

**MINUTES OF THE
PUBLIC EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS
SUBCOMMITTEE**

Thursday, January 26, 2017 • 8:00 am • 445 State Capitol

Members Present:

Sen. Lyle W. Hillyard, Senate Chair
Rep. Daniel McCay, House Chair
Rep. Robert M. Spendlove, House Vice Chair
Sen. Lincoln Fillmore
Sen. Jani Iwamoto
Sen. Ann Millner
Sen. Howard A. Stephenson
Sen. Jerry W. Stevenson
Rep. Patrice M. Arent
Rep. Joel K. Briscoe
Rep. LaVar Christensen
Rep. Steve Eliason
Rep. Justin L. Fawson

Rep. Bradley G. Last
Rep. Karianne Lisonbee
Rep. Jefferson Moss
Rep. Susan Pulsipher
Rep. Norman K Thurston

Members Absent:

Sen. J. Stuart Adams
Sen. Daniel W. Thatcher
Rep. Francis D. Gibson

Staff Present:

Ms. Jill L. Curry, Fiscal Analyst
Mr. Ben Leishman, Fiscal Analyst
Karen C. Allred, Committee Secretary

Note: A list of others present, a copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at le.utah.gov.

Chair McCay called the meeting to order.

1. Approval of Minutes

There were no minutes to approve.

2. Approval of Base Budget: Senate Bill 1

Chair McCay told the subcommittee that the Base Budget, Senate Bill 1 is basically a repeat of last year with some items moved and that there will no motions to make changes on the Base Budget today. Changes will be made in future meetings.

2-Linked PED Base Budget Bill (SB0001)

3. 8:20 a.m. Budget Review: Minimum School Program - Basic School Program

Mr. Ben Leishman, Fiscal Analyst, explained that all of the presentations that he is covering is on line, called the Minimum School Program. He told the subcommittee to ask questions as they arise during the discussion. He explained the Minimum School Program to the subcommittee as he showed them a PowerPoint presentation.

3a-Minimum School Program - Budget Presentation

Rep. Briscoe, Thurston, Spendlove and Sen. Stephenson asked questions concerning the revenue source from FY 1995 to FY 2017 and Sen. Hillyard made comments on the funding of education from FY1995 to FY2017.

Mr. Leishman explained the Basic School Program and the Weighted Pupil Unit (WPU).

Sen. Stephenson raised a question concerning the WPU. Mr. Leishman continued his presentation.

Rep. Briscoe and Sen. Stephenson raised a question concerning student absences. Mr. Leishman continued with his presentation.

Sen. Hillyard assumed the chair.

Rep. Moss raised a question concerning funding from property tax. Sen. Stephenson made a comment on property tax and income tax funding. Mr. Leishman continued his presentation.

Chair Hillyard made a comment on the danger of taking percentages and not looking at real dollar total amounts. Mr. Leishman continued his presentation.

Rep. Christensen commented that he would like to discuss classroom reduction and its funding at some time and Chair Hillyard commented that today is to inform the subcommittee and that specifics can be talked about in the future. Rep. Fawson also asked a question about class size reduction.

Mr. Leishman continued his presentation with enrollment growth and the WPU value.

3b-Enrollment Growth

Rep. Thurston asked a question on enrollment growth, then Mr. Leishman continued the presentation of enrollment growth change.

Rep. Spendlove, and Chair Hillyard made comments, and Rep. Lisonbee raised a question, on migration growth. Mr. Leishman continued with the presentation.

Rep. McCay resumed the chair.

Five minute break

Chair McCay called the meeting back to order.

4. 9:00 a.m. State Board of Education - Basic School Program Discussion & Recommendations

Dr. Sydnee Dickson, Superintendent of Public Instruction, expressed appreciation to the Legislative body and then explained a PowerPoint presentation. She was assisted by Natalie Grange, State Board of Education Vice Chair Brittney Cummins, and Deputy Superintendent Scott Jones.

Ms. Natalie Grange, Associate Superintendent of School Finance, Utah State Board of Education, discussed assessment changes, the ACT writing test, and some recommendations for budget requests.

Scott Jones, Deputy Superintendent, Utah State Board of Education further discussed what has changed in the report. Superintendent Dickson commented that this part of the request will be discussed further in the future. Mr. Jones further discussed Minimum School Program budget requests.

Ms. Grange discussed the Digital Teaching and Learning Grant program, one-time funding.

Chair McCay commented that budget items will be discussed more specifically at future meetings. Rep. Moss commented that he felt better about this request from the State Board of Education than in past years.

Mr. Leishman stated that there is a COBI link under featured items on the Legislative Website, and issues related to the budget can be seen on this website.

Rep. Arent asked for further explanation on some of the programs. Mr. Leishman responded that they will be discussed next week.

5. 9:20 a.m. Budget Review: Minimum School Program - Related to Basic School Program

Mr. Leishman discussed the funding and distribution formulas related to the Basic School Program, including transfer of administration funding for the Digital Teaching & Learning Program.

Rep. Arent asked about the grant programs such as the opt in for dual immersion and Beverly Taylor Sorenson Elementary Art programs. Mr. Leishman responded that these are limited grant programs and he will get the numbers for the subcommittee.

Mr. Leishman continued his discussion of the budget review of the Basic School Program.

Sen. Stephenson asked if the Youth-in-Custody program amount is year round on all of the facilities. Mr. Leishman responded that there was an update last year and he will get a full report. Mr. Leishman said that this program is adjusted each year for growth.

Mr. Leishman continued with the discussion of the Budget Review of the Basic School Program.

Sen. Hillyard expressed concern about how to get more buy-in from local districts, and would request that from Superintendent Dickson.

6. 9:50 a.m. State Board of Education - Related to Basic School Program Discussion & Recommendations

This agenda item will be discussed at a future meeting.

7. 10:10 a.m. Budget Review: Minimum School Program - Voted & Board Local Levy Programs

This agenda item will be discussed at a future meeting.

8. State Board of Education - Voted & Board Local Levy Programs Discussion & Recommendations

This agenda item will be discussed at a future meeting.

9. Approval of Base Budget: Senate Bill 1

MOTION: Sen. Hillyard moved to approve Senate Bill 1, Public Education Base Budget Amendments which includes all ongoing funding appropriated in FY 2017, but does not include one-time funding appropriated in FY 2017. The motion passed with a vote of 15-0-6.

Voting in the affirmative were:

Hillyard L, McCay D, Spendlove R, Iwamoto J, Millner A, Stephenson H, Arent P, Briscoe J, Christensen L, Fawson J, Last B, Lisonbee K, Moss J, Pulsipher S, Thurston N

Absent or not voting were:

Adams J S, Fillmore L, Stevenson J, Thatcher D, Eliason S, Gibson F

MOTION: Rep. Fawson moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 15-0-6.

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