

UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES

February 14, 1997

Minutes of the meeting of the State Board for Applied Technology Education and the State Board of Education held February 14, 1997, at the Utah State Office of Education, Salt Lake City, Utah. Meeting commenced at 10:40 a.m. Board Vice Chairman John L. Watson presided.

Members present were:

Vice Chairman John L. Watson
Member, Linnea S. Barney
Member Neola Brown
Member Janet A. Cannon
Member Cheryl Ferrin
Member Lynn Haslem
Member Susan C. Henshaw
Member Boyd F. Jensen
Member Jill Kennedy
Member Kay McDonough
Member Joyce W. Richards
Member Marilyn Shields
Member Waynette Steel

Chairman Katharine B. Garff was excused from the meeting.
Member C. Grant Hurst was excused for the first part of the meeting.

Also present were:

Executive Officer Scott W. Bean
Deputy Superintendent Laurie A. Chivers
Associate Superintendent Robert O. Brems
Associate Superintendent Steven O. Laing
Associate Superintendent Jerry P. Peterson
Executive Director, USOR, Blaine Petersen
Public Information Office, Eileen Rencher
Board Secretary Twila B. Affleck

Also present for portions of the Board meeting were:

Members of the Press:

Cheryl Buchta, Standard Examiner
Marjorie Cortez, Deseret News
Kathy Kapos, Salt Lake Tribune

Lee W. Robinson, Superintendent, Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind
James D. Cooper, Trust Lands Administration
Fran Stultz, Governor's Office
Dale Zabriskie, Zabriskie and Associates
Larry H. Davis, Davis School District
Christy W. Schumann, Davis School District
Thomas A. Feil, Davis School District
Richard Maughan, Superintendent, Bridgerland Applied Technology Center
Con Rowley, Governor's Office of Planning and Budget

Members, State Office of Education Staff:

LesLee Ardelean, Applied Technology Services
Jerald Mikesell, Agency Services
Judy Petersen, Applied Technology Services
Robert Petersen, Agency Services
Jeff Rydalch, Instructional Services
Barbara Lawrence, Instructional Services
Jill Montoya, Applied Technology Services
Lynn Jensen, Applied Technology Services
Doug Bates, Agency Services
Bonnie Morgan, Instructional Services
Nate Taggart, Agency Services

Vice Chairman John L. Watson excused Chairman Garff and Member Hurst.

The Board repeated the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Member Janet A. Cannon offered a reverence.

Board secretary Twila B. Affleck recorded the minutes.

Recognitions

The Board recognized **Davis School District and Fairfield Junior High School in the Davis School District, recipients of the Planning for Life Award**. Board Member Joyce Richards explained the Planning for Life National Awards Recognition Program. Member Richards indicated that the program is sponsored by the United States Army and is administered by the National Consortium of State Career Guidance Supervisors. The program recognizes exemplary career guidance programs in schools nationwide. Recipients of the Planning for Life Award are schools and school districts that have implemented model comprehensive guidance and career planning programs that are helping our youth plan effectively for their future and the world in which they live.

Lt. Col. Daniel Fay of the United States Army expressed appreciation and congratulations to Fairfield Junior High School and the Davis District and presented certificates to Mary Ann Thurgood, Jesse Dehay, and Dr. Christine Blanch of the Fairfield Junior High School and Diann Davis, Coordinator Comprehensive Guidance and Student Services, Davis School District. Lt. Col. Fay indicated that the Army is a partner with Education.

Diann Davis expressed appreciation for the award. She expressed appreciation to the State Office staff, Judy Petersen and Lynn Jensen for their forward vision. She also expressed appreciation to the schools for their participation. Mary Ann Thurgood also expressed appreciation for the award and for the comprehensive guidance program.

The Board recognized **Dr. Richard L. Maughan, Superintendent, Bridgerland Applied Technology Center who was recently honored by the Cache Chamber of Commerce with the Small Business Advocate of the**

Year Award. Member Cheryl Ferrin indicated that the recognition credits Dr. Maughan and the BATC as being a major contributor to the economic success of Cache Valley and the Northern Utah area. In particular, the contributions mentioned in this award are the Custom Fit training, excellent training programs, a Center reputation for excellence, and the "can-do" attitude of Dr. Maughan and his staff.

