

**MINUTES OF THE  
PUBLIC EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS SUB  
COMMITTEE**

Thursday, February 9, 2017 • 8:00 a.m. • 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  
Sen. Daniel W. Thatcher  
Rep. Patrice M. Arent  
Rep. Joel K. Briscoe  
Rep. LaVar Christensen

Rep. Steve Eliason  
Rep. Justin L. Fawson  
Rep. Francis D. Gibson  
Rep. Bradley G. Last  
Rep. Karianne Lisonbee  
Rep. Jefferson Moss  
Rep. Susan Pulsipher  
Rep. Norman K Thurston

**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](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. Follow-up on Past Agenda Items**

Dr. Jill Curry, Fiscal Analyst, explained State Board of Education Nonlapsing Balances.

2c-Estimated FY 2018 Balances - State Board of Education

Rep. McCay assumed the chair.

Mr. Ben Leishman, Fiscal Analyst, discussed ongoing budget items and restricted budget items.

2a-Budget Requests [Revised]

2b-Budget Motions [Revised]

Chair McCay asked about the budget items list.

### **3. Our Schools Now Initiative**

Ms. Jesselie Anderson, Member, Executive Committee for Our Schools Now, explained this business led initiative.

Mr. Nolan Karras, Member, Executive Committee for Our Schools Now, further explained the Our Schools Now initiative.

Sen. Stephenson, Rep. Gibson, Rep. Christensen, and Rep. Briscoe made comments on the income tax increase recommendation for the Our Schools Now initiative.

Rep. Spendlove assumed the chair.

Chair Spendlove explained the next agenda items will not be heard in order, and the subcommittee will give each presenter no more than 5 minutes, which will be strictly enforced.

### **4. School Volunteer Background Check Fee Offset (Weiler)**

Persimmon Stetich, 7th grade student spoke concerning background checks.

Sen. Todd Weiler explained a recommendation for School Volunteer Background Checks.

### **5. Student Privacy Funding (Anderegg)**

Sen Jacob. Anderegg explained the Student Privacy Funding recommendation.

Rep. Christensen asked for clarification on Student Privacy Funding.

### **6. Fine Arts Provisional Programs to POPS (Gibson)**

Rep. Francis D. Gibson discussed the recommendation for the POPS Program

### **7. Teacher Salary Supplement Amendments (Christofferson)**

Rep. Kay Christofferson explained the recommendation for Teacher Salary Supplement Amendments.

Rep. Gibson stated that this recommendation is for math and science teachers, which are subjects where more teachers are needed.

### **8. Youth Impact (Froerer)**

Rep. Gage Froerer introduced members from Building Utah Youth, Mr. Adam Wilson, Board Member, Building Utah Youth; Bret Lewis, Board Member, Building Utah Youth; and Brook, Logan Student, explained this non-profit program to the subcommittee.

Rep. Fawson asked for clarification on the funding.

### **9. Native American Achievement (Noel)**

Sen. David Hinkins explained this program.

Rep. Arent asked if this was the bill heard on the floor. Sen. Hinkins responded.

### **10. STEM Lab Pilot (Okerlund)**

Sen. Ralph Okerlund explained the recommendations for a STEM Lab Pilot.

### **11. Teen Chef Masters (Adams)**

Sen. Stephenson explained the Teen Chef Masters recommendation. Ms. Melva Sine, President, Utah Restaurant Association explained the Pro Start Teen Chef Masters Program, now called Teen Chef Pro.

### **12. Teacher Librarians Closing the Gap (Adams)**

Dr. Sharyl Smith, former supervisor of school library programs statewide, Ms. Barbara Smith, retired, Davis School Board, Caitlin Gerrity, Librarian Trainer, Southern Utah University, spoke on the Teacher Librarian Closing the Gap Program.

Rep. Thurston asked for clarification on School Librarians

### **13. Peer Assistance Review (Briscoe)**

Rep. Joel K. Briscoe explained the Peer Assistance Review recommendation.

Sen. Stephenson and Sen. Millner made comments on the importance of this program and Sen. Millner raised a question on this program, with responses from Rep. Briscoe.

### **14. Student Leadership Grant (Briscoe)**

Rep. Briscoe explained the Student Leadership Grant request.

Sen. Thatcher asked about fidelity with the Leadership Grants.

#### **15. Capitol Field Trips (Eliason)**

Rep. Steve Eliason explained the Capitol Field Trip request.

Rep. Arent asked about the cost for this funding.

#### **16. Suicide Prevention Contributor (Eliason)**

Rep. Eliason and Ms. Lillian Tsosie Jensen, School Counseling, Equity, Prevention Coordinator, State Board of Education, explained the Suicide Prevention Contributor request for another specialist for suicide prevention.

Sen. Iwamoto asked about the Suicide Prevention program with a response from Rep. Eliason.

#### **17. SAFE Utah (Eliason)**

Sen. Daniel W. Thatcher and Rep. Eliason explained the SAFE Utah funding request and the success of this electronic app.

Rep. Christensen expressed appreciation and concern about a portion of this SAFE Utah program. Rep. Arent asked about funding from private sources for the SAFE Utah program.

Sen. Stephenson had a funding request for the Dual-Immersion Program. He also explained a funding request for SB 173, which is part of the Bills with Fiscal Impact agenda item.

