

**MINUTES OF THE
APPLIED TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION TASK FORCE**
Monday, November 20, 2000 - 3:30 p.m. - Room 129 State Capitol

Members Present:

Sen. Leonard M. Blackham, Chair
Rep. Martin R. Stephens, Chair
Sen. Ron Allen
Sen. John L. Valentine
Rep. Ron Bigelow
Rep. Judy Ann Buffmire
Rep. Craig W. Buttars
Rep. James R. Gowans
Rep. Bradley T. Johnson
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 3:45 p.m.

***MOTION:** Rep. Gowans moved to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2000 meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Valentine and Rep. Wright absent for the vote.*

2. Higher Education Response to Draft Legislation

Mr. Charlie Johnson, Chair, Utah State Board of Regents, distributed a handout and discussed issues concerning applied technology education (ATE) governance. He discussed the issue of funding. Task Force discussion followed.

***MOTION:** Speaker Stephens proposed to clarify the funding stream in the legislation so that funding for ATE provided by public education would flow to public education, funding for ATE provided by higher education would flow to higher education, and funding for ATE provided by the ATE regions would flow directly to each region. The motion passed unanimously.*

Mr. Johnson discussed the issue of ATE facilities within each region. Task Force discussion followed.

***MOTION:** Speaker Stephens moved to clarify that an ATE facility does not mean a facility owned by public or higher education that provides applied technology education. The motion passed unanimously.*

Mr. Johnson discussed establishing procedures for the delivery of non-credit applied technology education. Task Force discussion followed.

Mr. Steven Laing, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, State Office of Education, discussed the issues of higher education credit, public education control of secondary applied technology education, and non-credit, competency-based, open-entry/open-exit programs.

MOTION: Rep. Johnson moved to clarify that the bill relates to non-credit ATE programs. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Johnson discussed the issue of regional ATE superintendents and their duties. Task Force discussion followed.

MOTION: Sen. Valentine moved to amend the draft legislation so that regional boards would nominate up to 3 candidates for ATE region superintendents and submit the names of the candidates to the Joint Applied Technology Education Council (JATEC). JATEC would select a person to serve as superintendent from the list submitted by the board. In addition, JATEC may, by majority vote, terminate a superintendent with the concurrence of a majority of the regional board. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Johnson discussed the relationship between the regional boards and JATEC. He requested that the Task Force give equal representation to public and higher education on JATEC. Task Force discussion followed.

MOTION: Speaker Stephens moved that the JATEC include 5 representatives from public education, 5 representatives from higher education, and 1 representative from each of the nine ATE regions.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Rep. Wright moved that JATEC include 5 representatives from public education, 5 representatives from higher education, 2 business representatives, and one representative from each of the nine ATE regions. The motion failed with Sen. Blackham, Sen. Valentine, Rep. Buttars, Rep. Johnson, and Rep. Wright voting in favor.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Rep. Wright moved to accept the membership of JATEC as written in the draft legislation. The motion failed with Sen. Blackham, Sen. Allen, Sen. Valentine, Rep. Buttars, Rep. Johnson, and Rep. Wright voting in favor.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Rep. Bigelow moved to have JATEC include 2 representatives from public education, 2 representatives from higher education, 2 representatives from the business community, and 3 members representing the nine regional boards. The motion failed with Speaker Stephens, Sen. Valentine, Rep. Bigelow and Rep. Wright voting in favor.

***MOTION:** Rep. Gowans moved to cut off debate. The motion passed unanimously.*

The Task Force returned to the original motion of Speaker Stephens. The motion failed with Sen. Allen, Sen. Valentine, Rep. Buffmire, Rep. Gowans, and Rep. Johnson voting in favor.

3. Public Education Response to Draft Legislation

Ms. Jill Kennedy responded to the draft legislation on behalf of public education. She discussed what the potential effects of the draft legislation would be. Task Force discussion followed.

Superintendent Laing stated that they believe the principles of education are more important than the specifics of ATE governance. He requested that the Task Force consider the principles outlined as they modify ATE governance. Task Force discussion followed.

***MOTION:** Speaker Stephens moved to explicitly include in the draft legislation the five Applied Technology Centers (ATCs) in the ATE regions that have ATCs. The motion passed unanimously.*

***MOTION:** Rep. Wright moved to amend the draft legislation as follows: page 9, line 255, delete "15" and insert "21"; page 9, line 257, delete "two" and insert "five"; and page 9, line 258, delete "two" and insert "five."*

***SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** Rep. Buffmire moved to accept Rep. Wright's original motion but to indicate that the two members from the business community be appointed by recommendations from the regional boards to the JATEC. The motion failed with Rep. Buffmire and Rep. Gowans voting in favor and Sen. Allen absent for the vote.*

***MOTION:** Sen. Valentine moved to cut off debate. The motion passed unanimously.*

The Task Force returned to the original motion of Rep. Wright. The motion passed unanimously, with Sen. Allen absent for the vote.

***MOTION:** Speaker Stephens moved to adopt the draft legislation as a Task Force bill for presentation to the Education Interim Committee. The motion passed with Rep. Johnson voting in opposition and Sen. Allen absent for the vote.*

3. Adjourn

***MOTION:** Rep. Buffmire moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.*