Member Ferrin congratulated Dr. Maughan and presented him with a plaque from the Board for this well deserved recognition.

Dr. Maughan expressed appreciation to the Board and indicated that this honor should not just go to him but could go to the Board, the ATC staff, any of the ATC superintendents. He further expressed appreciation for the Board's support of the applied technology programs and the opportunities it provides to young people and to adults as well.

Executive Officer Report

Superintendent Scott W. Bean presented the following items of information.

Conoco and Staircase National Monument -- Superintendent Bean introduced Jim Cooper from the State and Institutional Trust Lands Administration and Dale Zabriskie whose public relations firm represents Conoco who holds leases in the Staircase National Monument. Mr. Zabriskie reported that Conoco has asked the State of Utah for permission to drill an exploratory well on land it leases from the state in the Reese Canyon area of the recently created Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument. Mr. Zabriskie indicated that Conoco holds existing, valid leases on 140,000 acres of state and federal land within the monument in southern Utah, and another 85,000 acres on lands adjacent to the monument. Conoco has been evaluating the potential for oil and gas development in the area for more than two years. Mr. Zabriskie presented a packet of information relative to Conoco's plans for exploration in this area. He pointed out that Conoco has eight prospects within the monument, and we are talking about just one of those. If that one prospect were to produce 150 million barrels of oil, the federal revenue would be \$864 million, the state would receive \$313 million, State Trust Lands would receive \$33 million and the counties would receive \$94 million for a total of \$1.3 billion. Mr. Zabriskie then showed a video relative to this proposed project. He gave each Board member a copy of the video and asked that they show it to people to help explain this request and what it represents to the school children of Utah. (For complete details of the material distributed, see General Exhibit No. 7702.)

Jim Cooper, State and Institutional Trust Lands, stated how pleased they are that Conoco has stepped forward with this proposal, and feel they are a responsible partner for development of this area. He indicated that the first well will be drilled for experimental purposes only; all others will be required to go through all environmental assessments, etc.

Superintendent Bean expressed appreciation to Mr. Cooper and Mr. Zabriskie. He stated that this has tremendous implications for establishing the value of the trust lands. He indicated that it is critical, and he hoped that Conoco would not bend to the pressures and would continue with this exploratory well.

Authorization of Student Clubs and Organizations --.Doug Bates, School Law and Legislation presented for information the non-substantive changes made to the rule since the third reading last board meeting.

The following were the changes made: One clause setting up limitations in club charters, "Action or advocacy of imminent action involving the harassment or the denigration of any person(s)." Delete the remainder of the sentence. (2) The listing of the statute involving presentation or discussion of information relating to the use of contraceptive devices or substances, regardless of whether the use is for purpose of contraception, without the prior written, informed consent of the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of those students participating in the discussion. Since there is a clause already that prohibits students from engaging in this that violating the law on this, it is surplus so we deleted this statement. (3) In the club name section, even though we had in the body of the rule relative to authorization of clubs, that we again add the Section of the Code in this area of club names

the following: imply that the club would operate in violation of Section 53A-3-419 or other law or rule... (For complete details of the corrected rule, see General Exhibit No. 7703.)

Superintendent Bean indicated that these are simply improvements to the rule and are non-substantive and therefore are provided only for information.

Mr. Bates indicated that the Granite School District has started its process and is planning to hold hearings throughout the district on the development of their rule.

Mr. Bates reported that at the present time it appears we will not have a lawsuit relative to this issue. If this holds true, it will save the state a great deal of money and the school district a great deal of hassle.

USOE Organizational Changes -- Dr. Bean reviewed the organizational changes recently made in the office. He indicated that most of the changes were in the Curriculum and Strategic Planning areas. He distributed a copy of the organizational chart.

