

**MINUTES OF THE
PUBLIC EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Tuesday, August 14, 2018 • 1:15 p.m. • 445 State Capitol

Members Present:

Sen. Lyle W. Hillyard, Senate Chair
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. Jefferson Moss
Rep. Susan Pulsipher

Rep. Adam Robertson

Members Absent:

Rep. Daniel McCay, House Chair
Rep. Robert M. Spendlove, House Vice Chair
Sen. J. Stuart Adams
Rep. Kyle R. Andersen
Rep. Francis D. Gibson
Rep. Karianne Lisonbee
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 Hillyard called the meeting to order at 1:22 P.M.

Rep. Lowry Snow asked to be excused.

1 . Approve Minutes

There was not a quorum to approve minutes.

2 . Fiscal Note and Budget Item Follow-Up Report

Mr. Sean Faherty, Fiscal Analyst, Office of Legislative Fiscal Analyst, explained an issue brief titled "Fiscal Note and Budget Item Follow-Up Report", and changes that were made to the brief. Action recommendations were made.

[2a-Issue Brief - 2018 Interim - Fiscal Note and Budget Item Follow-up Report](#)

[2b-Issue Brief - 2018 Interim - Fiscal Note and Budget Item Follow-up Report - PED Items](#)

Chair Hillyard asked about expenditures in the report. Mr. Faherty and Mr. Ben Leishman, Fiscal Analyst, Office of Legislative Fiscal Analyst, Dr. Sydney Dickson, State Superintendent of Schools, Utah State Board of Education (USBE) and Mr. Scott Jones, Deputy Superintendent, (USBE), responded.

Rep. Arent asked about the Stem Lab Pilot with responses from Superintendent Dickson.

Rep. Briscoe made comments on the report changes, and asked about the kindergarten and high poverty schools expenditures. Chair Hillyard and Mr. Leishman responded.

Sen. Stephenson asked about the lack of interest in some of the programs, and the notification for these program. Superintendent Dickson and Mr. Leishman responded.

3 . To and From School Pupil Transportation

Mr. Jones introduced Ms. Jaime Barrett, Minimum School Program Administrator, USBE, and she gave a presentation on the To and From School Pupil Transportation program.

[3a-To From School Pupil Transportation Report - USBE](#)

Mr. Jones asked to hear from Mr. John Larsen. Mr. John Larsen, Business Administrator, Jordan School District, commented that he supports the Board's recommendation.

Chair Hillyard, Sen. Iwamoto, and Rep. Brisco asked about the bus formula with responses from Mr. Leishman, Ms. Barrett and Mr. Jones.

Mr. Terry Shoemaker, Utah School Board Association, Utah School Superintendents' Association, reported that the Superintendents and School Board Association's committee supports USBE's recommendation for transportation. Mr. Jones responded that the same approach with Necessarily Existent Small Schools (NESS) formula is also being taken.

MOTION: Rep. Christensen moved to accept the calculation recommended by the State Board of Education to measure 85% of eligible transportation costs and request that the Board provide in our October meeting any statutory changes required to implement this recommendation.

Chair Hillyard was told that there was no longer a quorum.

Rep. Christiansen expressed appreciation for the hard work of the subcommittee, the Legislative system and the State Office.

Chair Hillyard, as the Chair, ruled that there is a quorum and that the motion is accepted.

Rep. Christensen motion to accept the calculation recommended by the State Board of Education to measure 85% of eligible transportation costs and request that the Board provide in our October meeting any statutory changes required to implement this recommendation.passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 11 .

Yeas-10

Rep. P. Arent
Rep. J. Briscoe
Rep. L. Christensen
Sen. L. Hillyard
Sen. J. Iwamoto

Nays-0

Absent-11

Sen. J. Adams
Rep. K. Andersen
Rep. S. Eliason
Sen. L. Fillmore
Rep. F. Gibson

Sen. A. Millner
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. A. Robertson
Sen. H. Stephenson
Sen. J. Stevenson

Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. D. McCay
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Rep. R. Spendlove
Sen. D. Thatcher

4 . Statewide Assessment Contracts

Superintendent Dickson introduced Mr. Darin Nielsen, Assistant Superintendent, USBE, and spoke about statewide assessment and standards.

[Statewide Assessment - USBE](#)

Chair Hillyard, Rep. Briscoe, Rep. Arent, Rep. Christensen, and Sen. Stephenson, asked about testing, with responses from Superintendent Dickson and Mr. Nielsen.

Mr. Nielsen continued the presentation on assessment and the changes that have been made. Superintendent Dickson expressed appreciation for the time given the Board to discuss assessment, and distributed a handout to the subcommittee.

Sen. Thatcher took a personal privilege moment and announced that the President of the United States has just signed H.R. 2345 designating a nationwide three-digit suicide prevention phone number. Sen. Thatcher received applause for his hard work on suicide prevention.

5 . Charter School Local Replacement Formula Review

Mr. Leishman discussed a review of the Charter School Local Replacement Formula.

[5a-Charter School Local Replacement Formula Review](#)

Rep. Christensen asked if the Charter Schools should continue to be funded the same way that it has been in the past. Mr. Leishman and Chair Hillyard responded. Mr. Leishman continued with his presentation.

Sen. Stephenson acknowledged Mr. Leishman's amazing flow charts and commented on past funding of charter schools and the current funding. He also acknowledge the great job of the State School Board.

Sen. Fillmore explained the calculations of the formula, with a response from Chair Hillyard.

Mr. Royce Van Tassell, Utah Association of Public Charter Schools, commented that the options for the charter school funding equity is very good through this formula. Chair Hillyard asked about accessing information, with a response from Mr. Van Tassell.

Mr. Terry Shoemaker, Utah School Board Association, Utah School Superintendents' Association, commented on making changes now. He said it is important to make slight adjustments needed for funding equity in charter schools. Chair Hillyard responded with a recommendation that the School Board and Charter School association work together and bring results to the next meeting. Mr. Shoemaker and Mr. Van Tassall responded.

6 . House Bill 230, Related to Basic School Programs Review

Mr. Faherty gave an overview of House Bill 230, Related to Basic School Programs Review contained in the following document.

[6a-House Bill 230 - Related to Basic School Programs Review](#)

Chair Hillyard explained some options in moving forward on the Related to Basic School Programs Review.

MOTION: Sen. Stephenson moved to accept the Related to Basic School Program review schedule as outlined in Table A of the Minimum School Program -- Related to Basic School Programs Review brief discussed in today's meeting, with the caveat that we hear from those affected by it, to see if we need to reconsider. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 11 .

Yeas-10

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Rep. J. Moss
Rep. S. Pulsipher
Rep. A. Robertson
Sen. H. Stephenson

Nays-0

Absent-11

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Chair Hillyard and Rep. Arent paid tribute to Sen. Stephenson.

7 . Special Education - Intensive Services

This agenda item was not discussed.

8 . Other Business

There was no other business.

MOTION: Rep. Christensen moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 11 .

Yeas-10

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Chair Hillyard adjourned the meeting at 3:58 P.M.