

**MINUTES OF THE
PUBLIC EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Room 445 State Capitol Building

February 12, 2015

Members Present: Sen. Howard A. Stephenson, Senate Co-Chair
Rep. Steve Eliason, House Co-Chair
Rep. Michael S. Kennedy, House Vice Chair
Sen. J. Stuart Adams
Sen. Lyle W. Hillyard
Sen. Jani Iwamoto
Sen. Aaron Osmond
Sen. Daniel W. Thatcher
Sen. Stephen H. Urquhart
Rep. Joel K. Briscoe
Rep. LaVar Christensen
Rep. Bruce Cutler
Rep. Rebecca P. Edwards
Rep. Justin L. Fawson
Rep. Francis D. Gibson
Rep. Bradley G. Last
Rep. David E. Lifferth
Rep. Marie H. Poulson
Rep. Kraig Powell
Rep. Norm Thurston

Staff Present: Mr. Ben Leishman, Fiscal Analyst
Ms. Angela Oh, Senior Statistician
Ms. Brooke Parrish, Secretary

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

1. Call to Order/Approval of Minutes

Co-Chair Eliason called the meeting to order at 8:47 a.m.

MOTION: Rep. Kennedy moved to approve the minutes of the January 29, 2015 meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Adams, Sen. Hillyard and Sen. Urquhart absent for the vote.

2. Final Budget Discussion & Questions

Mr. Ben Leishman, Fiscal Analyst, referred members to [Public Education: Committee Chair Recommendations – One-Time](#) and [Public Education: Committee Chair Recommendations – Ongoing](#). He noted that item 42 on the Ongoing Recommendations chart is incorrect. It should read \$45,000.

Mr. Leishman referred members to [Public Education – Comprehensive List of Funding Requests](#). He explained that the yellow lines are the programs that are not being funded (lines 7, 8, 11, 14, 23, 27, 29, 49, 51, 55, 57, 59 and 61).

Sen. Osmond explained how S.B. 97 would affect equitable funding.

Co-Chair Eliason talked about legislation sponsored by Rep. Last and Rep. Edwards that would affect funding for Computer Science/Engineering Teachers (line 27).

Rep. Fawson and Rep. Christensen discussed Full Time Dedicated Attorney (line 55).

Mr. Leishman referred members to [Public Education Budget Motions 2015 General Session](#). He explained Motion 1: Education Agencies – Restricted Revenue Changes and Motion 2: Utah State Office of Education – Indirect Cost Pool.

MOTION: Rep. Kennedy moved to approve Motion 1 from the sheet entitled “[Budget Motions](#).” The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Hillyard, Rep. Christensen and Rep. Powell absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Kennedy moved to approve Motion 2 from the sheet entitled “[Budget Motions](#).” The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Hillyard, Rep. Christensen and Rep. Powell absent for the vote.

3. Intent Language

MOTION: Rep. Kennedy moved to approve Intent Motion 1 from the sheet entitled “[Budget Motions](#).”

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Rep. Thurston moved to divide the items in Intent Motion 1. The motion passed with Sen. Thatcher, Sen. Urquhart, Rep. Gibson, Rep. Last and Rep. Lifferth voting in opposition and Sen. Hillyard absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Kennedy moved to approve Intent Motion 1A from the sheet entitled “[Budget Motions](#).” The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Hillyard and Rep. Christensen absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Kennedy moved to approve Intent Motion 1B from the sheet entitled “[Budget Motions](#).” The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Hillyard and Rep. Christensen absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Kennedy moved to approve Intent Motion 1C from the sheet entitled “[Budget Motions](#).”

SUBSTITUE MOTION: Rep. Fawson moved to adopt the following amendment:

The Legislature intends that the Utah State Board of Education use any revenue or nonlapsing balances generated from the licensing of Student Assessment of Growth and Excellence (SAGE) questions to other states to ~~develop additional assessment questions and~~ provide professional learning for Utah educators.

AMENDED MOTION: Rep. Fawson moved to adopt the following amendment:

The Legislature intends that the Utah State Board of Education use any revenue or nonlapsing balances generated from the licensing of Student Assessment of Growth and Excellence (SAGE) questions to other states to develop **non SAGE additional assessment types and practices** questions and provide professional learning for Utah educators.

The motion failed with Sen. Stephenson, Sen. Iwamoto, Sen. Urquhart, Rep. Eliason, Rep. Cutler, Rep. Edwards, Rep. Last, Rep. Poulson and Rep. Powell voting in opposition and Sen. Adams, Sen. Hillyard and Sen. Osmond absent for the vote.