Council for Exceptional Children -- Associate Superintendent Jerry Peterson reported that the Council for Exceptional Children Organization has been around for 75 years, and has a membership of about 50,000 people. This year, due to a lot of efforts from our state staff, this organization will be meeting in Salt Lake City, bringing in 5-7,000 people. He indicated that a program, agenda and outline was given to the board. Jeff Rydahlch, of the Granite School District has been added to our staff for one year to handle this conference. Superintendent Bean indicated that if board members were interested in attending this conference they should let Twila know.

Blue Ribbon Schools -- Ferrin Elementary School has been selected for a site visit in the Blue Ribbon Schools awards. The final announcement will be made in May.

Media Coverage of Education -- Eileen Rencher presented a video on the public education coverage through the electronic media.

Board Chairman Report

Member Janet Cannon reported on her participation in the **National Association of State Boards of Education Governmental Affairs Committee**. She indicated that her main interest in serving on this committee was because of the school trust lands. Many people on the committee had never heard about trust lands and their purpose and were surprised about what has happened in Utah relative to school trust lands. It is the feeling of that Committee that we need to come together and determine what the role of the federal government is in terms of education and the states. One area we are looking at is that a student educated in Utah would know the same information as a student educated in New York City.

Member Kay McDonough reported on her participation in the **National Association of State Boards of Education Standards and Assessment Study Group**. She distributed information she had received from that study group. The study group is particularly looking at a lot of change in the standards. There is a need to compare with other states "high stakes testing", talking about assessment that enhances curriculum and teaching, and the purpose of assessment programs in terms of measuring student progress, consequences for teachers, etc. and that we insure states include all kids in testing.

Vice Chairman Watson reminded the Board that if they have items to be included in this section of the agenda they should contact Twila prior to the meeting so they can be properly recognized.

Committee Reports

Administration, Finance and Legislation Committee

Board Member Marilyn Shields, Chairman of the Administration, Finance and Legislation Committee presented the following recommendations from the Committee:

Certification Committee Agenda

The Certification Committee heard recommendations from the **Professional Practices Advisory Commission:**

Case No. 96-380, acceptance of a stipulated agreement whereby Ernest Kim Johnson, a former educator in the Provo School District, will voluntarily surrender his certificate, in lieu of a hearing, for purposes of having it revoked by the State Board of Education. This is as a result of alleged unprofessional conduct.

Case No. 96-386, acceptance of a stipulated agreement whereby David V. Moyar, a former teacher in the Nebo School District, will voluntarily surrender his teaching certificate, in lieu of a hearing, for purposes of having it revoked by the State Board of Education. This is as a result of alleged sexual misconduct.

Case No. 92-294, that the certification of Gregory Williams, a former teacher in the Cache School District, be reinstated. His certificate was previously suspended for sexual misconduct.

Case No. 96-392, acceptance of a stipulated agreement whereby Cindy Cutlip, a former teacher in the Ogden School District, will voluntarily surrender her teaching certificate, in lieu of a hearing, for purposes of having it revoked by the State Board of Education. This is as a result of unprofessional conduct.

Motion from the Committee to adopt the recommendations of the Professional Practices Advisory Commission relative to the above four cases. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion from the Committee to approve the Special Request for a waiver requested by Morgan District for the employment of Paul Warner to serve as Interim Superintendent. Mr. Warner had an Administrative/Supervisory Certificate that expired in 1991. This position is for the balance of this school year while the district conducts a search for a new superintendent.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the requests for Temporary Authorization as presented in the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

(For complete details of the Certification Committee Agenda, see General Exhibit No. 7704.)

Utah Goals 2000 Developments Report

The Committee received a report on the Goals 2000 efforts and future directions, including project summaries. It was noted that Utah has been involved in Title III of the *Goals 2000: Educate America Act* since 1994. Utah's participation in this federal initiative is based on the *Utah Strategic Planning Act for Educational Excellence*. (For complete details of the report, see General Exhibit No. 7705.)

