

**MINUTES OF THE  
PUBLIC EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Room 445 State Capitol Building

February 13, 2014

**Members Present:** Sen. Howard A. Stephenson, Co-Chair  
Rep. Bradley G. Last, Co-Chair  
Rep. Steve Eliason, House Vice Chair  
Sen. J. Stuart Adams  
Sen. Lyle W. Hillyard  
Sen. Patricia W. Jones  
Sen. Aaron Osmond  
Sen. Daniel W. Thatcher  
Sen. Stephen H. Urquhart  
Rep. Joel K. Briscoe  
Rep. LaVar Christensen  
Rep. Francis D. Gibson  
Rep. Stephen G. Handy  
Rep. Michael S. Kennedy  
Rep. David E. Lifferth  
Rep. Carol Spackman Moss  
Rep. Jim Nielson  
Rep. Kraig Powell

**Members Absent:** Sen. Mark B. Madsen

**Staff Present:** Mr. Ben Leishman, Fiscal Analyst  
Dr. Thomas E. Young, Economics  
Ms. Wendy Hill, Secretary

**Note:** A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at [www.le.utah.gov](http://www.le.utah.gov).

**1. Call to Order**

Co-Chair Stephenson called the meeting to order at 8:17 a.m.

**2. Final Discussion and Questions on Education Budget Items**

Mr. Ben Leishman, Fiscal Analyst, explained the proposed motion sheets to the committee, "[2014 General Session - Public Education Building Block List](#)," "[2014 General Session - PED Budget Motions](#)," "[2014 General Session - PED Intent Motions](#)," and "[2014 General Session - PED Committee Chair Priority List](#)." Rep. Kennedy asked clarification in regard to bills that are passed and funded. Rep. Briscoe asked for clarification regarding the nonlapsing balances on the blue sheet.

### 3. Approval of the Minutes

**MOTION:** Sen. Osmond moved to approve the minutes of the November 6, 2013 meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Adams, Sen. Hillyard, Sen. Urquhart, and Rep. Gibson absent for the vote.

### 4. Approval of Fees, Federal Funds, and Intent Language

Mr. Leishman discussed the yellow sheet, "[2014 General Session - PED Intent Motions.](#)"

**MOTION:** Co-Chair Last moved to approve the intent language, items one, two, three and Four on the yellow sheet, "[2014 General Session - PED Intent Motions.](#)" The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Adams, Sen. Hillyard and Rep. Gibson Absent for the vote.

Mr. Leishman discussed the Budget Motions on the salmon sheet, "[2014 General Session - PED Budget Motions.](#)" Rep. Nielson commented about item five, Federal Funding.

**MOTION:** Co-Chair Last moved to approve the Budget Motions one through nine on the salmon sheet, "[2014 General Session - PED Budget Motions.](#)" The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Adams, Sen. Hillyard and Rep. Gibson absent for the vote.

### 5. Prioritization and Approval of New Funding Requests

Mr. Leishman reviewed the prioritizations sheets, "[2014 General Session - PED Committee Chair Priority List,](#)" the pink sheet, the Ongoing list and the lilac/gray sheet, One-time funding items.

Co-Chair Stephenson proposed the subcommittee approve both the Ongoing and the One-time prioritization sheets because of time restraints. The subcommittee could propose motions to make changes before the meeting ended. Rep. Briscoe asked for clarification on items that were not prioritized, the STEM Action Center and Statewide Education Modernization Act. Sen. Jones asked for clarification on the amount funded for the Weighted Pupil Unit (WPU).

**MOTION:** Co-Chair Last moved to accept all the items on the pink, Committee Chair Proposal, Ongoing sheet as the beginning point before any proposals for change are made. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Adams and Sen. Hillyard absent for the vote.

**MOTION:** Co-Chair Last moved accept the lilac/gray, Committee Chair Proposal, One-time sheet as the recommendations of the Subcommittee. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Adams and Sen. Hillyard absent for the vote.

## 6. Final Budget Motions

Sen. Urquhart explained the STEM Action Center Expansion, ranked 28 on the pink, Ongoing list.

**MOTION:** Sen. Urquhart moved to change the prioritization of the STEM Action Center Expansion, funded with \$10 million, from rank 28 to rank 6.

Rep Moss asked about Professional Development in connection with the STEM Action Center. Rep. Gibson spoke for the motion.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** Rep. Briscoe moved to reduce the proposed funding of the STEM Action Center Expansion, ranked 28 from \$10 million to \$5 million and to change the prioritization to rank 16.

Sen Urquhart spoke against the Substitute Motion. Co-Chair Last asked for clarification on the funding.

The substitute motion tied in the Senate with Co-Chair Stephenson and Sen. Urquhart voting in opposition and failed in the House with Rep. Last, Rep. Eliason, Rep. Christensen, Rep. Gibson, Rep. Handy, Rep. Kennedy, Rep. Lifferth and Rep. Powell voting in opposition.

The original motion passed with Sen. Jones, Rep. Briscoe, Rep. Moss and Rep. Nielson voting in opposition and Sen. Adams, Sen. Hillyard and Sen. Thatcher absent for the vote.

**MOTION:** Sen. Osmond moved to recommend proposed funding for at least a two percent WPU increase by only impacting the Statewide Education Modernization Act line item on the Ongoing funding list.