#### **18. Special Education Intensive Services (Fillmore)**

Sen. Lincoln Fillmore and Rep. Briscoe explained the Special Education Intensive Services funding request.

#### **19. Reading Interventionist Endorsement (Millner)**

Sen. Ann Millner explained the Reading Interventionist Endorsement funding request, and Kim Fratto, Utah State Board of Education, explained the Reading interventionist Endorsement.

Kerry Atkinson, Decoding Dyslexia Utah, introduced her son, Michael, and spoke to the Reading Interventionist Endorsement.

**20. Partnerships for Student Success (Millner)**

Sen. Millner explained the Partnerships for Student Success request.

**21. Competency Based Education (Millner)**

Sen. Millner explained the request for the Competency Based Education Program.

**22. Beverly Taylor Sorenson Arts Learning Program (McCay)**

Rep. Daniel McCay invited Ms. Lisa Cluff, Executive Director, Artwork for Kids, to present this program. Ms. Cluff introduced Larry Shumway, Consultant, Artwork for Kids and former State Superintendent, and Nedra Call, Curriculum Director, Nebo School District, to assist in presenting the Beverly Taylor Sorenson Arts Learning Program. Mr. Shumway explained the Beverly Taylor Sorenson Arts Learning Program. Ms. Call explained the success of this program in the Nebo School District.

Rep. Arent asked how many schools on a statewide basis are participating in this program. Rep. Briscoe expressed how successful this program is for children.

**23. Autism Instructional Technology (Last)**

Rep. Bradley G. Last introduced Richard Margolin, Chief Technology Office and Co-founder, Robokind, and one of his robots for autism, Mylo. Mr. Margolin explained the Autism Instructional Technology program. Mylo demonstrated his ability to help autistic children.

**24. Drop Out Prevention Program (Last)**

Rep. Last introduced Jack Rolfe, CEO and Co-founder, School of Life Foundation. Mr. Rolfe explained the request for the Drop Out Prevention Program.

**25. IT Academy (Last)**

Rep. Last introduced Thomas McDermott, IT Academy representative from Microsoft, Melinda Mansouri, Teacher, Jordan School District Applied Technology Center, and Allie, student from the Jordan Applied Technology Center. Mr. McDermott explained the IT Academy. Ms.

Mansouri, Allie, and Alyssa Johnson, student from Jordon School District, explained their experience with the IT Academy.

Rep. Briscoe asked questions about the IT Academy. Ms. Mansouri responded.

## **26. Washington County STEM Pipeline (Stanard)**

Rep. Jon Stanard explained the request for funding for the STEM Pipeline in Washington County and was assisted by Dr Eric Pederson, Dean of Science and Technology, Dixie State University and Mr. William Heyborne, Associate Professor of Biology, Southern Utah University.

Sen. Hillyard asked why this program is not extended into other schools in other counties. Rep. Stanard responded.

## **27. iSEE - Increased Student Visits - Space Exploration (Briscoe)**

Rep. Briscoe explained the iSEE Space Exploration program request.

## **28. iSEE - Kindergarten Physics Education Program (Spendlove)**

Acting Chair Robert M. Spendlove introduced Laurie Hopkins, Executive Director, Discovery Gateway Museum, who explained the iSEE Kindergarten Physics Education Program.

Rep. McCay asked about the planned match for funding. Ms. Hopkins responded.

## **29. Bills with Fiscal Impact**

Sen. Fillmore explained S.B. 80.

Sen. Iwamoto and Rep. Briscoe asked questions about S.B. 80.

Rep. Mike Winder explained H.B. 212.

Rep. Val Peterson explained an Early Warning Pilot Program bill. Rep. Gibson asked about the district match for this program.

## **30. Other Business & Adjourn**

Sen. Hillyard and Rep. McCay made comments to the subcommittee on allocating the funding for the programs.

Sen. Gene Davis explained S.B. 61.

Rep. Arent asked Sen. Hillyard about the Schools for the Deaf and the Blind building in Utah County. Sen. Hillyard and Mr. Leishman responded.

### **31. Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION:** Rep. McCay moved to approve the minutes.

The motion passed with a vote of 15-0-6.

Voting in the affirmative were:

Hillyard L, McCay D, Spendlove R, Fillmore L, Iwamoto J, Millner A, Arent P, Briscoe J, Fawson J, Gibson F, Last B, Lisonbee K, Moss J, Pulsipher S, Thurston N.

Absent or not voting were:

Adams J S, Stephenson H, Stevenson J, Thatcher D, Christensen L, Eliason S

**MOTION:** Sen. Millner moved to adjourn.

The motion passed with a vote of 15-0-6.

Voting in the affirmative were:

Hillyard L, McCay D, Spendlove R, Fillmore L, Iwamoto J, Millner A, Arent P, Briscoe J, Fawson J, Gibson F, Last B, Lisonbee K, Moss J, Pulsipher S, Thurston N.

Absent or not voting were:

Adams J S, Stephenson H, Stevenson J, Thatcher D, Christensen L, Eliason S

Vice Chair Spendlove adjourned the meeting at 10:48 a.m.

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Sen. Lyle W. Hillyard, Chair

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Rep. Daniel McCay, Chair