

**MINUTES OF HOUSE EDUCATION
STANDING COMMITTEE**

January 30, 2008

Room W135, West Office Building, State Capitol Complex

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Gregory H. Hughes, Chair
Rep. Patrick Painter, Vice Chair
Rep. Sylvia S. Andersen
Rep. Craig A. Frank
Rep. James R. Gowans
Rep. Kory M. Holdaway
Rep. Bradley G. Last
Rep. Rebecca D. Lockhart
Rep. Carol Spackman Moss
Rep. Merlynn T. Newbold
Rep. LaWanna "Lou" Shurtliff
Rep. Kenneth W. Sumsion
Rep. Stephen Urquhart
Rep. Mark A. Wheatley

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rep. Brad Dee

STAFF PRESENT: Constance C. Steffen, Policy Analyst
Linda Service, Committee Secretary
Dee S. Larsen, Associate General Counsel

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

Rep. Hughes called the meeting to order at 8:21 a.m.

MOTION: Rep. Shurtliff moved to approve the minutes of January 25, 2008 and January 29, 2008. The motion passed unanimously.

H.B. 321 Higher Education Savings Incentive Program Amendments (*Rep. K. Garn*)

Rep. Garn introduced the bill which modifies provisions relating to the Utah Educational Savings Plan Trust.

MOTION: Rep. Last moved to pass the bill out with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Lockhart and Rep. Painter were absent for the vote.

H.B. 112 Public Education Foundation Amendments (*Rep. S. Allen*)

Rep. Allen introduced the bill which addresses financial accountability of school district foundations.

The following spoke in support of the bill:

Steve Peterson, Utah School Boards Association

MOTION: Rep. Newbold moved to pass the bill out with a favorable recommendation. the motion passed unanimously. Rep. Lockhart and Rep. Painter were absent for the vote.

H.B. 287 Regulation of Teacher - Student Relationships (Rep. S. Sandstrom)

Rep. Sandstrom introduced the bill which requires the State Board of Education to revoke an educator's license under certain conditions.

MOTION: Rep. Holdaway moved to amend the bill as follows:

1. Page 2, Line 56:

56 76-5a-2, with a student, including a student who :
(A) is not a minor {:-} ; and
(B) attends a school where the person is employed.

The motion passed with Rep. Hughes voting in opposition. Rep. Painter was absent for the vote.

Larry Shumway Utah State Board of Education, commented on the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Urquhart moved to move to the next item on the agenda. The motion passed with Rep. Lockhart and Rep. Sumsion voting in opposition.

H.B. 266 Accelerated Learning Program Revisions (Rep. C. Moss)

Before introducing the bill, Rep. Moss mentioned, for the public record, a newspaper account of the January 29, 2008 House Education Standing Committee meeting. The article stated that the meeting started 30 minutes late and that the Chair left only 10 minutes for public comment. Rep. Moss felt it necessary to speak in defense of the Chair. She stated she thought the Chair conducted the meeting in a fair and even-handed manner. A number of people were late due to weather and other circumstances. She did not see it as a deliberate delay and wanted to thank the Chair for the way he handled the meeting.

Rep. Moss introduced the bill which authorizes the use of appropriations for accelerated learning programs for International Baccalaureate programs.

MOTION: Rep. Moss moved to amend the bill as follows:

1. Page 4, Line 107:

107 (1) the appropriation for {class size reduction} accelerated learning
programs under Subsection 53A-17a-104(2) {(m)} (w) in

2. *Page 4, Line 113:*

113 Subsection 53A-17a-104(1) in H.B. 1 shall be increased by
~~-\$100,000~~ \$300,000 .

3. *Page 4, Line 118:*

118 (1) the appropriation for ~~class size reduction~~ accelerated learning
programs under Subsection 53A-17a-104(2) ~~(m)~~ (w) in

4. *Page 5, Line 124:*

124 Subsection 53A-17a-104(1) in S.B. 2 shall be increased by
~~-\$100,000~~ \$300,000 .

The following spoke in support of the bill:

Rebecca Odwardi, Davis School District
Marjorie Parker, Principal, West High School
Holly Langston, Utah PTA
Steve Peterson, Utah School Boards Association and Utah School
Superintendents Association
Vic Arnold, Utah Education Association
Debbie Johnson, Parent of Provo High School student

MOTION: Rep. Holdaway moved to pass the bill out with a favorable motion. The motion passed with Rep. Urquhart voting in opposition. Rep. Frank and Rep. Last were absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Wheatley moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:47 a.m. Rep. Last and Rep. Frank were absent for the vote.

Rep. Gregory H. Hughes, Chair

