

**MINUTES OF HOUSE EDUCATION
STANDING COMMITTEE**

Room 445, State Capitol

February 6, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Francis Gibson, Chair
Rep. Bill Wright, Vice Chair
Rep. Patrice Arent
Rep. LaVar Christensen
Rep. Becky Edwards
Rep. Steven Eliason
Rep. Greg H. Hughes
Rep. John G. Mathis
Rep. Kay L. McIff
Rep. Carol Spackman Moss
Rep. Merlynn Newbold
Rep. Marie H. Poulson
Rep. Kraig Powell
Rep. Ken W. Sumsion

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Rep. Rebecca D. Lockhart

STAFF PRESENT: Constance C. Steffen, Policy Analyst
Linda Service, Committee Secretary

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

Rep. Gibson called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Edwards moved to approve the minutes of February 2, 2012. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Arent, Rep. Christensen, Rep. Hughes, Rep. McIff, Rep. Newbold, Rep. Sumsion, and Rep. Wright were absent for the vote.

H.B. 218 Local School Board Business Administrator (Rep. D. McCay)

Rep. McCay introduced the bill which changes procedures related to hiring a business administrator of a school district.

MOTION: Rep. Newbold moved to pass the bill out with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Christensen, Rep. Hughes, and Rep. Wright were absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Eliason moved to place the bill on the consent calendar. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Christensen, Rep. Hughes, and Rep. Wright were absent for the vote.

Education Interim Committee and shall

- 79 include:
80 ~~{(a)}~~ (i) a financial report;
81 ~~{(b)}~~ (ii) a report on the activities of the superintendent and associate
 superintendents;
82 ~~{(c)}~~ (iii) a report on activities to involve parents and constituency and
 advocacy groups in
83 the governance of the school; and
84 ~~{(d)}~~ (iv) a report on student achievement including:
85 ~~{(f)}~~ (A) student academic achievement data, including longitudinal data
 for both current and
86 previous students served by the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind;
87 ~~{(f)}~~ (B) graduation rates; and
88 ~~{(f)}~~ (C) students exiting the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind and
 their educational
89 placement after exiting the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind.

The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Hughes and Rep. Wright were absent for the vote.

Rep. Seelig introduced the bill which modifies provisions relating to the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind. Supt. Martell Menlove, Deputy Superintendent, Utah State Board of Education, and Dixie Allen, State Board of Education, assisted in the presentation of the bill.

Ms. Jan Ferre, Legislative Coalition for Persons with Disabilities, spoke in support of the bill.

The following spoke to the bill:

Mr. Dan Mathis, deaf community

Mr. Philippe Montalette, UAD President

MOTION: Rep. Sumsion moved to pass the bill out as amended with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Wright was absent for the vote.

H.B. 285 Repeal of Higher Education Tuition Assistance Program (Rep. S. Eliason)

Rep. Eliason introduced the bill which repeals the Utah Higher Education Tuition Assistance Program. Mr. Dave Buhler, State Board of Regents, assisted in the presentation.

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

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MOTION: Rep. Newbold moved to place the bill on the consent calendar. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Rep. Poulson moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Gibson adjourned the meeting at 3:04 p.m.

Rep. Francis Gibson, Chair