

**MINUTES OF THE  
PUBLIC EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS  
SUBCOMMITTEE**

Monday, January 30, 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. J. Stuart Adams  
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. Daniel W. Thatcher  
Rep. Francis D. Gibson

**Staff Present:**

Ms. Jill L. Curry, Fiscal Analyst  
Mr. Ben Leishman, Fiscal Analyst  
Ms. 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](http://le.utah.gov).

Chair Hillyard called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

**1. Approval of Minutes.**

The minutes were approved at the end of the meeting.

**2. Budget Review: Related to Basic School Program**

Mr. Ben Leishman explained a PowerPoint presentation on Budget Issues related to the Basic School Program.

2-Minimum School Program - Budget Presentation

2a-Issue Brief - Teacher Supplies

2b-Class Size Reduction Intent Language Report (USBE)

**3. Budget Review: Voted & Board Local Levy Programs**

Mr. Leishman explained the Voted & Board Local Levy Programs.

Rep. Moss, Chair Hillyard and Sens. Fillmore and Stephenson had questions and comments concerning property tax. Mr. Leishman responded to these questions.

Mr. Leishman continued his presentation explaining the Voted and Board Formula.

Rep. Briscoe and Sen. Stephenson asked about the Equalization of the Board and Voted Local Levy. Mr. Leishman responded to the questions.

Mr. Leishman continued his presentation.

#### **4. Budget Review: MSP Categorical Programs**

Dr. Jill Curry, Fiscal Analyst, explained a PowerPoint presentation on the MSP Categorical Program Administration, which is a line item in the Basic School Program.

4-MSP Categorical Program Administration - Budget Presentation

#### **5. Budget Review: School Building Programs**

Mr. Leishman explained a PowerPoint presentation on the School Building Program.

5-School Building Program - Budget Presentation

Sen. Stephenson asked about districts receiving enrollment growth and capital outlay foundation funds. Mr. Leishman responded.

Mr. Leishman continued with his presentation on capital outlay related to enrollment growth.

#### **6. State Board of Education - Discussion & Recommendations on Minimum School Program, School Building Programs, and MSP Categorical Programs**

Mr. Scott Jones, Deputy Superintendent, Utah State Board of Education, discussed a PowerPoint presentation, below, assisted by Jamie Barrett, Minimum School Program Coordinator, Utah State Board of Education and Natalie Grange, Associate Superintendent of School Finance, Utah State Board of Education.

6a-State Board of Education - MSP Budget Requests

Chair Hillyard commented that when the WPU is raised, it does not mean a teacher's salary is raised. Ms. Grange explained that there are differences among the school districts and that charter

schools are also different.

Rep. Briscoe asked about specific "below the line items" being treated as "above the line items". Ms. Barrett responded that certain "below the line items" receive growth. Mr. Leishman and Chair Hillyard also responded.

Rep. Pulsipher asked if we know what portion of the WPU increase goes to retirement and what will that increase be this year and when we will know. Mr. Leishman and Chair Hillyard also responded.

Rep. Briscoe asked for further explanation on the WPU funding increase recommended by the State School Board. Mr. Jones and Ms. Grange responded.

Mr. Jones continued with his presentation.

Rep. Christensen asked for explanation on the Digital Teaching and Learning Grant. Mr. Jones and Dr. Dickson, State Superintendent, Utah State Board of Education, responded to that question.

Mr. Jones continued his presentation.

#### 6b-Teacher Supply Survey and Recommendations (USBE)

Rep. Christensen asked if the funds are pass through. Ms. Grange and Mr. Jones responded.

Chair Hillyard made a comment and Reps. Eliason, Lisonbee, and Christensen had questions on the Teacher Supply Money and Ms. Grange and Mr. Jones responded.

Mr. Jones continued his explanation.

Chair Hillyard and Sen. Stephenson asked about federal compliance requirements. Mr. Jones and Ms. Grange responded.

Mr. Jones continued with his presentation.

Reps. Eliason, Arent, Fawson, and Sen. Stephenson made comments and Rep. Thurston raised a question on the Elementary School Counseling Program. Dr. Dickson and Mr. Jones responded.

Mr. Jones continued with the discussion the Teacher Leader Role request.

Sen. Millner made a comment on Teacher Leader Role.

Mr. Jones continued his presentation on Special Education funding.

Chair Hillyard and Sen. Fillmore raised questions on Special Education funding. Dr. Dickson responded.

Mr. Jones commented that the funding requests were put together by specialists in each area.

Ms. Tami Pyfer, Education Advisor to the Governor discussed the Governor's support of the School Boards recommendation.

Break

Meeting resumed.

## **7. Budget Review: School & Institutional Trust Fund Office**

Dr. Curry explained a PowerPoint presentation on the School and Institutional Trust Fund.

7-School and Institutional Trust Fund Office

## **8. School & Institutional Trust Fund Office Report**

Peter Madsen, Director, School & Institutional Trust Fund Office (SITFO), explained a PowerPoint presentation. He also has an Annual Report to be read by the subcommittee.

8a-SITFO Budget Presentation (Madsen)

8b-SITFO Annual Report (Madsen)

Chair Hillyard asked about changes in SITFO. Mr. Madsen responded.

Mr. Madsen continued with his presentation.

Sen. Stephenson asked about the interrelationship between the expertise in the State Treasure's Office, the State Retirement Fund, and the Utah Education Savings Plan, and other agencies. Mr. Madsen responded.

Rep. Christensen asked about School Community Councils and the distribution of funds from

SITLA. Mr. Leishman and Mr. Madsen responded.

## **9. Performance Measures by Line-Item**

Mr. Leishman explained an Issue Brief on Line-Item Performance Measures.

### 9-Performance Measures by Line-item

Chair Hillyard recommends that these line items be studied and then discussed at the next meeting.

## **10. Other Business**

### **Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION:** Rep. McCay moved to approve the minutes of January 24, 2017. The motion passed with a vote of 14-0-7.

Voting in the affirmative were:

Hillyard L, McCay D, Spendlove R, Fillmore L, Iwamoto J, Millner A, Stephenson H, Arent P, Eliason S, Fawson J, Last B, Lisonbee K, Moss J, Pulsipher S

Absent or not voting were:

Adams J S, Stevenson J, Thatcher D, Briscoe J, Christensen L, Gibson F, Thurston N

**MOTION:** Rep. McCay moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 14-0-7.

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Chair Hillyard adjourned the meeting at 10:37 A.M..