Rep. Kennedy's original motion passed with Rep. Christensen, Rep. Fawson, Rep. Gibson and Rep. Thurston voting in opposition and Sen. Adams, Sen. Hillyard and Sen. Osmond absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Kennedy moved to approve Intent Motion 1D from the sheet entitled "[Budget Motions](#)." The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Adams and Sen. Hillyard absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Kennedy moved to approve Intent Motion 1E from the sheet entitled "[Budget Motions](#)."

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Rep. Briscoe moved to adopt the following amendment:

The Legislature intends that the State Board of Education develop minimum program standards, including maximum class size limits in grades K-3, that local education agencies must meet in order to continue to receive Class Size Reduction funding. The Legislature also intends that the State Board of Education report these standards to the Education Interim Committee and the Public Education Appropriations Subcommittee by October 31, 2015, **including an estimate of the cost necessary to limit class sizes in grades K-3, without impacting class sizes in grades 4-12.**

MOTION: Rep. Kennedy moved to approve Intent Motion 1E as amended. The motion passed with Rep. Cutler voting in opposition and Sen. Adams and Sen. Urquhart absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Kennedy moved to approve Intent Motion 1F from the sheet entitled "[Budget Motions](#)."

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Rep. Cutler moved to adopt the following amendment:

The Legislature intends that the State Board of Education review the Pupil Transportation Allocation Formula and recommend ways to improve the formula to increase efficiency, simplify allocation methodology to school districts, and provide incentives for alternative transportation methods. ~~The Legislature also intends that the State Board of Education develop criteria that could be used to allocate pupil transportation funding to certain charter schools that provide pupil transportation services due to specific student economic, safety, distance, or special education requirements.~~ The Legislature further intends that the State Board of Education report its recommendations to the Education Interim Committee and the Public Education Appropriations Subcommittee by October 31, 2015.

MOTION: Rep. Kennedy moved to approve Intent Motion 1F as amended. The motion passed with Sen. Stephenson, Rep. Eliason, Rep. Kennedy, Rep. Fawson, Rep. Last, Rep. Lifferth and Rep. Thurston voting in opposition and Sen. Adams and Sen. Thatcher absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Kennedy moved to approve Intent Motion 1G from the sheet entitled "[Budget Motions](#)." The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Adams and Sen. Thatcher absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Kennedy moved to approve Intent Motion 2 from the sheet entitled "[Budget Motions](#)." The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Adams and Sen. Thatcher absent for the vote.

4. Budget Motions

Mr. Leishman referred members to [Public Education Subcommittee Recommendations on Budget Priorities 2015 General Session](#). The committee discussed the list.

MOTION: Rep. Kennedy moved to approve Charter School Local Replacement 1 from the sheet entitled [Budget Priorities](#). The motion passed with Sen. Iwamoto, Rep. Briscoe, Rep. Cutler, Rep. Edwards and Rep. Poulson voting in opposition and Sen. Adams and Sen. Thatcher absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Kennedy moved to approve Charter School Local Replacement 2 from the sheet entitled [Budget Priorities](#). The motion passed with Sen. Iwamoto, Rep. Briscoe and Rep. Poulson voting in opposition and Sen. Adams and Sen. Thatcher absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Kennedy moved to approve Charter School Local Replacement 3 from the sheet entitled [Budget Priorities](#). The motion passed with Sen. Iwamoto and Rep. Briscoe voting in opposition and Sen. Adams and Sen. Thatcher absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Kennedy moved to approve Charter School Pupil Accounting 1 from the sheet entitled [Budget Priorities](#). The motion passed with Sen. Iwamoto, Rep. Briscoe, Rep. Poulson and Rep. Powell voting in opposition and Sen. Adams and Sen. Thatcher absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Kennedy moved to approve Utah State Office of Education – Student Information System 1 from the sheet entitled [Budget Priorities](#). The motion passed with Rep. Briscoe and Rep. Poulson voting in opposition and Sen. Adams and Sen. Thatcher absent for the vote.

5. Prioritization of Budget Recommendations

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Rep. Last moved to change the funding for the “Teacher Salary Supplement Program” (line 28) from the sheet entitled “[Committee Chair Recommendations – One-Time](#)” from \$1,000,000 to \$1,650,000. The motion passed with Rep. Thurston voting in opposition and Sen. Thatcher absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Briscoe moved to accept “[Committee Chair Recommendations – One-Time](#)” as amended. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Thatcher absent for the vote.

MOTION: Sen. Adams moved to accept “[Committee Chair Recommendations – Ongoing](#)” with the revised total for line 42 (\$45,000). The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Hillyard and Sen. Thatcher absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Thurston moved to recommend to the Executive Appropriations Committee that maximum amount available be allocated to the WPU. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Adams, Sen. Hillyard and Sen. Thatcher absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Thurston moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Co-Chair Eliason adjourned the meeting at 10:52 a.m.

Sen. Howard A. Stephenson, Co-Chair

Rep. Steve Eliason, Co-Chair