

**MINUTES OF THE
PUBLIC EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Thursday, June 7, 2018 • 2:00 p.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. Ann Millner
Sen. Howard A. Stephenson
Sen. Daniel W. Thatcher
Rep. Patrice M. Arent
Rep. LaVar Christensen
Rep. Francis D. Gibson
Rep. Karianne Lisonbee
Rep. Jefferson Moss

Rep. Susan Pulsipher
Rep. Adam Robertson

Members Absent:

Sen. Jani Iwamoto
Sen. Jerry W. Stevenson
Rep. Joel K. Briscoe
Rep. Steve Eliason
Rep. Justin L. Fawson
Rep. V. Lowry Snow

Staff Present:

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 Hillyard called the meeting to order at 2:16 p.m.

Chair Hillyard announced that Sen. Iwamoto asked to be excused.

1 . Follow-up on 2018 GS Issues/Technical Corrections

Mr. Ben Leishman explained technical corrections on some bills passed for the Public Education Budget during the 2018 General Legislative Session.

[6a-Public Education Budget Technical Corrections](#)

Chair Hillyard raised comments and questions on risks, and asked if there are any questions or concerns from the subcommittee. Mr. Leishman responded.

Sen. Adams asked if there is a special session, which, if any, of these corrections need to be made in that special session. Mr Leishman responded that none require a special session.

Mr. John Valentine, Chair, Utah State Tax Commission, commented that there are some issues on the funding of public education that may require a special session, that the subcommittee needs to be aware of. Sen. Adams and Chair Hillyard made comments with a response from Mr. Valentine. Rep. Arent asked about the funding issues, with an explanation of the process from Mr. Valentine.

Chair Hillyard said that a motion needs to be made on this agenda item, but will be done later, when there is a quorum.

2 . August/October Study Item Preview

Mr. Leishman explained an overview for the 2018 Interim Sessions. He identified the items the Chairs suggested be discussed and prioritized in the interim meetings to be held in August and October.

[7a-2018 Public Education Interim Study Items](#)

Chair Hillyard said that there is now a quorum so action can be taken on the previous agenda item.

MOTION: Sen. Millner moved to direct staff to prepare budgetary changes as recommended in the brief titled "2018 General Session -- Identified Issues & Technical Corrections" as recommendations from this subcommittee to the Executive Appropriations Committee and further action during the 2019 General Session. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 9 .

Yeas-12

Rep. P. Arent
Rep. L. Christensen
Sen. L. Fillmore
Rep. F. Gibson
Sen. L. Hillyard
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Sen. A. Millner
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. S. Pulsipher
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. R. Spendlove
Sen. D. Thatcher

Nays-0

Absent-9

Sen. J. Adams
Rep. J. Briscoe
Rep. S. Eliason
Rep. J. Fawson
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Rep. D. McCay
Rep. V. Snow
Sen. H. Stephenson
Sen. J. Stevenson

Chair Hillyard asked if there were any questions from the subcommittee or the public on the Interim Study Items.

3 . Approve Minutes

MOTION: Sen. Millner moved to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2018 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 9 .

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4 . State Education Fund - History, Appropriations, & Public and Higher Education

Mr. Leishman explained the history of the Income Tax, including the creation and use provisions for the tax. He also discussed the allocation of Education Fund appropriations between public and higher education. He then gave an overview of education funding outcomes of the 2018 General Session.

[2a-State Funding for Education](#)

[2b-Education Fund Distribution - 1995-2019](#)

Rep. Pulsipher, Chair Hillyard, Rep. Christensen, Rep. Arent, Rep. Spendlove, Rep. Gibson, Sen. Milner, Sen. Adams, Rep. McKay, and Sen. Thatcher, asked questions and made comments on taxes and Education funding.

Mr. Leishman gave a presentation on a Tax Re-balancing for Utah Education (TRUE) proposal.

[2c-Tax Rebalancing for Utah Education](#)

Sen. Adams, Sen. Fillmore and Chair Hillyard made comments about the real per-pupil State appropriations. Mr. Leishman responded. Rep. Gibson moved to continue through the agenda quicker.

5 . FY 2019 Budget Summary

Mr. Leishman summarized the proposal of the property tax and gas tax changes, and the final appropriated budget for FY 2018 and FY 2019 as passed during the 2018 General Session.

[3a-FY 2019 Public Education Budget Summary](#)

Rep. McKay asked for a comparison of what was recommended by this subcommittee and Executive Appropriation Committee. Mr. Leishman responded that he would provide that for the subcommittee at the next meeting.

6 . State Board of Education IT Systems

Mr. Scott Jones, Deputy Superintendent, State Board of Education, presented a plan to improve board information technology systems, by creating a Bridging and Business Intelligence System, with \$5 million in Minimum School Program nonlapsing balances authorized in the 2018 General Session.

[4a-Issue Brief - State Board of Education - IT Systems](#)

[4b-USBE Education Business Intelligence](#)

[4c-USBE IT Systems](#)

Rep. Gibson and Rep. McKay asked about the appropriation that was funded for this improvement plan. Mr. Jones responded.

7 . State Board of Education - Report on New Personnel

[5a-Issue Brief - State Board of Education - FTE Positions](#)

Mr. Jones gave a report on the one-time and on-going funding authorized during the 2018 General Session, for new personnel.

[5b-USBE Report on New Personnel](#)

8 . Other Business

There was no other business discussed.

9 . Adjourn

MOTION: House Chair McCay moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 9 .

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Chair Hillyard adjourned the meeting at 4:26 p.m.

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