October 1 of the current fiscal year to October 1 of the previous fiscal year will allow district leaders to plan budgets well in advance for this personnel intensive program.

The Board at the November 14, 2003 meeting approved R277-462, Comprehensive Guidance on second reading. There have been no substantive changes to the rule since that time. The Board approved R277-462 on third and final reading. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 9216.)

## 8. Administrative Rule Review

Under provisions of 63-45a-9, U.C.A. 1953, all administrative rules shall be reviewed every five years. There may be minor non-substantive changes within these rules. The following rules were reviewed and approved:

R277-437	Student Enrollment Options
R277-735	Standards and Procedures for Corrections Education Programs Serving Inmates of the Utah Department of Corrections
R280-201	USOR ADA Complaint Procedure
R280-202	USOR Procedures for Individuals with the Most Severe Disabilities

(For complete details of the Rules, see General Exhibit No. 9217.)

## 9. Monthly Budget Report

The Monthly Budget Report provides information to the Board in meeting its fiduciary responsibilities

toward the Utah State Office of Education and the Utah State Office of Rehabilitation. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 9218.)

#### 10. List of Applicants for Licenses

A summary of the list of applicants for initial and renewal licenses. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 9219.)

#### 11. Claims Report

The Claims Report for November 30, 2003 in the amount of \$155,509,357.62 was approved by the Board. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 9220.)

Item G, Paraprofessional Qualifications, R277-524 - Amendments to bring the rule into compliance with No Child Left Behind Legislation were presented. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 9221.)

Motion was made by Member David L. Moss and seconded by Member R. Michael Anderson to adopt the amendments presented in R277-524 Paraprofessional Qualifications and approve the rule on third reading and final reading. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Executive Session

Motion was made by Vice Chairman Janet A. Cannon and seconded by Member R. Michael Anderson to move into an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel issues. The Board was polled and by unanimous consent of those present that Board moved into an executive session at 12:10 p.m.

Motion was made by Member Denis R. Morrill and seconded by Vice Chairman Janet A. Cannon to reconvene into open meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The board reconvened at 1:05 p.m.

#### Board Chairman Report

##### **Employers' Education Coalition**

Chairman Burningham introduced Fraser Bullock former Chairman of the Governor's Employers' Education Coalition. Mr. Bullock commented that last spring after a flurry of activity in the education arena there were a lot of articles flowing back and forth in the newspaper. It occurred to him that the focus of those articles were in the few areas of disagreement. In fact, we were probably agreeable on 80 percent of the issues between education, business and other third parties. He approached Ralph Haws at that point and suggested that they focus on common elements and work together on them, set aside the things they don't agree on and recognize that. Since then they have been engaged in collaborative work together on common ground. He has been working with Superintendents Barry Newbold, and Stephen Ronnenkamp and Ralph Haws. Mr. Bullock felt that if the Business community could agree on two things we could get past all of the disagreements. The first is a road map how we are going from here to where we want to get to, an implementation plan of all the things crushing the education effort between No Child Left Behind, U-PASS and SB 154. This is not to discredit the great work already being done. They have always stated that the teachers are the heros in the system and that Utah does more with less than anywhere

else in the country. Secondly they would like to see some indication that we have already made progress on some of these things.

Mr. Bullock reported that this group suggested a small working group be put together representing various elements of education and some business. Mr. Bullock indicated that he resigned as chairman of Employers' Education Coalition and will now be heading up this working group as an independent person who would help bring the two groups together. He indicated that this would provide a mutual support group that would focus on common elements and present these items to the legislature.

Mr. Bullock suggested that composition of the small group be two members of the Employers' Education Coalition, he and John Bennion, Superintendents Newbold and Ronnenkamp, Patti Harrington, from the State Office of Education/State Board of Education, and Pat Rusk from the Utah Education Association. The idea was to keep it less than ten people. Superintendent Laing commented that this is a great opportunity that the Board ought to embrace to see if there isn't some areas we all can agree on.

Chairman Burningham also commented also that this is a wonderful opportunity and we need support of the whole state. Board Members suggested the group include a minority representative and a rural representative.

