



MINUTES

PUBLIC EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Friday, February 8, 2019 | 8:00 a.m. | 445 State Capitol

Members Present:

Sen. Lyle W. Hillyard, Senate Chair
 Rep. Steve Eliason, House Chair
 Rep. Steve Waldrip, House Vice Chair
 Sen. Lincoln Fillmore
 Sen. Ann Millner
 Sen. Kathleen Riebe
 Sen. Jerry W. Stevenson
 Sen. Ronald Winterton
 Rep. Joel K. Briscoe
 Rep. Francis D. Gibson
 Rep. Craig Hall
 Rep. Dan N. Johnson

Rep. Bradley G. Last
 Rep. Karianne Lisonbee
 Rep. Jefferson Moss
 Rep. Marie H. Poulson
 Rep. Susan Pulsipher
 Rep. V. Lowry Snow

Members Absent:

Rep. Robert M. Spendlove

Staff Present:

Ms. Mary Stringham, Session Secretary
 Ms. Emily Willis, Financial Analyst
 Mr. Ben Leishman, Fiscal Analyst

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

Chair Eliason called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

1 . Approve Minutes

MOTION: Chair Hillyard moved to approve the minutes. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 8.

Yeas-11

Rep. S. Eliason
 Sen. L. Fillmore
 Rep. F. Gibson
 Rep. C. Hall
 Sen. L. Hillyard
 Rep. D. Johnson
 Rep. B. Last
 Rep. K. Lisonbee
 Rep. J. Moss
 Sen. K. Riebe
 Rep. S. Waldrip

Nays-0

Absent-8

Rep. J. Briscoe
 Sen. A. Millner
 Rep. M. Poulson
 Rep. S. Pulsipher
 Rep. V. Snow
 Rep. R. Spendlove
 Sen. J. Stevenson
 Sen. R. Winterton

2 . Rural School Programs

Mr. Ben Leishman, fiscal analyst, presented a review of rural school programs, regional service centers and minimum school programs with rural schools impact.

[2a-MSP Categorical Programs_Rural](#)

[2b-NESS Report \[USBE\]](#)

[2c-MSP Formula Review \[State Auditor\]](#)

Sen. Riebe commented on regional centers.

3 . Agency Response - State Board of Education

Ms. Sydnee Dickson, Superintendent of Public Instruction for the Utah State School Board (USBE), with the assistance of Mr. Terry Shoemaker, Associate Executive Director of the Utah School Boards Association, provided an agency response.

[3a-State Board Funding Request \[USBE\]](#)

[3b-Pupil Transportation Data System \[USBE\]](#)

Rep. Moss asked a clarifying question about service centers and charter schools and Mr. Shoemaker responded.

Mr. Leishman provided an update and recommendations to the committee on two rural school issues.

Chair Eliason asked a clarifying question about commute times for students in San Juan District and Mr. Leishman responded.

Sen. Hillyard asked a clarifying question about a past bill that dealt with some of these issues and Mr. Leishman responded.

Mr. Scott Jones, Deputy Superintendent of Operations, provided a response to Sen. Hillyard's previous question.

Mr. Shoemaker commented on the Guarantee Transportation Recommendation: Rural Transportation Matching Grant Program.

Mr. Leishman presented an issue and recommendation to the committee regarding CTE Career Pathway Development in NESS Schools.

[3c-CTE NESS Data \[USBE\]](#)

Ms. Dickson provided an agency response and expressed her gratitude for Mr. Leishman

Mr. Shoemaker commented on the difficulty rural schools have with Career Pathway Development.

Rep. Gibson asked a clarifying question about transportation and Mr. Shoemaker responded.

Chair Eliason made a joke.

Ms. Sydnee Dickson thanked the committee for their focus on equity in rural and remote areas.

Chair Eliason commented on a past trip the legislature took to NESS schools.

Mr. Shoemaker made a final comment.