Motion from the Committee to accept the report and project summaries as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Status of Legislation for the 1997 Legislative Session

The Committee reviewed the recommended position for the State Board on various bills currently before the Utah Legislature. (For complete details of the recommendations, see General Exhibit No. 7706.)

Motion from the Committee to approve the recommendations presented with the exception of the

recommendation on **HB 138, Student Education/Occupation Plan Amendments.**

Member Janet Cannon reported that last year the legislature passed a law indicating that there would be an individual **SEOP** on the secondary level for all students 7-12 that includes parents. This law as originally put forward maintain the SEOP with parents grades 7-12. Now the amendment leaves out the SEOP in the 12th grade with parents. She has been working on this at the school and district level and feels that parents need to be included in this program through the 12th grade.

Associate Superintendent Rob Brems reported that one of the things we have been involved with is looking at the do ability of the bill passed last year, which required not only an individual conference every year 7-12, but also a small group conference. As we looked at that and discussed with PTA, Lynn Jensen and Rep. Frandsen, we felt like in the 12th grade that the individual conference would be option but we would still require the small group conference for 12th graders. Then rather than have the small group conferences every year, they would be required in grade 7 or 9 or 10 depending on which was the first year in high school.

Member Cannon indicated that her real concern is that parents are not participating in SEOP's.

Discussion ensued relative to the importance the Board has placed on the SEOP and the fact they did not want to see that diminished. It was noted that counselors track 12th grade students more than any other time they are in school and this was the reason for the amendment in the legislation.

Member Cannon indicated that the place we maybe need to start is to push for counselors ratios in the schools of 1 to 250 or 275 or whatever is deemed to be appropriate, rather than the way it is now.

Motion was made by Member Janet A. Cannon and seconded by Member Boyd F. Jensen that the State Board of Education hold the position on HB 138 with concern for including parents in the SEOP conference in the 12th grade. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion that the Board accept the positions recommended with the exception of HB 138. Motion carried unanimously.

Legislature's Preliminary Recommendations on the 1997-98 Budget

The Committee received a comparison of the Board of Education's request with the Governor's budget, the Legislature's preliminary recommendations, and the Legislative Analyst's recommendations. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 7707.)

Superintendent Bean reviewed the comparisons of the Governor's budget and that being recommended the analyst and the committee action thus far. He indicated that the budget reductions are very serious to public education. He state that he felt that quality is being eliminated in public education.

Dr. Bean indicated that in the last two years the legislature has reduced taxes because they have had significant revenues coming in from those taxes. However, the annual amount is about \$200 million, most of it coming from property tax and income tax which affects the uniform school fund. If you have reductions in those areas and you come to a point where you need to increase taxes, it isn't a big tax increase they are talking about, whether it be gas, bonding for buildings or whatever, it seems that in fairness that if it is okay to reduce taxes by a total of \$200 million annually over a two year period, it would also be fair to increase them by \$30-40 million annually which would still give the taxpayer a significant reduction over what taxes were two years ago.

Member Grant Hurst was present for the remainder of the meeting.

Motion from the Committee to receive the report. Motion carried unanimously.

Curriculum & Instruction Committee

Member Waynette Steel, Chairman of the Curriculum and Instruction Committee presented the following recommendations from the Committee:

Position Statement on Reading

As mentioned at the Board's study session on December 15, the position statement on reading prepared by staff was presented for discussion by the Committee. The statement endorses instructional practices that teach the full reading process from symbol to sound to meaning. It stresses the important roles of families, schools, and communities in teaching students to read and pledges the leadership and support of the State board of Education and State Office of Education to succeed in this effort. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 7708.)

Motion from the Committee that the Board adopt the Position Statement on Reading.

Member Grant Hurst commented that the position paper is great and if we can implement it, it will probably suppose itself into some major improvement in reading in the State of Utah. There are a lot of components where the state board has little control. Member Hurst suggested that we need to go a step further, and develop action plans that will follow this. He felt that in the adoption of the position statement we need to include that a team of staff and board members be developed to create some action plans that will make this pro-active.

