

UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Governing Board for the
Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind (USDB)
and Study Session

MEETING MINUTES

April 8, 2022
1:00 pm to 3:30 pm.

The Utah State Board of Education held a state board meeting on April 8, 2022, electronically with an anchor location at 250 E 500 S, Salt Lake City, UT. Vice-Chair Belnap presided. The meeting was streamed live to the public.

Members Present

Chair Mark Huntsman	
First Vice-Chair Laura Belnap	Member Stacey Hutchings
Second Vice-Chair Cindy Davis	Member Matt Hymas
Member Randy Boothe	Member Carol Barlow Lear
Member Janet A. Cannon	Member Kristin Norton
Member Natalie Cline	Member Brent J. Strate
Member Jennie Earl	
Member Scott L. Hansen	

Member Absent

Member Molly Hart
Member James Moss Jr.

Executive Staff Present

Sydnee Dickson, State Superintendent
Scott Jones, Deputy Superintendent
Patty Norman, Deputy Superintendent
Angie Stallings, Deputy Superintendent
Leah Voorhies, Assistant Superintendent
Darin Nielsen, Assistant Superintendent
Deborah Jacobsen, Assistant Superintendent

Minutes taken by:

Cybil Child, Board Secretary

Sarah Young, Chief of Staff

Others Present

Jerry Record, Alex Farah, Angie Stallings, Jeff Van Hulten, Leah Voorhies, Scott Jones, Darin Nielsen, Ashley Biehl, Debbie Davis, Deborah Jacobson, Bryan Quesenberry, Sarah Young, Patty Norman.

Opening Business

Vice-Chair Belnap called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind

Public Comment

Joel Coleman, USDB Superintendent, reported that the student fee schedule and the student fee policy will be included in the public comment portion of the USDB meeting for the April 8, 2022, and May 6, 2022 meetings to allow any public comments. The USBE will review and vote to approve the student fee schedule and policy during the USDB portion of the May 6, 2022 meeting.

Review Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind (USDB) Student Fee Schedule

Joel Coleman, USDB Superintendent, reviewed changes to the fee schedule that included increases to the following fees: sports, driver education, study abroad, and maximum annual fee limit.

Review of Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind (USDB) Student Fee Policy

USBE must review any changes made to the USDB Student Fee Policy per legal requirements. Joel Coleman, USDB Superintendent, Carl Empey, Finance Director, presented the revisions to the student fee policies.

FY22 Budget Review

Carl Empey, Finance Director, provided the USBE members with an FY22 monthly budget review as of February 28, 2022.

Superintendent's Report

USDB Superintendent Joel Coleman and Associate Superintendent of the Blind Susan Patten, shared monthly updates of USDB events. Superintendent Coleman let the members know they are on track with the budget formulation so that they will present the annual budget at the May board meeting. He mentioned his interactions with USBE staff about preparing their presentation for the executive appropriations committee. During the 2021 General Legislative Session, USDB received approved funding for building two new buildings, one in Salt Lake City and one in St. George, contingent upon USBE and the Division of Construction and Facilities Management working together to report to the Executive Appropriations Committee.

They have been working on their facilities; the Mill Creek portable is waiting for the alarm system, and the St. Georg portable will be ready in June so that both locations will be ready for the next school year. He also shared an update on the Seventy-48 race that has shifted to the USB, and the race will take place in June. The School of the Deaf has traveled to Germany for an abroad experience with Michelle Tanner, Associate Superintendent of the Deaf. The School of the Blind will be heading to London in May. In April, they will be hosting the Conference of Educational Administrators of Schools and Programs for the Deaf (CEASD) Conference - "Creativity and Innovation- Imagining the Future." CEASD supports and promotes effective school leadership to advance education programs for deaf and hard-of-hearing children. The conference welcomes all the deaf schools in the country.

Study Session

2022 General Session

Deputy Superintendent of Policy Angie Stallings and Policy Advisor Jeff Van Hulten provide a review of the 2022 General Session, including reviewing the administrative rules, reports, and RFPs that USBE will be working through in the coming months.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:04 pm.

Cybil Child, Board Secretary
Minutes approved May 5, 2022.