

**MINUTES OF THE
EDUCATION INTERIM COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, June 16, 2004 – 2:00 p.m. – Room 303 State Capitol

Members Present:

Rep. Margaret Dayton, House Chair
Sen. Karen Hale
Rep. LaVar Christensen
Rep. James R. Gowans
Rep. David L. Hogue
Rep. Gregory H. Hughes
Rep. Bradley T. Johnson
Rep. Brad King
Rep. Dana C. Love
Rep. Carol Spackman Moss
Rep. Merlynn T. Newbold
Rep. LaWanna "Lou" Shurtliff

Members Absent:

Sen. Howard Stephenson, Senate Chair
Sen. Chris Buttars
Sen. David L. Gladwell
Sen. Bill Wright
Rep. Wayne A. Harper

Staff Present:

Ms. Constance C. Steffen, Policy Analyst
Mr. Dee S Larsen, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Glenda S. Whitney, Legislative Secretary

Note: A list of others present and a copy of materials can be found at <http://le.utah.gov> or by contacting the committee secretary, Glenda Whitney, at 538-1032.

1. Committee Business

Chair Dayton called the meeting to order at 2:51 p.m.

No motion was taken on the minutes due to lack of a quorum.

2. Introduction and Comments of New State Superintendent of Public Instruction

Ms. Patti Harrington, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, distributed handouts, "Utah K-3 Literacy Framework for Successful Instruction and Intervention," and "Utah's 2003 AYP Results." She introduced herself and reviewed her background. She responded to committee members' questions.

3. Teacher Quality Report

This issue was not discussed and will be placed on the August agenda.

4. Truancy Report

Rep. Carol Spackman Moss, distributed handouts, "Presentation to Public Education Interim Committee, Granite School District Truancy Reduction Demonstration Project," and "Section 53A-1-101, Responsibility for minor required to attend school." She explained that the Salt Lake County Commission on Youth, of which she is a member, has a proposal for a pilot program to reduce truancy while saving taxpayer dollars. She introduced others assisting with the presentation.

Mr. Richard O. Starley, President and CEO, Easter Seals Utah, and Chair, Salt Lake County Commission on Youth, explained the Commission on Youth's mission and involvement.

Ms. Sue McGhie-Troff, Director, Student Services, Granite School District, explained the pilot project is intended to arrange for services for youth and families which may prevent having to refer truants to Juvenile Court.

Ms. Tifny Iacona, Attendance Program Coordinator, Granite School District, explained the Granite School District's attendance process.

Mr. Roger D. Gisseman, Ph.D., Associate Director, Salt Lake County Youth Services, explained youth services programs.

5. Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) Reports for Utah Schools

This issue was not discussed and will be placed on the August agenda.

6. Other Items / Adjourn

Rep. Hogue suggested adjourning the meeting due to lack of a quorum.

Chair Dayton adjourned the meeting at 3:32 p.m.