Member Janet Cannon indicated she had some of the same type of concerns as Member Hurst. There is a hot bed of interest in reading in her area, and a big concern about schools in the area that have adopted a whole language approach. She further voiced concern that we do not want to follow the failings of California and Texas regarding whole language. Member Cannon distributed a synopsis she compiled of several reading studies showing effective reading programs. Also included in the paper was information for the Board relative to its responsibility in policymaking. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 7709.)

Member Cannon felt the position paper presented was very vague and did not give very much in the way of direction.

Member Cheryl Ferrin questioned how do we know how effective these reading programs are and how do we determine their strengths and weaknesses?

Bonnie Morgan, Curriculum Director responded that we do some of this through the textbook adoption committee to make sure we are recommending successful programs to the districts. This list is then published and given to each school. It is also currently being put on Internet. Dr. Morgan indicated that there is no one program that is a panacea for reading instruction.

Associate Superintendent Jerry Peterson commented that in developing issues paper we said as a state board and state agency this is what we believe reading is. This document is based on research and effective school practices.

Member Hurst further commented that the core curriculum is out there, and we now need to identify things that help develop implementation of it.

Member Cheryl Ferrin recommend an amendment to the document in the paragraph below the bullets that we encourage children to read to parents.

Further discussion ensued relative to the development of the position paper presented.

Substitute Motion was made by Member C. Grant Hurst and seconded by Member Boyd F. Jensen that the State Board adopt the Position Statement on Reading, with the exception that action plans be written by staff on how to implement it. Motion carried with Members Barney, Brown, Ferrin, Haslem, Henshaw, Hurst, Jensen, Kennedy, McDonough, Richards, Shields, and Steel voting in favor; Member Cannon opposed.

Proposed Special Education (Birth-Age 5)

Certification Requirements, R277-504

Revisions in these certification requirements were necessary because of changes in federal and state law, innovative practices in the field, and increased knowledge in intervention procedures appropriate for use with young children. The State Advisory Committee on Teacher Education (SACTE) reviewed and approved the revised requirements, and the Curriculum and Instruction Committee approved this rule on first reading. (For complete details of the Certification Requirements for Special Education (Birth-Age 5), see General Exhibit No. 7710.)

Motion from the Committee that the State Board of Education approve Rule R277-504, Early Childhood Elementary, Secondary, Special Education (K-12), Communication Disorders, and Special Education (Birth-Age 5) Certification, on second reading. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session

Motion was made by Member C. Grant Hurst and seconded by Member Marilyn Shields that the Board move into executive session to discuss personnel issues. The Board was polled and by unanimous consent of those present the Board moved into executive session during lunch at 1:25 p.m.

Motion was made by Member Marilyn Shields and seconded by Member Lynn Haslem to reconvene. Motion carried unanimously.

Open Meeting

The Board reconvened into open meeting at 2:30 p.m.

Disability Determination Advisory Council.

Motion was made by Member Lynn Haslem and seconded by Member C. Grant Hurst to appoint Lori Smith as an alternate to the Disability Determination Advisory Council.

Applied Technology Center and Applied Technology Service Center Boards

Further, to approve the names presented to service on the Applied Technology Center and Applied Technology Service Center Boards. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 7411.) Motion carried with Members Barney, Brown, Cannon, Ferrin, Haslem, Henshaw, Hurst, Jensen, Kennedy, McDonough, Richards, and Shields voting in favor; Member Steel absent.

Applied Technology and Rehabilitation Committee

Member Lynn Haslem, Chairman, Applied Technology and Rehabilitation Committee presented the following recommendations from the Committee:

Proposed Use of Defense Depot Ogden Space By Ogden Weber Applied Technology Center

Last month Superintendent Brent Wallis of the Ogden Weber Applied Technology Center approached the Board to obtain approval to explore the possibility of acquiring facilities made available through the "Re-Use" program at the former Defense Depot Ogden facility. Superintendent Wallis reported in the Committee this morning that the Ogden and Weber School Districts and the ATC have agreed to pursue conveyance of DDO facilities to the Weber School District rather than the State Board and the ATC. He also reported that the ATC will work with

Weber School District to secure some space at the facility in which to locate the Warehouse Management Program currently operated on the OWATC campus. (For complete details of the proposal, see General Exhibit No. 7712.)

