

**UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
SUMMARY OF ACTIONS**

October 4, 2018

**Board Members Present:** Chair Mark Huntsman, First Vice Chair Brittney Cummins, Second Vice Chair Alisa Ellis, and Members Laura Belnap, Michelle Boulter, Lisa Cummins, Jennifer Graviet, Linda Hansen, Carol Barlow Lear, Scott Neilson, Kathleen Riebe, Spencer Stokes, Terry Warner and Joel Wright. (Member Janet Cannon excused.)

All votes were unanimous with those present unless noted otherwise.

- The Board took the following action on its General Consent Calendar.
  - The Board approved the minutes of its September 6-7, 2018 meetings.
  - The Board approved contracts over \$100,000 with the following: Wallace Calder dba Calder Law Office; Pingora Consulting, LLC; GuideSoft Inc. (2); Douglas Larson; OsberverTab, LLC; INFINI D Learning.
  - The Board was provided with contracts under \$100,000 with the following for review: Howell Education Consulting; Karen Kowalski; SPEDSIS (2); Utah State University (2); Utah State University – Scott Hunsaker; Joan Giroux Bramble; Utah Education Policy Center (UEPC).
  - The Board approved receipt of a five-year federal grant from the U.S. Department of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration for \$1,688,500 annually, with a total of \$8,442,500.
  - The Board approved application for a private grant from the Sorensen Legacy Awards for Excellence in Arts Education for \$95,000.
  - The Board approved temporary authorizations for educator licenses as submitted.
  - The Board approved the scope of work, representation areas, and appointment process for an English Learners Task Force.
  - The Board approved data agreements with Blakely Consulting, LLC; Division of Workforce Services; and Navajo Nation.
  - The Board approved the USBE Youth in Custody Section working with Bellwether Education Partners on a continuing project.
  - The Board, in response to National Transportation Safety Board recommendations, approved staff forwarding to the Governor's office a recommendation that the state not legally require (by way of legislation) that all new or existing school buses have lap belts or shoulder belts, but allow local education agencies to make the decision.

- The Board approved submission of the Federal Receipts Reporting to State Finance and the Federal Funds Request Summary FY2020 to the Governor's Office of Management and Budget.
- The Board approved R277-491 *School Community Councils*, Draft 1, on second and final reading.
- The Board approved an accrual of \$98,722,431 for fiscal year end close 2018.
- The Board was provided with information that will be presented to the legislative Public Education Appropriations Subcommittee on October 16, 2018.
- The Board was provided with an annual report on how the career and technical education needs of secondary students are being met and what access secondary students have to programs offered.
- The Board was provided with a list of educator licenses processed in August 2018.
- The Board approved seeking an amendment to Utah's Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Plan to clarify the 95 percent achievement indicator calculation issue to acknowledge Utah's inability to meet the 95 percent participation rate requirement due to state law, and to remove references to audits or remediation, as suggested by staff.
- The Board approved seeking an amendment to Utah's Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Plan to change the method for calculating the English Learner indicator within the accountability system to individualize growth targets based on the student's grade level and English proficiency level when the student entered school.
- The Board directed that the Audit Committee send a letter notifying the Nebo School Board about an audit request from parents in the Nebo School District and requesting information about the Nebo School District Board's plan of action regarding the situation.
- The Board took the following actions on educator licenses:
  - Accepted the recommendation in Utah Professional Practices Advisory Commission (UPPAC) Case No. 14-1234 to reinstate the individual's Level 2 Secondary Education license.
  - Accepted the UPPAC recommendation in Case No. 17-1431 to suspend the individual's Level 2 Special Education license for not less than four years. Member Belnap opposed.
  - Accepted the UPPAC recommendation in Case No. 18-1481 to suspend the individual's Level 2 Secondary Education license for a period of not less than two years.
  - Accepted the UPPAC recommendation in Case No. 18-1485 to suspend the individual's Level 2 Elementary Education license for a period of not less than one year. Members Lear and Wright opposed.

