

**MINUTES OF THE
APPLIED TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION TASK FORCE**
Monday, October 30, 2000 - 1:00 p.m. - Room 303 State Capitol

Members Present:

Sen. Leonard M. Blackham, Chair
Rep. Martin R. Stephens, Chair
Sen. Ron Allen
Rep. Ron Bigelow
Rep. Judy Ann Buffmire
Rep. Craig W. Buttars
Rep. James R. Gowans
Rep. Bradley T. Johnson

Members Excused:

Sen. John L. Valentine
Rep. Bill Wright

Staff Present:

Mr. John Q. Cannon, Research Analyst
Mr. John L. Fellows, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Alicia Gambles, Legislative Secretary

Note: A list of others present and a copy of materials distributed in the meeting are on file in the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel.

- 1. Call to order** - Sen. Blackham called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Buffmire moved to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2000 meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Buttars absent for the vote.

- 2. Applied Technology Education in Salt Lake/Tooele Counties**

Ms. Karren Derrick, Chair, Wasatch Front South Applied Technology Center Board, presented an agreement between the Wasatch Front South Applied Technology Center and Salt Lake Community College.

Mr. Lynn Cundiff, President, Salt Lake Community College, discussed the principles of the agreement and the parties' request to the Legislature. Task Force discussion followed.

- 3. Higher Education/Public Education Presentation**

Ms. Cecelia Foxley, Commissioner, Utah System of Higher Education and Mr. Steven O. Laing, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, State Office of Education, presented a joint proposal between Higher and Public Education and discussed the joint proposal in comparison to other proposals presented to the Task Force.

Mr. Robert Brems, Associate Superintendent, State Office of Education and Mr. Gary Wixom, Assistant Commissioner for Applied Technology Education and Extended Programs, Utah System of Higher Education, discussed issues concerning the applied technology education joint proposal. Task Force discussion followed.

Mr. Wixom discussed changing the name of the modified committee. Task Force discussion followed.

MOTION: Speaker Stephens moved that the modified committee's name be the Joint Applied Technology Education Council (JATEC). The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Brems discussed jurisdiction of the modified committee. Task Force discussion followed.

MOTION: Sen. Blackham moved to adopt the joint proposal on jurisdiction which stated that JATEC have jurisdiction over the Applied Technology Centers and the Applied Technology Center Service Regions for all non-credit ATE training; coordinates with school districts/State Board of Education for applied technology education K-12 provided by local districts and with Board of Regents for credit ATE provided by higher education institutions. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Sen. Blackham moved to eliminate "service regions" from the Applied Technology Center Service Regions and refer to these as Applied Technology Centers.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Speaker Stephens moved that staff present at the next meeting the ramifications of eliminating the term "service regions." The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Wixom discussed membership of the modified committee. Task Force discussion followed.

MOTION: Speaker Stephens moved that the JATEC membership would include: 3 members of the USBE, 3 members of the USBR, 5 regional representatives chosen on a rotation basis (Alternating 2-3 from the urban regions and 2-3 from the rural regions on a two year cycle.) The membership would also include one voting Ex Officio representative from DCED and one voting Ex Officio representative from Utah Partners In Education and the remaining regional representatives.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Rep. Bigelow moved that the Task Force not resolve the membership issue and move on to the next item on the proposal. The motion failed with Rep. Bigelow, Rep. Buttars, Rep. Buffmire, and Speaker Stephens voting in favor.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Sen. Allen moved to return to the original proposal from Higher and Public Education making the DCED representative and the representative from Utah Partners in Education non-voting members. The motion failed with Sen. Allen, Rep. Buffmire, and Rep. Gowans voting in favor.

The Task Force returned to the original motion of Speaker Stephens. Speaker Stephens withdrew his motion.

Mr. Brems discussed appointing members to the modified committee. Task Force discussion followed.

MOTION: Speaker Stephens moved to delay action on appointments of members, meeting schedule, and compensation. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr Wixom discussed staffing of the modified committee. Task Force discussion followed.

