

Joint Education Conference 2015

Presenters

Martin Bates

Superintendent, Granite School District

Dr. Martin W. Bates became the superintendent of Granite School District September 1, 2010. Dr. Bates had served in various district capacities since 1997. He has held school administrative positions in the Granite, Provo and Salt Lake City School Districts. He was proud to serve in the National Guard, including a six-month deployment in 1991 during Desert Storm. His extensive educational background includes multiple degrees from Brigham Young University, including a Bachelor of Science in Special Education, a Juris Doctor and a Doctorate of Philosophy in Educational Leadership. He was admitted to the Utah Bar in May of 1997.

Thomas E. Bingham

Chair, Utah College of Applied Technology Board of Trustees

Thomas E. Bingham is the chair of the Utah College of Applied Technology Board of Trustees. He is the Tooele ATC Representative for the Board. Mr. Bingham retired as the president of the Utah Manufacturers Association.

Robert O. Brems

President, Utah College of Applied Technology

Rob Brems is the President of the Utah College of Applied Technology, a system of eight technical college campuses meeting the needs of Utah's employers for technically-skilled workers. Mr. Brems previously served as Associate Superintendent for Applied Technology Education Services at the Utah State Office of Education, a position in which he oversaw career and technical programs in all school districts, five applied technology centers and four service regions. Before becoming UCAT President, he served as campus president of the Mountainland Applied Technology College.

David L. Buhler

Commissioner of Higher Education, Utah System of Higher Education

Dr. David L. Buhler was named as the Commissioner of Higher Education in June 2012. As Commissioner, Buhler chairs the Council of Presidents in the Utah System of Higher Education and is responsible for making recommendations to, and implementing the policies and decisions of the Utah State Board of Regents. For nearly 12 years prior to his appointment, Commissioner Buhler served as Associate Commissioner for Public Affairs. Prior to his appointment Commissioner Buhler served two terms as a member of the Salt Lake City Council and one term as a Utah State Senator.

Chad A. Carpenter

Executive Director of Human Resources, Ogden School District

Chad Carpenter is the Executive Director of Human Resources for the Ogden City School District. He previously served as the Associate Director of Human Resources for Granite School District and oversaw the human resource functions of Granite's 64 elementary schools and nearly 1,800 elementary teachers. He earned a B.A. in elementary education from Weber State University, where he was named the Utah Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development's Teacher of Tomorrow.

Jaime Casap

Chief Education Evangelist, Google

As Chief Education Evangelist at Google, Inc., Jaime Casap evangelizes the power and potential of the web, technology, and Google tools as enabling and supporting capabilities in pursuit of creating powerful learning models. Mr. Casap works with educational organizations around the world, helping them find ways to continuously improve the quality of education by using and

enabling technology capabilities. He works with all the teams focused on education at Google, including the Google for Education Team, the Google Fiber Team, the Google Policy Team, the YouTube Team, and the Google Education Outreach Team. Mr. Casap also serves on the Board of Directors for the Arizona Science Foundation, New Global Citizens, and Inquire Schools.

Spencer J. Cox

Utah Lieutenant Governor

As Lieutenant Governor, Spencer Cox serves as the State Election Officer, Legislative Liaison, Chair or Co-chair of ten committees or commissions, and a member of seven committees covering a wide array of issues, including education, multicultural affairs, emergency management, and rural and economic development. He previously served as a Councilman and Mayor of Fairview City, as a Sanpete County Commissioner and as a state representative, representing District 58, which includes most of Sanpete and Juab Counties.

David L. Crandall

Chair, Utah State Board of Education

David L. Crandall has served as the chair of the State Board of Education since 2014. Mr. Crandall has served on the governing board of Summit Academy charter school, where he currently serves as board chair. He is a software engineer with a consulting firm in Sandy, and has worked in the software industry in Utah since 1993.

France A. Davis

Vice Chair, State Board of Regents

France A. Davis was appointed to the Board of Regents in 2008. Regent Davis is a former member of the Salt Lake Community College Board of Trustees and has served as pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church in Salt Lake City for 40 years. He taught communications and ethnic studies courses at the University of Utah for many years and is a recipient of the Utah State University Community Service Award and holds

honorary degrees from the University of Utah, Salt Lake Community College, and Dixie State College.

Sydnee Dickson

Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction, Utah State Office of Education

Dr. Sydnee Dickson has served various roles at the Utah State Office of Education for eight years and currently serves as the Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction at the Utah State Office of Education. Dr. Dickson's particular area of expertise is professional learning to improve classroom instruction and leadership on behalf of all students. A Utah educator for the past 35 years, Dr. Dickson's experience includes teaching, counseling, and school and district administration.

