

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

MEETING MINUTES

May 6, 2022
1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

The Utah State Board of Education held a state board meeting on May 6, 2022, electronically without an anchor location. As authorized by Utah Code 52-4, this meeting was held electronically without an anchor location for safety reasons due to the construction at the site where the public body would generally meet. Vice-Chair Davis presided. The meeting was streamed live to the public.

Members Present

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

Member Absent

First Vice-Chair Cindy Davis

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
Sarah Young, Chief of Staff

Minutes were taken by:

Cybil Child, Board Secretary

Others Present

Jerry Record, Ashley Biehl, Bryan Quesenberry, Jennifer Throndsen, Michelle Tanner, Vicki Summers, Jeff Van Hulten.

Opening Business

Chair Huntsman called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

Utah Schools for the Deaf and the BlindStudent Fee Schedule

MOTION was made by Member Belnap and seconded by Member Hart that the Board approves the USDB Student Fee Schedule.

Motion carried, with Member Earl absent.

Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind Building Project

Joel Coleman, USDB Superintendent, walked through his presentation on their building construction requests. During the 2022 legislative session, the Legislature provided the provision of capital facilities for USDB in southwestern Utah and Salt Lake county - to maximize student capacity and academic needs, the efficiency of use, cost-effectiveness, and priority of construction.

MOTION was made by Member Boothe and seconded that the Board approves the USDB's request for construction of both the Salt Lake and St. George buildings and move forward to the Executive Appropriations Committee on May 17 for their consideration and approval.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW – Member Earl Objected.

Motion carried with Members Boothe, Cline, Earl, Hart, Hutchings, Hymas, Lear, Moss, and Strate in favor and, with Members Hansen and Norton opposed.

FY23 Enrichment Fund Project list

The Legislature intends that:

1. The State Board of Education, in consultation with the Division of Facilities Construction and Management, evaluates the provision of capital facilities for the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind in southwestern Utah and Salt Lake County to address student academic needs of direct instruction and support services, efficiency of use, and maximizing student capacity, impact of delivering services to students in each region, cost-effectiveness, and priority of construction;

2. The State Board of Education report the findings of the evaluation to the Executive Appropriations Committee by October 1, 2022; and

3. That the Division of Finance released appropriated funds to the Division of Facilities Construction and Management to construct facilities as recommended in the report.

MOTION was made by Member Hart and seconded by Member Strate that the Board approves the FY23 Enrichment Fund Project list.

Motion passed unanimously.

USDB Student Fee Policy

Joel Coleman, Susan Patten, Associate Superintendent of the Blind, and Michelle Tanner, Associate Superintendent of the Deaf, discussed their student fee policy approval request.

MOTION was made by Member Hutchings and seconded by Member Cannon that the Board approves the USDB Student Fee Policy.

Motion passed unanimously.

FY23 USDB Budget Review

Vicki Summers, Finance Director, updated the Board on the current USDB budget.

FY22 Monthly Budget Review ending March 31, 2022

Vicki Summers, Finance Director, will provide the USBE members with an FY22 monthly budget review as of March 31, 2022.

Superintendent's Report

Joel Coleman, USDB Superintendent, Susan Patten, Associate Superintendent of the Blind, and Michelle Tanner, Associate Superintendent of the Deaf updated the Board about current events.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 pm.

Cybil Child, Board Secretary
Minutes approved June 2, 2022.