MOTION: Speaker Stephens moved that the new JATEC committee be authorized to have its own staff. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Brems discussed appropriation powers of the modified committee. Task Force discussion followed.

MOTION: Rep. Buttars moved to adopt the joint proposal, which stated that regional boards prepare and submit budgets to the JATEC. The JATEC would then present a prioritized budget to the Governor and the Legislature. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Wixom discussed allocation powers of the modified committee. Task Force discussion followed.

MOTION: Rep. Buffmire moved to adopt the joint proposal, which stated that applied technology education funds under an applied technology-funding unit be appropriated directly to the ATC/ATCSR and higher education institution. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Brems discussed capital facilities powers of the modified committee. Task Force discussion followed.

MOTION: Sen. Allen moved that regional boards prepare and submit capital facilities requests to the JATEC. The JATEC would present prioritized requests to the Building Board, the Governor and the Legislature (preference could be given to projects that are joint efforts of all entities involved and maximize the use of the facilities to meet the needs of all students in the region.) The motion passed with Sen. Blackham voting in opposition.

Mr. Wixom discussed appointing Applied Technology Centers and Applied Technology Center Service Regions boards and superintendents. Task Force discussion followed.

MOTION: Speaker Stephens moved that one representative be appointed by each local board of education, that one representative be appointed from each higher education institution board of trustees, that three (minimum) representatives of business and industry be appointed jointly by public and higher education members, clarifying that 3 or 4 representatives may be needed to ensure an odd number, and that the chair be elected by the board members from membership of the board and that superintendents or ATCSR directors be recommended by the regional boards and approved by the JATEC.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Rep. Johnson moved to adopt Speaker Stephens' motion but that the superintendents be appointed by the regional boards. The motion failed with Sen. Blackham, Rep. Buttars, and Rep. Johnson voting in favor.

The Task Force returned to the original motion of Speaker Stephens. The motion passed with Sen. Blackham voting in opposition.

Mr. Brems discussed the defining duties and responsibilities of ATC/ATCSR Boards and superintendents. Task Force discussion followed.

MOTION: Rep. Bigelow moved to accept the joint proposal which stated that the JATEC establish duties and responsibilities by rule in consultation with the Utah State Board of Regents, the Utah State Board of Education, and regional boards.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Rep. Buttars moved to insert the word "will" in place of "should" and insert a period after the word "rule." The motion passed unanimously with Speaker Stephens absent for the vote.

Mr. Wixom discussed powers and duties of the modified committee. Task Force discussion followed.

Mr. John Fellows, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel, distributed and discussed a handout outlining options for the modified committee. He explained that the Task Force could authorize certain powers and duties of the modified committee. Task Force discussion followed.

MOTION: Rep. Gowans moved to adopt the original language of the joint proposal on other powers and duties of JATEC. They include: Quarterly agenda items; ongoing strategic planning at state and regional levels; interface with business and industry; fast track ATE program approval when necessary; issue annual report on ATE; develop criteria for membership/clock hour counts; determine ATE funding unit; determine an articulation process for converting non-credit competencies to credit (higher education); and inserting "and study viable alternatives to enhance accreditation programs." The motion passed with Speaker Stephens absent for the vote and Rep. Buffmire voting in opposition.

The Task Force returned to the independence issue.

MOTION: Rep. Gowans moved to adopt the joint proposal on independence which stated that the Utah State Board of Education or the Utah State Board of Regents veto with unanimous vote of either board subject to override by 2/3 majority of JATEC. The motion passed unanimously with Speaker Stephens absent for the vote.

Mr. Brems and Mr. Wixom distributed a handout and discussed the issue of ATE funding. Task Force discussion followed.

Sen. Blackham recommended that Task Force staff work with the Legislative Fiscal Analyst and other parties to flesh out the funding issue.

Task Force Business

The task force confirmed the next meeting to be held on Monday, November 13, 2000 at 1:00 p.m.

5. Adjourn

MOTION: Rep. Buffmire moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Speaker Stephens and Rep. Bigelow absent for the vote. The meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

