

**MINUTES OF THE  
SENATE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2011, 4:00 P.M.  
ROOM 415, STATE CAPITOL**

Members Present: Sen. Howard A. Stephenson, Chair  
Sen. Wayne Niederhauser  
Sen. Jerry Stevenson  
Sen. Daniel Thatcher

Members Excused: Sen. Lyle Hillyard  
Sen. Karen Morgan

Staff Present: Allison Nicholson, Policy Analyst  
Karen C. Allred, Secretary

Public Speakers Present: Larry Shumway, State Superintendent, Utah State Office of  
Education (USOE)  
Ashlyn Hansen, Student, Open High School of Utah  
JeRee Quintrequeo, Parent  
Leslie Phillips, Teacher, Utah Electronic High School  
Kathleen Webb, Principal, Utah Electronic High School  
Jackie Warren, Parent  
Madeline Meyer, Student  
Laura Belnap, Principal, Washington On-Line School  
DeLaina Tonks, Director, Open High School of Utah  
Kelley Broadbent, Parent, Open High School of Utah  
Patti Harrington, Educator  
Sharon Gallagher-Fishbaugh, President, Utah Education  
Association  
Carie Valentine, Parent, Utah Virtual Academy  
Victor Shanti, Parent & Psychologist  
Jennifer Mortensen, Parent  
Stan Rasmussen, Sutherland Institute  
Judi Clark, Executive Director, Parents for Choice in Education  
Devan Salazar, Student, Open High School of Utah

A list of visitors and a copy of handouts are filed with the committee minutes.

Acting Chair Niederhauser called the meeting to order at 4:13 P.M.

**MOTION:** Sen. H. Stephenson moved to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2011 meeting.

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. J. Stevenson absent for the vote.

**1. S.B. 65 - Statewide Online Education Program**

Sen. H. Stephenson introduced and explained the bill.

Dr. Shumway, Ms. Webb, and Dr. Harrington spoke to the bill.

Ms. Hansen, Ms. Warren, Ms. Meyer, Ms. Belnap, Ms. Tonks, Ms. Broadbent, Dr. Shanti, Mr. Rasmussen, Ms. Clark, and Mr. Salazar spoke in favor of the bill.

Ms. Quintrequeo, Ms. Phillips, Ms. Gallagher-Fishbaugh, Ms. Valentine, and Ms. Mortensen spoke in opposition to the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. J. Stevenson moved to pass S.B. 65 out of committee with a favorable recommendation.

The motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Sen. J. Stevenson moved to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously.

Acting Chair Neiderhauser adjourned the meeting at 5:34 P.M.

Minutes were reported by Karen C. Allred, Secretary.

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Sen. Howard A. Stephenson