Representative Steve Eliason

Representative Steve Eliason has served in the Legislature since January 1, 2011. Representing district 45, he currently co-chairs the Public Education Appropriations Subcommittee and the Charter School Funding Task Force, and serves on the following committees: Education Interim Committee, Federal Funds Commission, House Education Committee, House Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Committee, House Retirement and Independent Entities Committee, Retirement and Independent Entities Appropriations Subcommittee, Retirement and Independent Entities Interim Committee, Revenue and Taxation Interim Committee, and the Utah Tax Review Commission.

Christie Fox

Director Utah Scholars and Completion Initiatives, Utah System of Higher Education

Dr. Christie Fox has spent her entire working life in higher education, starting in recruitment and then moving into teaching and administration. She directed the Honors Program at Utah State University for eight years, and has served as the Director of Utah Scholars and Completion Initiatives at the Utah System of Higher Education Since 2012. In this position, Dr. Fox helps increase college access while also working to

ensure that recruited students leave with a meaningful credential. She is currently directing a state wide prior learning assessment pilot in an effort to improve services to adult students.

Representative Keith Grover

Representative Keith Grover has served in the Legislature since January 1, 2007. Representing District 61, He currently chairs the Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee, and serves on the Economic Development and Workforce Services Interim Committee, the House Government Operations Committee, the House Public Utilities and Technology Committee, The State Water Development Commission, and the Utah International Relations and Trade Commission.

Eric Heiser

Interim Dean School of Applied Technology and Professional Development, Salt Lake Community College

Dr. Eric Heiser has worked in higher education for ten years, and has spent the past four years as an academic administrator, with the past two years as the Associate Dean. He is currently the Interim Dean of the School of Applied Technology and Professional Development at Salt Lake Community College. Dr. Heiser has overseen and is currently leading the School of Applied technology to a transition from a clock hour format into a competency based education modality. He has spent the past five years working in the area of competency based education and curriculum development.

Elizabeth J. Hitch

Associate Commissioner for Academic & Student Affairs, Utah System of Higher Education

Dr. Elizabeth J. Hitch became Associate Commissioner for Academic and Student Affairs for the Utah System of Higher Education in July 2010. She previously served as Vice President for Academic Affairs at Utah Valley University (UVU), as well as Interim President at UVU in 2008-09. She has also served as Interim President, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic

Affairs at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse. Dr. Hitch served as Dean of the College of Education and Professional Studies at Eastern Illinois University, was a tenured faculty member and administrator at Central Michigan University, and served as an instructional designer at the University of Michigan.

Peter Ingle

Interim Dean of Education, Westminster College

Dr. Peter Ingle has served as Interim Dean of the School of Education at Westminster College since July 2014. Prior to his appointment, he served as Director of the Learning Coalition, a new position in which he facilitated educational development for staff and faculty at Westminster College. Dr. Ingle has taught in the School of Education since 1999 and has taught courses for the Faculty Technology Center on topics related to assessment, teaching with technology, and e-portfolios. He has served on numerous committees, including the Learning Goals Strategic Planning Committee and the College/University Task Force, in addition to serving as both the Chair of the Faculty Senate and Chair of the Faculty.

Representative Bradley G. Last

Representative Bradley Last has served in the Legislature since January 1, 2003. Representing District 71, he currently chairs the House Education Committee and the Education Interim Committee and serves on the following committees: Charter School Funding Task Force, Economic Development and Workforce Services Interim Committee, House Economic Development and Workforce Services Committee, House Retirement and Independent Entities Committee, Public Education Appropriations Subcommittee, Retirement and Independent Entities Appropriations Subcommittee, and Retirement and Independent Entities Interim Committee.

Thalea Longhurst

Director of Career & Technical Education, Utah State Office of Education

Thalea Longhurst is the State Director of Career, Technical, and Adult Education at the Utah State Office of Education. She has worked previously as the State Health Science Education Specialist and the Program and Financial Accountability Coordinator at USOE. Thalea has also taught in Salt Lake City School District and worked in healthcare at the University of Utah Hospitals and Clinics.

Senator Ann Millner

Sen. Ann Millner began her legislative service on January 1, 2015. Representing District 18, she currently chairs the Senate Education, and Education Interim Committees, and serves on the following committees: Business, Economic Development, and Labor Appropriations Subcommittee; Senate Business and Labor Confirmation Committee; Charter School Funding Task Force; Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee; Economic Development and Workforce Services Interim Committee; Senate Education Confirmation Committee; and the Senate Economic Development and Workforce Services Committee.

