

**MINUTES OF THE JOINT PUBLIC EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS  
SUBCOMMITTEE  
FRIDAY, January 19, 2001  
ROOM 129, STATE CAPITOL BUILDING**

Members Present: Sen. Howard Stephenson, Co-Chair  
Rep. Marda Dillree, Co-Chair  
Sen. Karen Hale  
Rep. Doug Aagard  
Rep. Duane Bourdeaux  
Rep. Judy Ann Buffmire  
Rep. Glenn Donnelson  
Rep. James Ferrin  
Rep. Tom Hatch  
Rep. Brad King  
Rep. Karen Morgan  
Rep. J. Morgan Philpot  
Rep. John Swallow  
Rep. Glenn Way

Members Excused: Sen. John Valentine  
Sen. Bill Hickman

Staff Present: R. Michael Kjar, Legislative Fiscal Analyst  
Gary Ricks, Legislative Fiscal Analyst  
Nedra Duzett, Secretary

Public Speakers Present: Race Davies, Governor's Office of Planning & Budget  
Steve Laing, Supt., State Office of Education  
Patrick Ogden, Associate Supt., State Office of Education

Visitor List on File

Committee Co-Chair Sen. Stephenson called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m.

**1. Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION:** Sen. Hale moved to approve minutes of the January 17, 2001 meeting.

The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Morgan absent at the time of voting.

**2. Governor's Budget Overview** - Race Davies, GOPB, presented the governor's recommendations for public education. Copies of the budget were distributed.

3. **Budget Hearing - Utah State Office of Education, Analyst** - A Budget Analysis Book FY 2002 was given to committee members. Gary Ricks, Fiscal Analyst, referred to the book as he discussed the State Office of Education budget. He explained that this budget includes only those programs that relate to services and functions provided by the Office itself. The Analyst recommended an appropriation of \$151,857,900 for the Utah State Office of Education, which includes \$3,700,600 of Uniform School Funds that have been transferred from the Minimum School Program. This transfer is spending that occurs at the State Office of Education.

Mr. Ricks reported that during the interim, public education officials developed materials in response to FY 2001 intent language that the Departments of Health and Human Services, the Division of Employment Development in the Department of Workforce Services, and the State Office of Education work jointly to present program budget overviews for services to people with disabilities and for services to the aging. This information will be presented to the 2001 Health and Human Services Appropriations Subcommittee.

Mr. Ricks reported that a summit of legislators and the State Office of Education was held in June in response to legislative intent. The summit was held for the purpose of discussing current adequacy and future needs for state funding for public education. He noted that the funding provided last session was on-going funding.

Supt. Laing responded to committee members inquiries concerning the nature of the summit meeting and who was invited. Rep. Philpot asked Supt. Laing to provide notes from the meeting.

**MOTION:** Rep. Philpot moved to have committee chairs send a letter to the Legislative Management Committee requesting greater involvement of the Public Education Appropriations Committee in future educational summit meetings.

The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Morgan absent at the time of voting.

Sen. Stephenson was excused from the meeting at 3:00 p.m. and Rep. Dillree took over as chair.

Mr. Ricks explained the Computerized Student Record System in the State Office of Education. He recommended that \$76,200 be appropriated for the position of District Computer Services/Student Information System 2000+ Programmer. Committee members asked Mr. Ricks to provide additional information and figures on this program.

Patrick Ogden, Asst. Supt., State Office of Education said smaller districts cannot afford to run their own computer program. He was asked to provide a list of districts utilizing the services of the program in the State Office of Education.

Mr. Ricks presented the budget recommendations for the Child Nutrition program. The Analyst recommended an appropriation of \$94,937,000 for FY 2001. Mr. Ricks explained that the purpose of the child nutrition programs is to offer high quality nutritionally well balanced meals, and to develop nutrition awareness among students. He pointed out that the Child Nutrition staff provides technical assistance as requested by participants; develops an annual financial and staffing plan; provides free and reduced price meal policy, interprets state and federal regulations; and performs administrative and nutritional reviews in districts and institutions to assure compliance with state and federal regulations.

Mr. Ricks said the School Lunch Program is the main component of the Child Nutrition Program. Funding comes from four sources: federal funds, state funds, USDA commodities and local revenue. Participation in the Breakfast Program is optional for each district. Federal and local funds are used for the severe need breakfast program. Funding is also provided for a Summer Food Service Program, and for the Emergency Food Assistance Program to support state level administrative expenses for distribution of USDA donated foods.

4. **Budget Presentation - Utah State Office of Education** - Supt. Laing presented the budget priorities of the Utah State Board of Education. A copy of the budget and a Budget Priorities Resolution was given to committee members.

Supt. Laing gave a presentation on the make-up of the Utah State Board of Education and how they are elected. He explained the relationship of the State Board of Education to the State Office of Education and their statutory responsibilities. He explained the source of the funds that come to the State Office of Education, and said that some are flow through funds. Rep. Dillree asked for a list of audits over the last few years.

5. **Public Response** - There was no public response.
6. **Other Business** - Discussion in the next meeting will cover all of Tab 5 and Tab 6 to page 29 in the Budget Analysis Book.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Minutes were reported by Nedra Duzett, Secretary.