Motion from the Committee that the State board receive the proposal and authorize the Ogden Weber Applied Technology Center to develop an agreement with Weber School District for use of their facilities at the former Defense Depot Ogden. The developed agreement will be returned to the State Board at a future meeting for final approval. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposed Lineman Program at Ogden Weber Applied Technology Center

The Committee heard a presentation by the Ogden Weber Applied Technology Center and Utah Valley State College. The two institutions have developed plans for a lineman program to be operated at the Ogden Weber ATC campus. The program would be a cooperative venture between Ogden Weber ATC and Utah Valley State College and would utilize the presently operating Ogden Weber ATC electrical apprenticeship training program and the lineman program from UVSC to satisfy the request of Hill Air Force Base and local municipalities which hire non-union linemen. The venture is very much in the spirit of cooperation between public and higher education and will fill an important need in Northern Utah. UVSC will be making a similar request to the State Board of Regents in an upcoming meeting. (For complete details of the proposed program, see General Exhibit No. 7713.)

Motion from the Committee that the State Board receive the proposal and approve the Lineman Program at Ogden Weber Applied Technology Center to be operated collaboratively by OWATC and UVSC. Motion carried with Members Barney, Brown, Cannon, Haslem, Henshaw, Hurst, Jensen, Kennedy, McDonough, Richards, Shields and Steel voting in favor; Member Ferrin absent.

Sevier Valley ATC Campus - Proposal to Construct Multiple-Events Center

Superintendent Carl Holmes presented a plan to construct a multiple-events center on the campus of the Sevier Valley Applied Technology Center in Richfield. The project is a combined effort of the Sevier School District, Richfield City, and SVATC. Funding for the project will come from a recent school district bond election, private donations, a zero-interest federal loan, and possible state funding being requested of the Legislature by a Sevier County coalition. If the project is realized, the new facility would house programs operated by the school district and SVATC. Because of the usage by SVATC, a future request for maintenance and operations funding may be made to the Board. (For complete details of the proposal, see General Exhibit No. 7714.)

Motion from the Committee that the State Board approve the request of the Sevier Valley Applied Technology Center Board and Administration to proceed with this project and return to the board, if it is successful, with a request for increased assistance for M & O.

Member Grant Hurst voiced concern and questioned the mission of ATC's and why we would be participating in the building of a "basketball stadium or auditorium" at an open-entry, open-exit facility. He further voiced concern that we need an ATC in the Salt Lake County area more than we need a multiple events center in Sevier.

Member Haslem commented that the difference in this from that which we may possibly normally hear is that the most we would be asked for from state funding would be \$1.5 million, the remainder is anticipated to come from elsewhere. Further, this facility would serve much more than just the ATC, it would be a multi-agency facility.

Member Boyd Jensen commented that the people in this area have approved the bond, and for a small community this is a positive step forward.

Member Neola Brown commented that this is a community effort which will serve the entire region.

Member Hurst further commented that this is how academic creep starts. We have two wonderful trade institutions in Salt Lake and Orem that we have moved from a basic mission of applied technology and skilled training to being diploma mills.

Superintendent Bean expressed concern that legislative backing for this proposal and will supplant the Board's priority listing sent to DFCM and the legislature. Instead of taking the priority we have submitted, this will take immediate priority over the other projects that really have to do with applied technology education. Dr. Bean indicated he realized this community needs something like this, but he did not want to see this supplant our prioritized list.

Member Lynn Haslem indicated he would feel uncomfortable in saying we will not support it because we are also talking about 24 teaching stations.

Associate Superintendent Rob Brems indicated that this appears to be an athletic performing arts facility, although we are trying to integrate ATC classrooms around the facility.

Further discussion ensued relative to the concern that the current priority list would be eroded with this proposal.