Rich Nye

Associate Superintendent for Accountability & Assessment, Utah State Office of Education

Rich K. Nye currently serves as the Associate Superintendent of Data, Assessment & Accountability at the Utah State Office of Education. He has extensive experience working at many levels in education in both rural and urban settings, and previously served as the Director of Assessment, Research and Evaluation for the Ogden School District. Mr. Nye has Master's degrees in Curriculum & Instruction and Educational Administration, as well as a PhD in Teacher Education and Leadership with an emphasis on evaluation and educational reform from Utah State University where he also taught courses in assessment, evaluation, cognition, foundations, and science education.

Karla Phillips

State Policy Director of Competency Based Learning, Foundation for Excellence in Education

Karla Phillips is the State Policy Director of Competency Based Learning for the Foundation for Excellence in Education. Previously, she served as Special Assistant to the Deputy Superintendent of Policy and Programs at the Arizona Department of Education. Ms. Phillips also served as the Education Policy Advisor for Arizona Governor Jan Brewer and as the Vice-Chair of Arizona's Developmental Disabilities Planning Council. Her experience includes serving as Director of State Government Relations for Arizona State University (ASU) and as a senior policy advisor for Arizona's House of Representatives.

Allison Riddle

Teacher Leader, Davis School District

Allison Riddle has been an elementary educator in Northern Utah for the past 28 years. She currently teaches 5th grade at Foxboro Elementary School in North Salt Lake, where she is also a Davis District Mentor. Ms. Riddle is a Utah State University Cooperating Teacher, and was named Utah State University Cooperating Teacher of the Year in 2011. Allison is the 2014 Utah Teacher of the Year, and she currently represents Utah's teachers as a member of Governor Herbert's Excellence Education Commission and the Utah State Office of Education Professional Learning Committee. Allison is a recipient of the 2015 Horace Mann Award for Teaching Excellence.

Brad C. Smith

State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Utah State Office of Education

Brad C. Smith was appointed as the State Superintendent of Public Instruction in November, 2014. Prior to his appointment, He was a local board member for the Ogden City School District from 2007 to September 2011, when he became the Superintendent of the Ogden City School District. An attorney who has practiced law in Ogden for nearly 20 years, Superintendent Smith

has represented small business people and individuals before many state and federal courts.

Senator Howard A. Stephenson

Senator Howard Stephenson has served in the Legislature since January 1, 1993. Representing District 11, he currently serves as the co-chair of the Public Education Appropriations Subcommittee, and the Charter School Funding Task Force, and serves on the following committees: Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee, Education Interim Committee, Administrative Rules Review Committee, Senate Revenue and Taxation Confirmation Committee, Senate Revenue and Taxation Committee, Revenue and Taxation Interim Committee, Senate Education Confirmation Committee, and the Senate Education Committee.

Marc Tucker

President and CEO, National Center on Education and the Economy

Marc Tucker has been researching the strategies used by the countries with the best-performing education systems for many years. He is a leading expert on student performance standards and assessment. In 2014, Mr. Tucker received the James Bryant Conant award from the Education Commission for the States for his outstanding individual contribution to American education. Mr. Tucker currently has an appointment as a Visiting Distinguished Fellow at the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

Senator Stephen H. Urquhart

Sen. Stephen Urquhart began his legislative service in the House of Representatives in January 2001, and has served in the Senate since January 2009. Representing District 29, he currently chairs the Higher Education Appropriation Subcommittee and the Senate Education Confirmation Committee, and serves on the following committees: Education Interim Committee; Legislative Process Committee; Senate Education Committee; Senate Rules Committee; Public Education Appropriations Subcommittee; Judiciary Interim Committee; Senate Judiciary Confirmation Committee; Senate Judicial Confirmation Committee; and the Senate Judiciary, Law Enforcement, and Criminal Justice Committee.

Tom Vander Ark

Chief Executive Officer, Getting Smart

Tom Vander Ark is the author of *Getting Smart*, *Smart Cities*, and *Smart Parents*. He is CEO of Getting Smart, a learning design firm, and a partner at Learn Capital, an education venture fund. Tom advocates for innovations that customize and motivate learning and extend access. Previously he served as the first Executive Director of Education for the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Tom served as a public school Superintendent in Washington State and has extensive private sector experience. Tom is Director for the International Association for K-12 Online Learning (iNACOL), Imagination Foundation, and Charter Board Partners, and serves on several other non-profit boards.