

**MINUTES OF HOUSE EDUCATION
STANDING COMMITTEE**
Room 30, House Building
March 5, 2014

Members Present: Rep. Francis Gibson, Chair
Rep. Lowry Snow, Vice Chair
Rep. Patrice M. Arent
Rep. Rich Cunningham
Rep. Steve Eliason
Rep. Bradley G. Last
Rep. David Lifferth
Rep. Dan McCay
Rep. Carol Spackman Moss
Rep. Jim Nielson
Rep. Val Peterson
Rep. Marie H. Poulson
Rep. Kraig Powell
Rep. Dean T. Sanpei
Rep. Keven Stratton

Members Absent: Rep. Greg H. Hughes

Staff Present: Ms. Constance C. Steffen, Policy Analyst
Ms. Linda Service, Committee Secretary

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

Vice Chair Snow called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m.

MOTION: Rep. Lifferth moved to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2014 meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Gibson, Rep. McCay, Rep. Nielson, Rep. Peterson, and Rep. Stratton absent for the vote.

H.B. 419 Charter School Revisions (Rep. S. Eliason)

Rep. Eliason explained the bill assisted by Chris Bleak, President, Utah Association of Public Charter Schools.

MOTION: Rep. Eliason moved to amend the bill as follows:

1. Page 2, Lines 34 through 35:

34 Other Special Clauses:

35 {~~None~~} **This bill coordinates with S.B. 171, Student-Centered Learning**

Pilot Program, by providing technical amendments.

2. *Page 56, Line 1713:*

1713 board to receive some or all of the services referred to in Subsection (3)(a).

(c) Except as specified in a charter agreement, local school board assets do not transfer to an existing public school that converts to charter status under a charter granted by a local school board under this section.

3. *Page 63, Line 1945:*

1945 (10) The authority may create and establish other funds for its purposes.

Section 27. Coordinating H.B. 419 with S.B. 171--Technical amendments. If this H.B. 419 and S.B. 171, Student-Centered Learning Pilot Program, both pass and become law, it is the intent of the Legislature that the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel in preparing the Utah Code database for publication, modify Subsection 53A-1a-508(3) to read:

"(3) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (3)(b), a charter agreement may not be modified except by mutual agreement between the charter school authorizer and the governing board of the charter school.

(b) (i) Subject to Subsection (3)(c), at the request of the governing board of a charter school that is selected to participate in the Student-Centered Learning Pilot Program created in Section 53A-15-1403, the charter school's authorizer shall attach an addendum to the school's charter indicating the charter is modified to be consistent with the requirements of the Student-Centered Learning Pilot Program and describing those modifications.

(ii) A charter school authorizer shall make the modifications described in Subsection (3)(b)(i) without requiring the charter school to participate in a charter amendment process.

(c) (i) If an increase in a charter school's enrollment capacity is required to participate in the Student-Centered Learning Pilot Program, the charter school shall submit a request for an increase in enrollment capacity to the State Board of Education.

(ii) The State Board of Education may approve an increase in enrollment capacity for the charter school subject to the availability of sufficient funds appropriated under Section 53A-1a-513."

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The motion passed unanimously with Rep. McCay and Rep. Nielson absent for the vote.

Spoke for the bill: Craig Frank, Utah Charter Network
 Kory Holdaway, citizen

Spoke to the bill: Dr. Martell Menlove, State Superintendent

MOTION: Rep. Lifferth moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Arent, Rep. Nielson, and Rep. Stratton absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. McCay moved to place the bill on the Consent Calendar. The motion failed with Rep. Cunningham voting against the motion.

H.B. 409 Statewide Education Coordinating Committee (*Rep. S. Eliason*)

Rep. Eliason explained the bill.

Spoke for the bill: Kory Holdaway, citizen

Spoke to the bill: Dr. Martell Menlove

MOTION: Rep. Stratton moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed with Rep. Arent voting against the motion. Rep. Nielson and Rep. Sanpei were absent for the vote.

H.B. 417 English Language Arts Instructional Tool (*Rep. C. Moss*)

Rep. Moss explained the bill assisted by Sen. Stephenson.

Spoke for the bill: Judi Clark, Parents for Choice in Education

Spoke to the bill: Dr. Martell Menlove
 Peter Cannon, citizen

MOTION: Rep. Cunningham moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Nielson and Rep. Sanpei absent for the vote.

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