

**MINUTES OF THE JOINT PUBLIC EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS  
SUBCOMMITTEE  
Monday, January 26, 1998 2:00 P.M.  
ROOM 303, STATE CAPITOL BUILDING**

Members Present: Rep. Bill Wright, Committee Co-Chair  
Sen. LeRay McAllister  
Sen. Craig L. Taylor  
Sen. Millie M. Peterson  
Rep. John Arrington  
Rep. David L. Gladwell  
Rep. Bradley T. Johnson  
Rep. Susan Koehn  
Rep. Tammy J. Rowan  
Rep. Nora B. Stephens  
Rep. A. Lamont Tyler  
Rep. Judy Ann Buffmire  
Rep. Brad King

Members Excused: Sen. Robert F. Montgomery, Committee Co-Chair

Members Absent:

Staff Present: R. Michael Kjar, Legislative Fiscal Analyst  
Gary Ricks, Legislative Fiscal Analyst  
Sheila Ainsworth, Secretary

List of others present is on file.

Committee Co-Chair Rep. Bill Wright called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m.

1. Sen. Robert F. Montgomery is excused today because he is sick.
2. Approval of Minutes: The Minutes for the 1/23/98 meeting have not been signed and distributed yet, so we will vote to approve those later this week.
3. The first item of business is going back to the two budget presentations given last Friday - Utah State Office and Child Nutrition.

Rep. Johnson addressed questions to Superintendent Bean regarding mineral lease funds, and Superintendent Bean answered his questions.

**MOTION:** Rep. Rowan moved to accept the analyst's recommendations for the Utah State Office budget and Child Nutrition budgets presented last week.

Rep. King stated his concerns with the Utah State Office's Budget and Deputy Superintendent Laurie Chivers addressed those concerns.

The motion passed the House and tied in the Senate. The motion passed.

4. **MOTION:** Rep. King moved, for an item of consideration later, that the Committee will go back and consider the turn-over savings for the State Office of Education.

The motion passed unanimously with all present voting.

This item will be placed on a reconsideration list.

5. Michael Kjar presented a summary of the Minimum School Program (following the agenda). He answered the questions of the Committee. Con Rowley, Governor's Office, presented budget information. Superintendent Scott Bean and Deputy Superintendent Laurie Chivers presented their response.
6. **MOTION:** Rep. King moved that we suspend our rule of waiting until the next day and vote today to approve or disapprove the items we have discussed today.

The motion passed unanimously with all present voting.

7. **MOTION:** Rep. King moved to approve as recommended by the analyst the items discussed today: A: 1-5, B: 1-4 and 8 on page 5 under tab 4, "School Finance Programs".

The motion passed unanimously with all present voting.

8. Mr. Bean presented individuals who addressed items wherein there are differences. Dr. Mae Taylor Sweeten, Director and Analyst of Special Education for the State Office Youth in Custody and Suecarol Robinson, Specialist over Programs for Youth in Custody gave their explanation and passed out Youth in Custody Outcomes Report 1997, attached hereto, and answered the questions of the Committee. Con Rowley pointed out the Governor's numbers are the same as the Analyst's and less than those of the Office of Education.

Ms. Robinson then explained At Risk Flow Through, passed out a hand-out and answered the questions of the Committee. She is seeking an increase in funds and explained some of the problems involved (i.e. truancy, expelling, teacher training).

Jerry Peterson spoke on behalf of Utah Math, Engineering, Science, Achievement

(MESA) and passed out a pamphlet.

Jerry Peterson presented Linda Alder, Curriculum Coordinator, USOE, who made a presentation on the Concurrent Enrollment program and answered questions of the Committee. Mr. Peterson presented Connie Love, Education Specialist, USOE, who made a presentation on the Gifted and Talented program.

9. Con Rowley made comments on the budget recommendations.
10. Rep. Buffmire said she misses having the Governor's, the Analyst's and the Departments' budget recommendations to compare. She misses questions she should ask because the figures are not in front of her for comparison. Mr. Rowley said he meant to have such a comparison today (Governor's v. Fiscal Analyst's recommendations); he is missing a couple of numbers, but will have it ready for distribution to the legislators the next meeting. Superintendent Bean will give the legislators a spread sheet with the Agency's, the Governor's and the Analyst's recommendations.
11. **MOTION:** Rep. Tyler moved to adjourn at 4:00 p.m. The motion passed unanimously with all present voting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

The minutes were reported by Sheila Ainsworth.

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Sen. Robert F. Montgomery  
Committee Co-Chair

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