Vice Chairman John Watson questioned the M & O process in the long-term indicating that this year it is \$1.5 million, what will it be for future years. It was noted that this was not discussed by the committee but that the entities involved in the M & O would be the School District, the ATC, and possibly the county.

Following further discussion relative to being in favor of the proposal without eroding the capital facilities priorities already established by the Board, the original motion from the committee failed with Members Haslem and Jensen voting in favor; Members Barney, Brown, Cannon, Ferrin, Henshaw, Hurst, Kennedy, McDonough, Richards, Shields, and Steel voting against.

Motion was made by Member Lynn Haslem and seconded by Member Marilyn Shields that the Board approve the request of the Sevier Valley Applied Technology Center to proceed in a collaborative local effort to develop a multiple-use facility on the Sevier Valley ATC campus with the condition that any request for state funding not circumvent or interfere with the Board's capital facility request as adopted by the Board and submitted to the Legislature. Motion carried unanimously.

Utah Applied Technology Conference **Proposed Change of Format**

It was reported that the Utah Applied Technology Conference is a regular tradition and is now in its forty-third year. With the growth in attendance and the associated problems of facilities and lodging, the ATE staff has developed several possible format changes to this important event. The changes include moving the date of the conference from June to the first week in August which coincides better with the opening of school in the districts, ATCs and higher education institutions. The new format will focus on in-depth workshops lasting from one to three days each, which will annually provide upgrade training to the state's applied technology educators. In addition to using the Bridgerland and USU campuses in Logan, some sections will be located at other ATCs, colleges, or high schools throughout the state. A combined general session will still be held utilizing the State's EdNet System. State Board members will be invited to participate in the workshops according to preference and location. Brian Palfreyman, Executive Director of the Utah Vocational Association was present and expressed the support of the Association for this change. (For complete details of the changes, see General Exhibit No. 7715.)

Motion from the Committee to receive the report and endorse the changes to the annual applied technology conference in August 1998. Motion carried unanimously.

General Consent Calendar

Motion was made by Member C. Grant Hurst and seconded by Member Lynn Haslem to approve the General Consent Calendar as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

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2. Contracts

The following contracts were approved by the Board:

(a) Mountain America Professional Plaza. \$86,534.26. 1/1/97-6/30/01. - Amend. - Fed.

Lease of Division of Rehabilitation Services, St. George office located at 301 Tabernacle, Suite 204, St. George, Utah.

(b) Advancement Seminars. \$4,200. 2/20/97- 2/23/97.

Bring in National Consultants to provide Evaluator Training of proper techniques to evaluate interpreters for the deaf.

(For complete details of the Contracts, see General Exhibit No. 7716.)

3. WestEd Board Appointment

Under the provisions of the Joint Powers Agreement for WestEd, the Utah State Board of Education appoints two members to their Board of Directors--one to represent the Utah public school districts, and one to represent the Utah State Office of Education.

Currently Superintendent Bean represents the State Office of Education, and Dr. Steven H. Peterson, former superintendent of the Washington School District, represents the Utah public school districts. Since Dr. Peterson is no long a superintendent in Utah, a new director needs to be named. In previous appointments to this position, the State Board has considered recommendations from the Utah School Superintendents Association. They are recommending Superintendent Kenneth M. Topham of the Millard School District.

Superintendent Kenneth M. Topham was appointed to represent the Utah public school districts on West Ed's Board of Directors.

4. Ratification of Employment

Michelle C. Beus was ratified as an Education Specialist, Law Related, Agency Services Division.

5. Payroll Changes in the Utah State Office of Education and Utah State Office of

Rehabilitation

Payroll changes in the Utah State Office of Education and the Utah State Office of Rehabilitation.
(For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 7717.)

6. List of Applicants for Certificates

A summary of the list of applicants for initial and renewal certificates. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 7718.)

7. Financial Statement and Claims Report

The Claims Report in the amount of \$137,023,652.42, and Financial Statement ending January 31, 1997. (For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 7719.)

Meeting adjourned at 3:07 p.m.