

**MINUTES OF THE  
HOUSE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE**  
Room 30, House Building  
February 24, 2015

**Members Present:** Rep. Brad G. Last, Chair  
Rep. V. Lowry Snow, Vice Chair  
Rep. LaVar Christensen  
Rep. Kim Coleman  
Rep. Steve Eliason  
Rep. Justin L. Fawson  
Rep. Francis D. Gibson  
Rep. Eric K. Hutchings  
Rep. David E. Lifferth  
Rep. Daniel McCay  
Rep. Carol Spackman Moss  
Rep. Michael E. Noel  
Rep. Marie H. Poulson

**Members Excused:** Rep. Gregory H. Hughes

**Staff Present:** Ms. Tiffany Stanley, 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 4:20 p.m.

**H.B. 331 Professional Learning Grant Program (*Rep. B. Last*)**

Rep. Last explained the bill to the committee assisted by Dr. Sydnee Dickson, Deputy Superintendent, State Office of Education.

Spoke for the bill: Dr. Sara Jones, Utah Education Association  
Ms. Elizabeth Weight, American Federation of Teachers  
Ms. Deon Turley, Utah PTA

Rep. Hutchings assumed the chair.

**MOTION:** Rep. Gibson moved to amend the bill as follows:

1. *Page 4, Lines 108 through 112:*

108           (c) integrates the professional learning standards described in Section 53A-15-1501;

109           ~~{and}~~

- 110        (d) includes an evaluation method to optimize effectiveness that:  
111        (i) measures student growth; and  
112        (ii) requires observation of educator practice { } ;  
(e) is developed in collaboration with teachers, principals, and other educators; and  
(f) incorporates a strategy for compensation, where appropriate, of professional  
learning participants.

The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Snow absent for the vote.

**MOTION:** Rep. Poulson moved to pass the bill favorably. The motion passed with Rep. Coleman, Rep. Fawson, and Rep. Lifferth voting against the motion. Rep. Snow was absent for the vote.

Chair Last assumed the chair.

**H.B. 263        State School Board Powers Modifications (Rep. N. Thurston)**

Rep. Thurston explained the bill to the committee.

Mr. Brad C. Smith, Superintendent, State Office of Education, spoke to the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Moss moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Snow absent for the vote.

**H.B. 345        Abuse Policy for Educators (Rep. D. McCay)**

Rep. McCay explained the bill to the committee.

Spoke for the bill:                Ms. Rebecca Ivory, citizen  
   Ms. Britta Schugk, citizen

Ms. Lisa Nentl-Bloom, Utah Education Association, spoke against the bill.

Spoke to the bill:                Mr. Brad C. Smith, Superintendent, State Office of Education  
   Ms. Heidi Alder, citizen  
   Ms. Jennifer Johnson, State Board of Education

**MOTION:** Rep. Noel moved to replace H.B. 345 with 1st Sub. H.B. 345. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Snow absent for the vote.

**MOTION:** Rep. Noel moved to pass the bill out favorably.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** Rep. Moss moved to move to the next item on the agenda. The motion failed with Rep. Moss and Rep. Poulson voting for the motion. Rep. Snow was absent for the vote.

The motion to pass the bill out favorably passed with Rep. Moss and Rep. Poulson voting against the motion. Rep. Snow was absent for the vote.

**H.B. 346 School Building Costs Reporting Amendments (Rep. J. Knotwell)**

Rep. Knotwell explained the bill to the committee.

**MOTION:** Rep. Lifferth moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Gibson, Rep. McCay, Rep. Noel, and Rep. Snow absent for the vote.

**MOTION:** Rep. Coleman moved to place H.B. 346 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Gibson, Rep. McCay, Rep. Moss, Rep. Noel, and Rep. Snow absent for the vote.

**S.B. 33 Public School Early Graduation Amendments (Sen. A. Osmond)**

Sen. Osmond explained the bill to the committee.

**MOTION:** Rep. Hutchings moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Gibson, Rep. Moss, Rep. Noel, and Rep. Snow absent for the vote.

**H.B. 349 School and Institutional Trust Lands Budget Amendments (Rep. M. Brown)**

H.B. 349 was not considered.

**MOTION:** Rep. Lifferth moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Gibson, Rep. Moss, Rep. Noel, and Rep. Snow absent for the vote. Chair Last adjourned the meeting at 6:39 p.m.