- Approved the UPPAC Consent Calendar.
  - A motion to accept the UPPAC recommendation in Case No. 17-1452 failed, with Members Graviet, Lear and Riebe in favor and all others opposed.
- The Board appointed Superintendent Sydnee Dickson, on a temporary basis, as its representative on the Utah Education and Telehealth Network (UETN) Board.
- The Board directed its representative to the Utah Education and Telehealth Network (UETN) Board to request that UETN take the necessary steps to protect Utah students [in regards to EBSCO], and after that expectation is met, to request that UETN make EBSCO accessible to schools. Members B. Cummins, Graviet, Hansen, Huntsman, Lear, Riebe, Stokes and Warner in favor, and Members Belnap, Boulter, L. Cummins, Ellis, Neilson and Wright opposed.
- The Board approved R277-477 *Distribution of Funds from the Trust Earnings Account and Administration of the School LAND Trust Program, Draft 4*, on second and final reading.
- The Board approved R277-301 *Educator Licensing, Draft 4*, on second and final reading.
- The Board approved R277-303 *Educator Preparation Programs, Draft 2*, on second and final reading.
- The Board approved expansion requests from charter schools Reagan Academy and Excelsior Academy. Member Wright abstained.
- The Board approved Board Policy 306 – USBE Data Governance Plan.
- The Board approved a data-sharing agreement from Lee Hale for KUER/NPR Utah. Members B. Cummins, Graviet, Lear, Hansen, Riebe, Stokes, Warner and Wright in favor, and Members Belnap, Boulter, L. Cummins, Ellis, Huntsman and Neilson opposed.
- The Board approved a data-sharing agreement from Dr. Pam Perlich and Mallory Bateman for the Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute.
- The Board approved R277-487 *Public School Data Confidentiality and Disclosure, Draft 3*, on second and final reading.
- The Board approved R277-444 *Distribution of Money to Arts and Science Organizations, Draft 3*, on second and final reading.
- The Board approved the Dyslexia Handbook.
- The Board approved the blended definition and statement for alternate school accountability as forwarded from the Standards and Assessment Committee. Members B. Cummins, Graviet, Hansen, Huntsman, Lear, Neilson, Riebe, Stokes and Warner in favor, and Members Belnap, Boulter, L. Cummins, Ellis and Wright opposed.
- The Board approved the following recommendations for the School Report Card: 1) Use criterion referenced test items; 2) use the meter icon for ratings at the indicator level; and 3) allow LEAs to highlight school commendations.

- The Board approved R277-496 *K-3 Reading Software Licenses*, Draft 1, on second and final reading.
- A motion to repeal R277-495 *Required Policies for Electronic Devices in Public Schools* failed, with all opposed.
- The Board approved R277-620 *Suicide Prevention Program*, Draft 3, on second and final reading.
- The Board approved the Standard Response Protocol for Student Supports for elementary and secondary grades.
- The Board approved the Integrated Model of Responses to School-Based Behavior document.
- The Board approved R277-488 *Critical Language and Dual Language Immersion Program*, Draft 2, on second and final reading.
- The Board approved the Utah K-12 Computer Science Framework.
- The Board directed staff to identify dedicated FTEs to work on school fees monitoring, compliance and training as outlined in R277-407.
- The Board took the following actions on its budget requests for FY2020:
  - Approved changing the \$1.2 million budget request for certified teacher librarians to a one-time ask of \$3.6 million.
  - Approved all requests in Category C (USDB) and Category D (USBE Office Budget).
- A motion to remove the \$5 million budget request for school nurses failed, with Members Belnap, Boulter, B. Cummins, L. Cummins, Ellis, Huntsman and Neilson in favor, and Members Graviet, Hansen, Lear and Riebe opposed.
- The Board accepted the performance standards for sixth, seventh, and eighth grade science as established and recommended by the standard-setting committee.