

**MINUTES OF THE JOINT PUBLIC EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS  
SUBCOMMITTEE  
Wednesday, February 03, 1999, 2:00 P.M.  
ROOM 303, STATE CAPITOL BUILDING**

Members Present: Sen. Howard Stephenson, Co-Chair  
Rep. Nora B. Stephens, Co-Chair  
Sen. Ron Allen  
Sen. Karen Hale  
Sen. Lyle Hillyard  
Rep. Duane Bourdeaux  
Rep. Judy Ann Buffmire  
Rep. Lloyd Frandsen  
Rep. David Gladwell  
Rep. Brad King  
Rep. Becky Lockhart  
Rep. Tammy Rowan  
Rep. A. Lamont Tyler  
Rep. Glenn L. Way

Members Excused: Sen. John Valentine

Staff Present: R. Michael Kjar, Legislative Fiscal Analyst  
Gary Ricks, Legislative Fiscal Analyst  
Shirley Smith, Secretary

Others Present: Dr. John Bennion, Former Dist. Supt. SL Schools  
Con Rowley, Analyst, Governor's Office  
Steven Laing, Supt. USBOE  
Vickie Dahn, Tech.Coord., USOE  
Joan Patterson, Specialist USBOE  
Kristie Fink, Ed. Specialist, USBOE  
Lauri Lacy, Specialist, USOE  
Sandra Jolovich-Motes, Principal, Dilworth Elementary, SL Dist.  
Marilyn Copeland, Principal, Lincoln Elementary, Granite Dist.  
Suecarol Robinson, Specialist, USOE  
Craig Hudnall, Provo School District  
Nancy Woodward, SLC School District  
Laurie Chivers, Deputy Supt., USBOE  
Charlene Linford, Granite School Dist.  
Nancy Page, Highland Park School, SL Dist.  
Verneita Hunt, Principal, Taylorsville Elem.School  
Linda Abel, School Health Consultant, UDOH  
Nancy Gold, USBOE

Verneita Hunt, Principal, Taylorsville Elementary, SL Dist.  
Cecie Sharman, SL School Dist.  
Sandra Jolvich-Motes, Principal, Mtn. View Elem., Ogden Dist.  
Steve Ronnencamp, Supt. Granite School Dist.  
Barbara Rudolph, Principal, SLC Dist.  
Christine Fink, Specialist, USBOE  
Darlene Robless, Supt., SL School Dist.  
Steven Peterson, Utah School Supts. Assoc.

List of others present is on file

Committee Co-Chair Sen. Stephenson called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m.

**1. Presentation Item**

Dr. John Bennion, Clinical Professor, Graduate School of Education, University of Utah, and former Dist. Supt. of Salt Lake Schools. Dr. Bennion, presented a slide presentation, "Student Learning Standard and Accountability Measures in Utah: What Can be Learned from Other States?" Dr. Bennion shared some ideas that illustrated how standards and accountability can be a powerful force in higher levels of learning.

**2. Minimum School Program - Budget Hearings**

a. Career Ladder

Michael Kjar, Analyst, recommends 24,253 WPU's for the Career Ladder Program which incorporates the average growth for FY 2000.

b. Class Size Reduction

The Analyst recommends 29,577 WPUs for Class Size Reduction which is somewhat different from the Governor's recommendation. He said the difference is because of the computations used for WPUs. and for social security and retirement costs. Incorporated into the figures for this year is a \$9,000,000 increase from FY 99. The Analyst's recommendations has not included any increase for the initiative that has been recommended by the Governor

c. Unrestricted Local Programs

The Analyst recommends 11,549 WPU's for Unrestricted Local Programs this represents approximately \$21, 000,000 plus social security and retirement.

d. Educational Technology Initiative

The Analyst recommends increased funding of \$513,973 for Educational Technology Initiative for a total FY 2000 amount of \$8,970,322. Funds have been set-aside for the Y2K related problems including replacement of computers, and student desk top computers.

Vickie Dahn, Tech. Corrdinator, USOE, remarked that all of the districts are continuing to look at the issue of Y2K including embedded chips as they relate to security.

e. Centennial Schools/Twenty First Schools

The Analyst recommends total funding for Centennial Schools of \$355,305 with a base reduction of \$781,500 with a like amount put into the budget for Twenty First Century Schools. This is a reduction of the Centennial Schools budget and an increase of the Twenty First Schools budget.

f. Alternative Language Services

The Analyst recommends \$2,828,564 base funding recommendation and does not include any adjustment for growth.

g. Character Education

The Analyst recommends \$397,680 for Character Education. The SBOE has already received a federal grant for over \$1,000,000 in federal funds.

h. Highly Impacted Schools

The Analyst recommends \$4,173,207 for Highly Impacted Schools which is a \$1,200,000 decrease. The Analyst and the Governor's office have recommended \$1,200,000 be used towards the Governor's Initiative for FY 2000.

i. School Nurses

The Analyst recommends \$496, 949 for the School Nurse Program which is an increase of \$100,000 for FY 2000. The State Office request was for \$300,000 additional money

for the program.

j. Truancy Intervention

The Analyst recommends \$100,000 for Truancy Intervention. The funds are used to help schools with truancy problems in schools.

k. Voted Leeway Programs

The Analyst recommends \$109,049,760 for Voted Leeway Programs. Uniform School Fund contributes \$10,705,721 and the remaining amount is from local property tax revenues.

**4. Other**

Con Rowley, Governor's Analyst, responded to the Fiscal Analyst's budget. Mr. Rowley stated that the budget's from the Governor's Office and the Fiscal Office are almost the same i.e. Career Ladder, Class Size, School Nurses, Centennial/Twenty First Schools, and Unrestricted Local Programs. The Education Technology Initiative includes \$500,000 for the Fiscal Analyst budget more than the Governor's budget. There is a small difference in the Alternative Language Services, which is personnel driven, so the Governor included in his budget recommendations a percentage increase equivalent to the increase in the value of WPU's. Voted & Leeway Programs will be funded according to statute.

State Supt. Steven Laing, spoke to the USBOE recommendations and then asked specialist's to respond to the various items on the USBOE budget which were handed out to the committee members. At the conclusion of the discussions from the specialists State Supt. Laing, said that he realized the amount of the requests necessary for the Board of Education exceeded significantly the budget from the Legislative Analyst figures but the role of the USBOE members are to be advocates for the students in the State of Utah and the requests are made on behalf of the students.

Following the USBOE presentation, comments regarding the budgets were taken from the public.

**MOTION:** Rep. Way moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with Sen. Valentine absent for the vote.

Committee Co-Chair Stephenson adjourned the meeting at 5:17 p.m.

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The minutes were reported by Shirley Smith, Secretary

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