Sen. Urquhart spoke against the motion.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** Rep. Nielson moved to increase proposed funding of the WPU Value by adding \$37.5 million, to equal a two and half percent increase, and subtract \$37.5 million from priority item four, Statewide Education Modernization Act.

Sen. Moss and Sen. Jones spoke for the motion. Rep. Gibson spoke against the motion. Co-Chair Last recommended not tying the increase of the WPU to the Statewide Education Modernization Act or any item on the prioritization list. Rep. Christensen asked if the Statewide Education Modernization Act had a fiscal note of \$50 million. Co-Chair Stephenson said the bill is coming and \$50 million is only a place holder.

**MOTION WITHDRAWN:** Rep. Nielson withdrew his substitute motion.

Sen. Osmond modified his motion to read the Subcommittee makes a recommendation of a two and half percent increase to the WPU.

Rep. Lifferth and Sen. Urquhart spoke against the motion.

The motion passed with Sen. Urquhart and Rep. Lifferth voting in opposition and Sen. Adams, Sen. Hillyard and Sen. Thatcher absent for the vote.

**MOTION:** Rep. Handy moved to change Library Books & Electronic Resources, item 24, proposed funding of \$500,000 on the Ongoing list to the prioritized list rank 20.

Co-Chair Stephenson asked for details on the accompanying legislation. Rep. Christensen spoke in favor of the motion.

The motion passed with Co-Chair Stephenson, Co-Chair Last and Vice Chair Eliason voting in opposition, and Sen. Adams, Sen. Hillyard and Sen. Thatcher absent for the vote.

**MOTION:** Rep. Briscoe moved to change University of Utah Reading Clinic, item 37, proposed funding of \$275,000 on the Ongoing list, to the prioritized list rank 30.

Sen. Jones spoke for the motion.

The motion passed with Rep. Kennedy and Rep. Nielson voting in opposition and Sen. Hillyard and Sen. Thatcher absent for the vote.

**MOTION:** Rep. Powell moved to change Concurrent Enrollment Initiative, ranked item 22, proposed funding of \$1,300,00 on the Ongoing list to rank 15.

Sen. Jones spoke to the motion.

The motion passed with Sen. Stephenson, Sen. Jones, Rep. Moss and Rep. Kennedy voting in opposition and Sen. Hillyard and Sen. Thatcher absent for the vote.

**MOTION:** Sen. Adams moved to change the proposed funding for UPSTART, ranked item 13, from \$3 million to \$5 million.

The motion passed with Sen. Jones, Sen. Osmond, Vice Chair Eliason, Rep. Briscoe and Rep. Moss voting in opposition and Sen. Hillyard and Sen. Thatcher absent for the vote.

**MOTION:** Rep. Gibson moved to change POPS Student Transportation, item 20, proposed funding of \$200,000, to the bottom of prioritized list.

Rep. Briscoe spoke in favor of the motion.

The motion passed with unanimously with Sen. Adams, Sen. Hillyard and Sen. Thatcher absent for the vote.

**MOTION:** Rep. Christensen moved to change Educator Professional Merit Bonuses, One-time proposed funding of \$100,000 from ranked item 15 to rank 10.

The motion passed with Sen. Urquhart and Rep. Lifferth voting in opposition and Sen. Adams, Sen. Hillyard and Sen. Thatcher absent for the vote.

**MOTION:** Rep. Briscoe moved to change Educator Evaluation Implement, item 8, One-time proposed funding of \$450,000 to the One-time prioritized list item 21.

Co-Chair Stevenson said by adopting the blue sheet, "Motions on Nonlapsing Balances" the request would be included.

**MOTION WITHDRAWN:** Rep. Briscoe withdrew his motion.

Mr. Leishman explained the blue sheet, "Motions on Nonlapsing Balances."

**MOTION:** Co-Chair Last moved to pass the blue sheet, "Motions on Nonlapsing Balances." The motion passed unanimously with and Sen. Adams, Sen. Hillyard, Sen. Thatcher and Rep. Nielson absent for the vote.

Rep. Christensen asked to amend the blue sheet by adding the words, "and Development," to item 2.a. USDB Salt Lake facility (Planning & Design).

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Adams, Sen. Hillyard, Sen. Thatcher, and Rep. Nielson absent for the vote.

Rep. Powell asked for clarification on motion three, USOE Statewide Online Education Program, on the yellow sheet, Intent Motions. Mr. Leishman said the pink sheet proposes \$500,000 from Ongoing funds and \$150,000 from One-time funds for use of private and home schools students.

**MOTION:** Sen. Jones moved to change Graduation Initiative, item three to the bottom of the Ongoing priority list.

Rep. Briscoe spoke for the motion.

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Adams, Sen. Thatcher, Rep. Gibson, Rep. Lifferth and Rep. Nielson absent for the vote.

Co-Chair Stephenson thanked the staff and the USOE.

**MOTION:** Sen. Urquhart moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Adams, Sen. Thatcher, Rep. Gibson, Rep. Lifferth and Rep. Nielson absent for the vote.

Co-Chair Stephenson adjourned the meeting at 9:51a.m.

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Sen. Howard A. Stephenson, Co-Chair

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Rep. Bradley G. Last, Co-Chair