

**MINUTES OF THE JOINT PUBLIC EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS
SUBCOMMITTEE
Monday, February 16, 1998 2:00 P.M.
ROOM 303, STATE CAPITOL BUILDING**

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

Members Excused:

Members Absent: Sen. Craig L. Taylor

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

Others Present: Con Rowley, Planning & Budget Analyst, Governor's Office
Scott Bean, State Superintendent, USOE
Blaine Petersen, Executive Director, USOR
Rusty Wales, Administrator, Division of Services for the Deaf and Hard of
Hearing
Lance Wilkerson, Advocate, Advisory Council, DSDHH
Diane Russell, State Coordinator, Independent Living Program
Bill Gibson, Director, Division for the Blind & Visually Impaired
Sue Bozwell, blind person
Don Uchida, Director, DRS, USOR
Corey Rowley, Legislative Coalition for People with Disabilities
Dave Mortensen, Board Member, Utah Association for the Deaf
Travis Payne, Consumer, Independent Living Center
John Runyan

List of others present is on file

Co-chair Montgomery called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

MOTION: Sen. Peterson moved to approve the minutes of February 11, February 6, and January 23, 1998. The motion passed unanimously.

Co-chair Montgomery announced the Committee is prepared to vote on budgets.

MOTION: Rep. Gladwell moved to approve the Fiscal Analyst's recommendation for the Total Program Expenditures in the amount of \$16,491,600 for the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind for FY 1999.

There was discussion from the Committee.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Rep. Tyler moved to include in the original motion the equity salary adjustments increase of \$192,400 for FY 1999.

The substitute motion passed unanimously with all present voting.

MOTION: Rep. Koehn moved for the following intent language: It is the intent of the legislature that if funds are available, employees of the School for the Deaf and the Blind defined as interveners who are projected to work more than 800 hours in a school year be provided with benefits afforded State employees.

Rep. Koehn spoke for the motion and answered questions from the Committee.

The motion passed unanimously with all present voting.

MOTION: Rep. Stephens moved to place on the List for Prioritization \$300,000 to be divided proportionately among Extension of Year-around Services, the Orientation and Mobility Resources, and Technology Support.

There was discussion to the motion.

The motion passed unanimously with all present voting.

Sen. Peterson asked the Fiscal Analyst to give the Committee an updated list at the next meeting.

Co-chair Montgomery turned the floor over to Mike Kjar, Fiscal Analyst, who distributed the most current List of Prioritization.

Sen. M. Peterson assumed the Chair.

MOTION: Rep. Johnson moved to place on the List of Prioritization \$200,000 for the National Guard Tuition Assistance Fund.

There was a question as to whether this would be a higher education issue. It was decided that it would be presented in this Committee as well as the Higher Education Appropriations Committee. There was more discussion from the Committee and Mr. Kjar regarding this issue.

Co-chair Montgomery resumed the Chair.

The motion failed.

Co-chair Montgomery turned to the Educational Contracts budget, Tab 12, page 1. Mr. Kjar clarified questions about figures.

MOTION: Rep. Rowan made a motion to accept the Analyst's recommendations on Public Education Contracts in the amount of \$4,141,000.

Co-chair turned the motion over to discussion. Mr. Kjar answered questions from the Committee.

The motion passed favorably with all present voting.

MOTION: Rep. Rowan moved to placed on the List for Prioritization \$250,000 for Corrections Educational Contracts.

The motion passed unanimously with all present voting.

Co-chair Montgomery turned the floor over to Mr. Kjar for the budget hearings on:

FACT - Con Rowley, Governor's Office, said the Governor's budget requested nothing additional for FACT; Superintendent Scott Bean, USOE, said his office agrees with the Analyst's recommendation.

Career Ladders - Dr. Rowley said the Governor's recommendation agrees with the Analyst's; Dr. Bean said the USOE's recommendation agrees with the Analyst's.

Weighted Pupil Unit - Dr. Rowley and Dr. Bean said their recommendations agree with the Analyst's.

Co-chair Montgomery moved to item number 4 on the agenda. Gary Ricks, Fiscal Analyst, presented the recommendations for Utah State Office of Rehabilitation. Dr. Rowley distributed a hand-out from the Governor's office, showing the differences in the Governor's recommendations and the Fiscal Analyst's recommendations. Blaine Petersen, Executive Director, USOR, distributed a hand-out, presented the USOR's recommendations and answered questions from the Committee. As part of his presentation, Rusty Wales, Administ. Division of Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Lance Wilkerson, Advocate, Advisory Council, DSDHH, Diane Russell, State Coordinator, Independent Living Program, Bill Gibson, Director, Division for the Blind & Visually Impaired, Sue Bozwell, blind person, Don Uchida, Dir. DRS, USOR, (distributed a hand-out) all spoke in support of funding and answered questions.

Co-chair Montgomery opened the floor to comments from the public. Corey Rowley, Legislative Coalition for People with Disabilities, distributed a hand-out, Dave Mortensen, Board Member, Utah Association for the Deaf, Travis Payne, Consumer, Independent Living Center, and John Runyan spoke in support of the programs and funding.

Co-chair Montgomery turned the floor over to Mr. Kjar for presentation of the Fiscal Analyst's recommendations for One-Time Appropriations and Supplementals (Tab 4, page 6). Mr. Kjar and Mr. Ricks answered questions from the Committee. Dr. Rowley and Dr. Bean commented on those items.

Co-chair asked Mr. Kjar to address the issue of School Lunch Program, which he did, and answered questions from the Committee. Co-chair Montgomery then opened the floor for motions as to how to handle this issue.

MOTION: Rep. Tyler moved to run a bill.

The motion passed unanimously with all present voting.

Co-chair Montgomery placed before the Committee the issue of trying to finish by Wednesday. Several suggestions were made.

MOTION: Rep. Wright moved that the Committee go along with normal procedure.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Sen. Peterson moved that the Committee add to the List for Prioritization those items from today's meeting so that the Committee can prioritize the items during the next meeting, and that the Analyst have the List for Prioritization on the Members' desks tomorrow so the Committee Members will have 24 hours to deliberate over the list and then, during the next meeting, vote on the budget items heard today plus the List for Prioritization.

The motion passed unanimously with all present voting.

Co-chair Montgomery opened the floor to take motions for the List for Prioritization.

MOTION: Rep. Tyler moved to place on the List for Prioritization \$666,200 for the Office of Rehabilitation, which is the difference between the Governor's recommendation and the Legislative Analyst's recommendation.

The motion passed unanimously with all present voting.

MOTION: Rep. Stephens moved to put on the study list the School Finance System and the Career Ladder.

The motion passed unanimously with all present voting.

MOTION: Rep. Rowan moved to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously with all present voting.

Co-chair Montgomery adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

The minutes were reported by Sheila Ainsworth.

Sen. Robert F. Montgomery
Committee Co-Chair

Rep. Bill Wright
Committee Co-Chair