

**MINUTES OF THE
PUBLIC EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Wednesday , January 31, 2018 • 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. Adam Robertson
Rep. V. Lowry Snow

Staff Present:

Mr. Sean C. Faherty, Fiscal Analyst
Mr. Ben Leishman, Fiscal Analyst
Ms. Karen C. Allred, Committee Secretary

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

Chair McCay called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.

1 . Federal Funds & Agency Fees

Mr. Sean Faherty, Fiscal Analyst, Office of Legislative Fiscal Analyst (OLFA), gave a report on Federal Funds and on Agency Fees.

[2a-Issue Brief - 2019 GS - USBE - Federal Funds](#)

[2b-Issue Brief - 2018 GS - USBE Fees](#)

2 . Report: S.B. 61, "Students with Disabilities Accommodations Funding" (2017GS)

Mr. Scott Jones, Deputy Superintendent of Operations, Utah State Board of Education (USBE), gave a report on S.B. 61 "Students with Disabilities Accommodations Funding". Ms. Leah Voorhies, Assistant Superintendent of Student Support, USBE, spoke on data received concerning students that qualify for the funding.

Chair McCay asked for an explanation on the difference between a Special Education Program and a 504 Accommodation Plan. Ms. Voorhies responded.

3 . Approve Minutes

MOTION: Sen. Hillyard moved to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2018 minutes. The motion passed with a vote of 16 - 0 - 6 .

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Sen. J. Adams
Rep. P. Arent
Rep. J. Briscoe
Rep. L. Christensen
Rep. J. Fawson

Nays-0

Absent-6

Rep. S. Eliason
Rep. F. Gibson
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. V. Snow

Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. L. Hillyard
Rep. B. Last
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. D. McCay
Sen. A. Millner
Rep. S. Pulsipher
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. R. Spendlove
Sen. H. Stephenson
Sen. D. Thatcher

Sen. J. Stevenson

4 . State Board of Education - Administrative Budget Requests

Mr. Jones explained the Carson Smith Scholarship administrative budget request.

Sen. Adams asked about the scholarship and how it relates to the WPU and where the funding comes from. Ms. Natalie Grange, Assistant Superintendent, USBE, Ms. Voorhies, and Mr. Ben Leishman, Fiscal Analyst, OLFA, responded..

Sen. Fillmore, Mr. Leishman, Sen. Stephenson, Rep. Arent and Sen. Adams, made comments about the appropriation of the Carson Smith Scholarship. Rep. Arent asked for the Board to give the information collected from their analysis to the subcommittee. Mr. Jones responded and continued with the presentaiton.

Rep. Christensen, Chair McCay, Sen. Hillyard, Rep. Arent, Rep. Robertson, and Sen. Adams asked about the funding of the scholarships. Ms. Voorhies, Mr. Jones, and Ms. Grange, responded.

Mr. Jones and Ms. Grange continued with the presentation of the Carson Smith Scholarships Budget Requests.

Chair McCay, Rep. Christensen and Rep. Robertson asked about the funding and the lottery for scholarships, with responses from Ms. Grange, Mr. Leishman and Mr. Jones.

Mr. Jones gave a presentation on the CANVAS (an educational software package) Learning Management System (LMS) K-12.

Rep. Briscoe asked about the CANVAS LMS with a response from Mr. Jones.

5 . Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind

Mr. Faherty gave an update a new Utah County Building for the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind

[4-USDB - FY2019 Funding Requirements](#)

Mr. Joel Coleman, Superintendent, Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind, introduced Carl Empey, Finance Director, USDB and Ms. Amy Young, Assistant to Director, Utah State Instructional Materials Access Center (USIMAC), an agency for production of braille materials, USDB. Superintendent Coleman gave a presentation on the budget request for the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind.

Sen. Fillmore asked about the salary schedule with a response from Superintendent Coleman. Rep. Gibson complimented the Board of the Schools. Superintendent Coleman continued, with a presentation on USIMAC.

Chair McCay asked for a background on the USDB for the new members of the subcommittee. Superintendent Coleman responded and stated that these schools were built into the constitution by our forefathers many years ago.

Rep. Pulsipher, Rep. Robertson, Rep. Fawson, Rep. Moss, Rep. Briscoe, Sen. Stephenson, and Rep. Snow, asked questions, made comments, and expressed appreciation to the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind. Superintendent Coleman and Ms. Young responded.

Superintendent Coleman gave an update on the new Utah County Building in Springville.

Rep. Gibson, Rep. Eliason, Rep. Fawson, Sen. Hillyard asked about the new building with Superintendent Coleman responding. Chair McCay made comments.

6 . Requests for Appropriation (5 Minutes Each)

Rep. Kennedy presented a request for appropriation for Mother's Against Dyslexia. He introduced Ms. Kristin Eberting, Dyslexia Center of Utah and Ms. Shelly Hatch, Director, Dyslexia Center of Utah, and Ms. Eberting spoke about Mother's Against Dyslexia.

Rep. Briscoe, Rep. Fawson, Sen. Hillyard, asked about the funding for this program. Ms. Eberting, Ms. Hatch and Rep. Kennedy, responded.

Rep. Cutler presented a request for appropriation for School Family Partnership, H.B. 235. He explained this program to the subcommittee.

Rep. Eliason, Sen. Stephenson, Rep. Moss, Rep. Arent, Rep. Lisonbee, made comments and asked questions on H.B. 235, with Rep. Cutler responding.

Rep. Miles presented a request for appropriation for the Utah Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs. Rep. Miles introduced Ms. Kate Bideaux, Executive Director, Boys & Girls Club of Weber-Davis, and he explained how he

became involved in this request. Ms. Bideaux spoke about the clubs. Ms. JeuneElle Jeffries, Boys & Girls Clubs of Northern Utah, explained the need for the request.

Rep. Briscoe asked about a Weber State study and if it could be shared with the subcommittee. Ms. Bideaux responded.

7 . 9:50 a.m. Minimum School Program - Funding Equalization

Mr. Leishman explained the equalization programs in the budget.

[7a-State Equalization Programs](#)

Rep. Fillmore gave a proposal for equity in funding for the school districts.

Rep. Last explained his proposal for equity in funding school districts.

Sen. Stephenson made comments on equalization. He asked Mr. Leishman about funding and Mr. Leishman responded.

Sen. Hillyard made comments on equalization.

8 . Other Business

There was no other business.

9 . Adjourn

MOTION: Rep. Spendlove moved to adjourn.

Chair McCay adjourned the meeting at 10:55 a.m.