

**MINUTES OF HOUSE EDUCATION
STANDING COMMITTEE**

February 27, 2009

Room 445, State Capitol Building

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Gregory H. Hughes, Chair
Rep. Kenneth W. Sumsion, Vice Chair
Rep. Laura Black
Rep. Rebecca Edwards
Rep. Craig A. Frank
Rep. Kory M. Holdaway
Rep. Don L. Ipson
Rep. Carol Spackman Moss
Rep. Merlynn T. Newbold
Rep. Marie H. Poulson
Rep. Kraig Powell
Rep. Mark A. Wheatley
Rep. Carl Wimmer

MEMBERS ABSENT: Brad L. Dee
Bradley G. Last

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 4:35 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Black moved to approve the minutes of January 25, 2009. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Edwards, Rep. Ipson, Rep. Newbold, Rep. Moss, and Rep. Wimmer absent for the vote.

H.B. 432 Higher Education Budget Authority Amendments (Rep. K. Holdaway)

Rep. Holdaway explained the bill gives higher education institutions flexibility in spending. Dr. William Sederburg, Commissioner of Higher Education, discussed the need for the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Black moved to pass the bill out with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

H.B. 381 Public Education Law Revisions - Association Leave (Rep. C. Herrod)

Rep. Herrod explained the bill prohibits association leave.

The following spoke in support of the bill:

Cole Bagley, student
Robert Wright, taxpayer
John Bilton, Davis County resident
Camille Mendel, Salt Lake County resident
Ronald Mortensen, Davis County resident
Glenda Clawson, Weber County resident
Jerry Christensen, business owner and school community group member
Stan Rasmussen, Sutherland Institute
Gayle Ruzicka, Utah Eagle Forum
Judi Clark, Executive Director, Parents for Choice in Education

The following spoke in opposition to the bill:

Tamara Lowe, Utah School Board Association and Utah School Superintendents Association
Debbie White, American Federation of Teachers for Utah
Susan Firmage, Davis Education Association and Davis School District
Mel Miles, Davis County Personnel Director

The following commented on the bill:

Lisa Kirchenheiter, Park City School District
Allen Ayoub, retired from the Utah AFof L/CIO

MOTION: Rep. Frank moved to pass the bill out with a favorable recommendation.

MOTION: Rep. Black moved to end the debate. The motion passed unanimously.

A vote was taken on Rep. Frank's motion. The motion failed with Rep. Frank, Rep. Hughes, Rep. Ipson, Rep. Newbold, Rep. Sumsion, and Rep. Wimmer voting in favor of the motion.

H.B. 186 School District Division Amendment (*Rep. L. Black*)

The bill was not considered.

S.B. 81 Concurrent Enrollment Program Amendments (*Sen. M. Dayton*)

Sen. Dayton introduced Dr. William Sederburg, Commissioner of Higher Education, who explained the bill.

Janice Voorhies spoke in favor of the bill.

Steve Peterson, Utah School Boards Association and Utah School Superintendents Association commented on the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Wimmer moved to pass the bill out with a favorable recommendation.

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

1. Page 3, delete lines 57, 58, 59, 60 and 61.

The motion failed with Rep. Black, Rep. Edwards, Rep. Holdaway, Rep. Poulson, and Rep. Powell voting in favor of the motion. Rep. Ipson, Rep. Moss and Rep. Newbold were absent for the vote.

A vote was taken on Rep. Wimmer's motion. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Black and Rep. Moss absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Poulson moved to adjourn at 6:40 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Rep. Gregory H. Hughes, Chair