Mr. Bullock clarified that the working group would make interim reports to each group for endorsements.

Chairman Burningham expressed appreciation to Mr. Bullock for taking the time to come and address the Board and for his concern for public education. He pledged support from the Board for this effort.

#### Executive Session Actions

##### **Utah Professional Practices Advisory Commission Recommendations**

Motion was made by Member David L. Moss and seconded by Member Tim Beagley that the Board adopt the Commission recommendation for a reinstatement of a license in Case No. 00-525 that the educator license of a former teacher in the Granite School District be reinstated, with conditions. The license was previously suspended as a result of the educator's use of excessive physical force against students. Motion carried with Members Barney, Beagley, Cannon, Dalton, Morrill, Moss, Pingree, Richards and Theurer voting in favor; Members Allen, Anderson, Brown and Haws voting against.

Motion was made by Member David L. Moss and seconded by Vice Chairman Janet A. Cannon that the Board adopt the Commission recommendation in Case No. 03-649 and revoke the license of a former educator in Uintah School District, based upon default. The action is taken following the educator's arrival at school under the influence of alcohol. A complaint was sent but no response was received. The educator failed to respond to a letter and multiple telephone calls. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Member David L. Moss and seconded by Member Tim Beagley that the Board adopt the Commission recommendation in Case No. 03-660 and accept a stipulated agreement, including conditions of the

agreement, where by a former teacher in the Davis School District voluntarily surrenders her educator license in lieu of a hearing for purposes of suspension for a period of 18 months from the date of formal action by the State Board of Education. The suspension results from a plea in abeyance to a class A misdemeanor theft charge. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Member David L. Moss and seconded by Member Tim Beagley that the Board adopt the Commission recommendation in Case No. 03-663 and accept a stipulated agreement, including conditions of the agreement, whereby a former teacher in Nebo School District, voluntarily surrenders his educator license in lieu of a hearing for purposes of suspension for two years from the date of formal action by the State Board of Education. The suspension results from his misappropriation of school district funds. Motion carried unanimously.

(For complete details of the Utah Professional Practices Advisory Commission, see General Exhibit No. 9222.)

### **Utah Statewide Independent Living Council**

Motion was made by Member Laurel O. Brown and seconded by Member Tim Beagley to appoint Donna Gleaves and to reappoint Linda Smith, Mark Smith, Marvin Fifield, Debra Mair, Theresa Walker and Nancy Bentley to the Utah Statewide Independent Living Council; terms to expire September 2006. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Governor's Committee on Employment of People With Disabilities**

Motion was made by Member Laurel O. Brown and seconded by Member Tim Beagley to appoint Kenneth M. Reid and Karalee H. Smith to the Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities. Terms to expire January 2008. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Coalition for Minorities Advisory Committee (CMAC)**

Motion was made by Member Joyce W. Richards and seconded by Member Tim Beagley to appoint Gay Pinnecoose, Native American; Soulee L.K.O. Stroud, Pacific Islander; reappointed; David R. Chavez, Hispanic/Latino; Kitty Stewart and Charlotte Starks, African Americans reappointed. Terms to expire December 31, 2005. Motion carried unanimously.

### **State Board Leadership**

Vice Chairman Janet Cannon reported that she had called for nominations for Board Chairman and Vice Chairman. She had received nominations or intentions from Kim Burningham for Chairman and Janet Cannon as Vice Chairman. She asked for any further nominations. No further nominations were received.

Motion was made by Member R. Michael Anderson and seconded by Member Edward A. Dalton to elect Kim R. Burningham, Chairman and Janet A. Cannon, Vice Chairman by acclamation. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Utah School Boards Association Board of Directors**

Vice Chairman Cannon asked for nominations for a member to represent the Board on the Utah School

Boards Association Board of Directors.

Member Joyce Richard nominated Debra Roberts. Member Roberts declined the nomination due to family obligations.

Member Laurel O. Brown nominated Member Ed Dalton. No further nominations were received.

