

UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION LEGISLATIVE MEETING MINUTES
February 28, 2019

A legislative meeting of the Utah State Board of Education was held February 28, 2019 at the Utah State Capitol Complex, House Building, Room 30. Chair Mark Huntsman presided. At the direction of the Chair, Vice Chair Brittney Cummins conducted.

Members Present:

Chair Mark Huntsman	Member Jennie Earl
Vice Chair Brittney Cummins	Member Alisa Ellis
Member Laura Belnap	Member Jennifer Graviet
Member Michelle Boulter	Member Linda B. Hansen
Member Janet A. Cannon	Member Scott L. Hansen (by phone)
Member Lisa Cummins	Member Carol Barlow Lear
Member Cindy Davis	Member Shawn E. Newell

Members Absent:

Member Scott B. Neilson

Executive Staff Present:

Scott Jones, Deputy Supt.
Patty Norman, Deputy Supt.
Angie Stallings, Deputy Supt.

Minutes taken by:

Lorraine Austin, Board Secretary

Others Present:

Bryan Quesenberry, Michelle Beus—Attorney General’s Office; Sara Jones—Utah Education Association; Andrea Brandley—Salt Lake City School District; Tami Pyfer, Karen Peterson—Governor’s Office; LeAnn Wood, Kara Sherman—Utah PTA; Royce Van Tassell—Utah Association of Public Charter Schools; Susan Edwards—Canyons School District; Jerre Holmes, Shannon Dulaney—Utah School Superintendents Association; Terry Shoemaker—Utah School Boards Association/School Superintendents Association; Mary Nielsen—Utah School Boards Association; Jeff Van Hulten, Ysaac Amarillas, Thalea Longhurst, Jill Curry, Diana Suddreth, Emilie Wheeler, Natalie Grange, Paula Plant, Kathy Helgesen—USBE staff

Vice Chair Brittney Cummins called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

Ratification of Nomination to the NASBE Government Affairs Committee

MOTION was made by Member Huntsman and seconded that the Board ratify the nomination of Member Cindy Davis to the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) Government Affairs Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

Review of Legislation

Deputy Superintendent Angie Stallings and Policy Advisor Jeffrey Van Hulten reviewed the following legislative bills with the Board: H.B. 356 Adult Education Access Amendments; H.B. 416 Educational Services for Students in Human Services Program; H.B. 409 Changes to Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind; H.B. 306 Enrollment Preference of Military Children; 1st Substitute H.B. 373 Student Support Amendments; S.B. 177 Scholarships for Special Needs Students; 2nd Substitute S.B. 164 Student Data Privacy Amendments; H.B. 426 Student Information Systems; and S.B. 112 Public Education Information Systems Uniformity Act.

Member Lear informed the Board about H.B. 375 School Employees Background Checks.

Mr. Van Hulten reviewed H.B. 168 School Bus Safety Requirements. Terry Shoemaker, Utah School Boards Association/Utah School Superintendents Association, clarified that USBA/USSA does not have a position on the bill. Mary Nielsen, President of the Utah School Boards Association, indicated that the biggest issue is that it would be an unfunded mandate.

Assistant Superintendent Natalie Grange addressed H.B. 374 Modifications to Education Funding.

Representative Keven Stratton spoke to the Board concerning his legislation, 2nd Substitute H.B. 303 School Community Council Amendments. He distributed background information about the bill.

[For additional information, see General Exhibit No. 19-74.]

Action on Legislation

MOTION was made by Member L. Hansen and seconded that the Board support 1st Substitute H.B. 373 Student Support Amendments.

MOTION TO AMEND was made by Member Davis and seconded to add that the Board direct staff to work with the bill sponsor concerning the possible fiscal impact and available expertise for the Board.

Member Davis spoke to her amendment, indicating that to her knowledge there isn't a Medicaid billing expert on Board staff and there is no fiscal note to provide that support.

Motion to amend carried unanimously.

Motion as amended carried 10-4, with Members Belnap, Cannon, B. Cummins, Davis, Graviet, L. Hansen, S. Hansen, Huntsman, Lear and Newell in favor, and Members Boulter, L. Cummins, Earl and Ellis opposed.

MOTION was made by Member Belnap and seconded that the Board support H.B. 356 Adult Education Access Amendments, H.B. 416 Education Services for Students in Human Services Programs, H.B. 306 Enrollment Preference for Military Children, and H.B. 375 School Employee Background Checks.

Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION was made by Member Lear and seconded that the Board support 1st Substitute S.B. 115 High Needs School Amendments.

Member Lear spoke to her motion, indicating that this legislation provides a small amount of money through grants, but would provide a good way to determine if adding qualified adults in the school would contribute to the success of a school.

Members expressed concern with the limitations on class size and teacher experience.

Motion to amend was made by Member Davis and seconded that the Board support the concept of S.B. 115.

Motion to amend failed, with Members Cannon, B. Cummins, Davis, Graviet, Lear and Newell in favor, and Members Belnap, Boulter, L. Cummins, Earl, Ellis, L. Hansen, S. Hansen and Huntsman opposed.

Motion carried, with Members Cannon, B. Cummins, Davis, Graviet, L. Hansen, S. Hansen, Lear and Newell in favor, and Members Belnap, Boulter, L. Cummins, Earl and Ellis opposed; Member Huntsman absent.

MOTION was made by Member Earl and seconded that the Board support H.B. 303 School Community Council Amendments.

Motion carried; Member Belnap recused herself and abstained from voting.

Adjournment

MOTION was made by Member Belnap and seconded that the meeting adjourn.

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 2:19 p.m.

Lorraine Austin, Board Secretary
Minutes approved April 4, 2019