

**MINUTES OF THE
SENATE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE
ROOM 415, STATE CAPITOL
FEBRUARY 22, 2012**

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

Members Excused: Sen. Lyle W. Hillyard

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 8:02 am.

S.B. 81 Paraeducator Funding (*K. Mayne*)

Sen. Mayne introduced and explained the bill.

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

Sen. Thatcher assumed the chair.

S.B. 223 Pledge of Allegiance Amendments (*A. Osmond*)

Sen. Osmond introduced and explained the bill.

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

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

Sen. Osmond assumed the chair.

S.B. 178 Statewide Online Education Program Amendments (*H. Stephenson*)

Sen. Stephenson introduced and explained the bill.

Spoke for the bill: Mr. Richard R. Nelson, President and CEO, Utah Technology Council
Mr. Matthew Piccolo, Policy Analyst, Sutherland Institute
Ms. Robyn Bagley, Citizen
Ms. Judi Clark, Executive Director, Parents for Choice in Education

Spoke to the bill: Mr. Brad Nelson, Finance Director, Spectrum Academy
Ms. Erin Preston, Superintendent, Providence Hall
Mr. Peter Cannon, Member (speaking for himself), Davis School District
Board of Education
Ms. Sharon Gallagher-Fishbaugh, President, Utah Education Association
Dr. Martell Menlove, Deputy Superintendent, State Board of Education
Mr. Chris Bleak, President, Utah Association of Public Charter Schools

Spoke against the bill: Mr. Patrick Colclough, Coordinator, Granite Connect, Granite School
District
Mr. Kory Holdaway, Director Government Relations, Utah Education
Association
Ms. Sue Winkler, Online Programs Coordinator, Davis School District
Mr. Jason Stanger, Executive Director, InTech Collegiate High School
Mr. Clark Baron, Principal, Utah County Academy of Sciences
Ms. Trisha Syversen, Online Curriculum Specialist, Davis School District

MOTION: Sen. Thatcher moved to pass the bill out favorably.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Sen. Morgan moved to hold the bill. The motion failed, with Sen.
Osmond and Sen. Morgan voting in favor.

The original motion passed with Sen. Morgan and Sen. Osmond voting in opposition.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Sen. Thatcher moved to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2012 meeting.
The motion passed unanimously.

H.B. 213 School Community Council Member Qualifications (*L. Perry*)

MOTION: Sen. Morgan moved to hold the bill until the next meeting. The motion passed
unanimously.

S.B. 82 Equal Access for Education Employee Association Amendments (*Sen. M. Madsen*)

Sen. Madsen introduced the bill.

Spoke for the bill: Cole Kelley, Teacher, Alpine School District
 Allyson White, Teacher, Davis County School District

MOTION: Sen. Niederhauser moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Osmond adjourned the meeting at 9:58 am.

Minutes were reported by Wendy Hill, Secretary.

Sen. Aaron Osmond