

**MINUTES OF THE
SENATE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE
ROOM 415, STATE CAPITOL
FEBRUARY 13, 2012**

Members Present: Sen. Aaron Osmond, Chair
 Sen. Lyle W. Hillyard
 Sen. Karen W. Morgan
 Sen. Wayne L. Niederhauser
 Sen. Howard A. Stephenson
 Sen. Jerry Stevenson
 Sen. Daniel Thatcher

Staff Present: Ms. Allison Nicholson, Policy Analyst
 Ms. Wendy Hill, Secretary

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

Chair Osmond called the meeting to order at 2:14 pm.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Sen. Thatcher moved to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2012 meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Morgan, Sen. Niederhauser, Sen. Stephenson, and Sen. Stevenson absent for the vote.

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

Rep. McCay introduced and explained the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Thatcher moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Morgan, Sen. Niederhauser, and Sen. Stevenson absent for the vote.

MOTION: Sen. Hillyard moved to place **H.B. 218** on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed unanimously.

Sen. Stephenson assumed the chair.

S.B. 64 Public Education Employment Reform (A. Osmond)

Sen. Osmond introduced and explained the bill.

Spoke for the bill: Dr. Larry Shumway, State Superintendent of Public Instruction
 Ms. Sharon Gallagher-Fishbaugh, President, Utah Education Association

Mr. Matthew Piccolo, Policy Analyst, Sutherland Institute
Dr. Barclay Lincoln Burns, Citizen, Professor

Spoke to the bill: Ms. Lisa Kirchenheiter, Citizen, Park City School Board, and Utah School Boards Association

MOTION: Sen. Morgan moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Hillyard absent for the vote.

Sen. Osmond assumed the chair.

S.B. 191 Accountability for School Attendance (*J. Stevenson*)

Sen. Stevenson introduced and explained the bill.

Spoke for the bill: Ms. Sharon Gallagher-Fishbaugh, President, Utah Education Association
Mr. Jon J. Greiner, Citizen, Former Police Chief, Ogden City

MOTION: Sen. Thatcher moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Hillyard absent for the vote.

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

Rep. Eliason introduced and explained the bill.

Spoke for the bill: Mr. Dave Buhler, Associate Commissioner, Utah System of Higher Education

MOTION: Sen. Thatcher moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Hillyard and Sen. Stevenson absent for the vote.

MOTION: Sen. Thatcher moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Hillyard and Sen. Stevenson absent for the vote.

Chair Osmond adjourned the meeting at 4:37 pm.

Minutes were reported by Wendy Hill, Secretary.

Sen. Aaron Osmond