Motion was made by Vice Chairman Janet A. Cannon and seconded by Member David L. Moss to elect Member Edward A. Dalton to represent the State Board on the Utah School Boards Association. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Cannon expressed appreciation to Member Denis Morrill who has served as the Board's representative on the Utah School Boards Association Board of Directors for the past two years.

Member Denis Morrill commended Chairman Burningham and Vice Chairman Cannon for the progress that the Board has made during the past three years. He expressed appreciation for their willingness to put in the time.

#### Executive Officer Report

Superintendent Steven O. Laing presented the following items of information:

Dr. Laing reported that Cathy Dudley in the Finance and Statistics section has been recognized as a Certified Government Financial Manager. This is after some training and making application for this designation.

Dr. Laing distributed a Budget pamphlet prepared by Patrick Ogden. He noted that it was in draft form, and if anyone has suggestions or modifications to please let him know. A color copy will be available by the next board meeting. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 9223.)

Dr. Laing reviewed the following documents which were distributed to Board Members: (1) A list of bills filed in the legislature that deal with education. He noted that there is not substance behind these issues. (2) A letter from Kent Mitchie, Zions Financial Corporation, to Governor Walker talking about substantial savings that has accrued to school districts under school bond guarantee act. (3) A copy of a letter from Frasier Bullock along with a letter from Tom Bingham relative to statements made in a committee about education apologizing for poor characterization of how it went out. (4) A copy of the USBA/USSA legislative brochure. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 9224.)

Associate Superintendent Patti Harrington reported on the Performance Plus Task Forces. She indicated that two of the Task Forces have already completed their work and the others are moving steadily forward.

Dr. Laing noted that seven board members are up for reelection next year. He indicated that if they decide to run they need to file to be a candidate in the March window. He noted that SB 154 is in place and has not been changed and there will be a committee created to recruit candidates for the Board.

Dr. Laing reported that on December 10 the Governor's budget for Education will be released. The time and place has yet to be determined. As soon as we receive more details we will let you know. All Board members are

invited to attend.

Dr. Laing distributed information prepared by the Utah School Public Relations Association about What You Should Know About Public Education along with a flow-chart of grilling down into the key points which was prepared by Mark Peterson. Dr. Laing expressed appreciation to Mark Peterson for his creativity and insight.

#### Board Chairman Report Cont.

Chairman Kim R. Burningham presented the following items of information:

Chairman Burningham distributed Information from the Department of Health relative to injuries in schools.

Chairman Burningham noted that caucus meeting cards have been distributed by the Utah School Boards Association. They are seeking to identify people who are planning to attend caucus meetings in mid March. He requested that Board Members please fill out the cards and give to Twila to mail.

Chairman Burningham clarified the January meeting schedule as follows: Board Meeting on January 8 and 9 in connection with the Utah School Boards Association Convention. On January 8, the regular Board meeting. That evening there is a dinner with the USBA Board of Directors, followed by a program where the Gubernatorial candidates will be speaking. On January 9, the Board is invited to participate in the USBA Convention Opening Session. In the afternoon, the Board will meet for a strategic planning session. That evening the Board is invited to attend the USBA banquet at which Governor Walker will speak. He noted that the USBA Convention will continue on January 10.

Chairman Burningham noted that the strategic planning session is to (1) evaluate our current actions in terms of how well we have met our goals; (2) do we want to change the goals or leave them the same; and (3) develop a schedule for the coming year of accomplishing the goals.

Chairman Burningham commented that having been reelected as chair, he genuinely likes the work very much and he is energized and positive and deeply committed. He further commented that we are involved in some critical decisions at this point, and he really likes the people he works with. He has a great respect for Superintendent Laing who is a really close friend. He also expressed appreciation and respect for the Board members and the staff.

Chairman Burningham commented that he did not contemplate great changes in the committee assignments. However, if someone would like to change to please let he or Janet know in the next couple of weeks.

Motion to adjourn was made by Member Teresa L. Theurer and seconded by Member R. Michael Anderson to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m. The Board held a lunch and holiday social.