

**REVISED MINUTES OF HOUSE EDUCATION  
STANDING COMMITTEE**

January 23, 2006

Room W135, West Office Building, State Capitol Complex

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Rep. Margaret Dayton, Chair  
Rep. LaVar Christensen, Vice Chair  
Rep. Ron Bigelow  
Rep. Duane Bourdeaux  
Rep. John Dougall  
Rep. James A. Ferrin  
Rep. James R. Gowans  
Rep. David L. Hogue  
Rep. Kory M. Holdaway  
Rep. Gregory H. Hughes  
Rep. Bradley T. Johnson  
Rep. Carol Spackman Moss  
Rep. Merlynn T. Newbold  
Rep. Stephen Urquhart

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Rep. LaWanna Shurtliff.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Constance C. Steffen Policy Analyst  
Barbara Thomas, Committee Secretary  
Dee S Larsen, Associate General Counsel

**Note: List of visitors and copy of handouts are filed with committee minutes.**

Rep. Dayton called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m. and Rep. Moss gave a brief lesson on English grammar.

**MOTION:** Rep. Gowans moved to approve the minutes of January 17, and 19, 2006. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Rep. Dayton moved HB 218 to first on the agenda. She also indicated HB 68 would be put on the next agenda as Rep. Shurtliff was unable to be here today.

**H.B. 218 Schools for the Deaf and Blind Salary Adjustment**

Rep. Morgan said the bill directs the State Board of Education to include in its annual budget request for the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind money for salary adjustments.

The following spoke in support of the bill:  
Karl Wilson, Utah State Office of Education  
Vic Arnold, Utah Education Association

**MOTION:** Rep. Ferrin moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously, with Rep. Christensen, Rep. Hogue, Rep. Holdaway, Rep. Hughes, and Rep. Johnson absent for the vote.

### **HB99 School Community Councils**

Rep. Fisher explained the bill modifies the membership of school community councils.

The following spoke in support of the bill:

Natalie Gordon, Utah PTA

Paula Plant, Utah State Office of Education

Steve Peterson, Utah School Boards Association

Ray Timothy, Utah State Office of Education, commented on the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Dougall moved to move to the next item on the agenda.

### **SUBSTITUTE**

**MOTION:** Rep. Hogue moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion failed with Representatives Bourdeaux, Christensen, Gowans, Hogue, Holdaway, Moss, and Urquhart voting in favor of the motion.

**MOTION:** A vote was taken on Rep. Douglass's motion to move to the next item. The motion passed with Representatives Bourdeaux, Gowans, Hogue and Moss voting in opposition.

### **HB119 Board of Regents Amendments**

Rep. Urquhart stated the bill requires all appointments to the State Board of Regents be made on a nonpartisan basis.

Regent Megan Holbrook stated that the Board of Regents opposes the bill. On further questioning, she said she opposes the bill and the Board of Regents has not taken a position on the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Dougall moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed with Representatives Bourdeaux, Gowans and Moss voting in opposition.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

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Rep. Margaret Dayton, Chair

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