Chair Eliason noted a change in the agenda.

4 . Student Health & School Safety

Mr. Ross VanVranken, Executive Director of the University Neuropsychiatric Institute (UNI), with the assistance of Barry Rose, Manager over the SafeUT Program, University Neuropsychiatric Institute, and Rachel Lucynski, head of the SafeUT 24 hour crisis center, presented on the SafeUT program and app.

[7b-SAFE UT Presentation \[UNI\]](#)

Chair Eliason commented on the record number of chats in October on the SafeUT app and the decline of youth suicide rates last year.

Chair Eliason commented on the use of the app by students.

Mr. VanVranken read an excerpt from a soon to be published article regarding SafeUT.

Sen. Riebe expressed her gratitude for the work SafeUT has done and asked a clarifying question about information provided to educators and Mr. Rose responded.

Sen. Fillmore asked if SafeUT has thought about making this software available for sale to other states and Chair Eliason responded.

Mr. VanVranken responded to Rep. Fillmore regarding other states and their efforts to fund similar programs.

Rep. Waldrip thanked SafeUT for the work they do and asked a clarifying question about a bill presented yesterday to add additional counselors to SafeUT and Mr. VanVranken responded.

Chair Eliason commented on KSL's efforts to promote the app.

Ms. Rachel Lucynski provided an update about the SafeUT's accessibility to Utah schools.

Chair Eliason called a five minute recess.

5 . Break

Sen. Hillyard assumed the chair.

Chair Hillyard called the meeting to reconvene at 9:25 a.m.

6 . Budget Review - School and Institutional Trust Lands Office

Mr. Peter Madsen, Director and Chief Investment Officer for SITFO, Mr. Ryan Kulig, Administrative Analyst, and Ms. Anna Davenport, Assistant Administrative Analyst, presented their budget request of a \$260,000 increase to \$1,210,000 total (~25% increase) for additional staff.

[4a-SITFO Budget Update \[SITFO\]](#)

Rep. Briscoe asked a clarifying question regarding the request and Mr. Madsen responded.

Chair Hillyard commented on the history of SITFO and asked a clarifying question regarding money for schools. Both Mr. Madsen and Mr. Kulig responded.

Sen. Riebe commented on the slide presentation.

Chair Hillyard asked a clarifying question about the request and Mr. Kulig responded.

7 . Student Health & School Safety

Ms. Kathryn Macdonald-Poelman, Policy Research Assistant, presented on the Mental Health in Schools Survey results with an introduction by Mr. Leishman.

[7a-Education Mental Health Survey](#)

Chair Hillyard commented on the presentation.

Rep. Eliason resumed the chair.

Sen. Fillmore commented on money that could be better utilized to help this program and Chair Eliason invited Mr. Doug Thomas, Director of the Utah Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health, to respond.

[7e-Continuum of Care School Service \[DHS\]](#)

Mr. Thomas presented the Continuum of Care School Service.

Rep. Briscoe asked a clarifying question about mental health contracts outside of schools and Ms. Macdonald-Poelman responded. He then urged the committee to understand the importance of these issues.

Rep. Snow thanked the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health and acknowledged the need for funding and asked a clarifying question regarding funding and Mr. Thomas responded.

Rep. Snow asked a follow up question about funding running out and Rep. Eliason responded.

Mr. Brad Christensen, Director of Student and Family Resources for Davis School District, and Ms. Kristen Reisig, Clinical Director at Davis Behavioral Health, presented on the school based services they provide.

[7c-School-Based Services - Davis County Presentation](#)

Sen. Hillyard commented on S.B. 149 sponsored by Sen. Millner and Rep. Moss.

Sen. Millner commented on the S.B. 149.

Rep. Raymond Ward with the assistance of Ms. Christy Walker, School and Student Safety Specialist for USBE, presented H.B. 120 which requests \$30,000,000, ongoing to hire professional mental health workers to place in schools.

[7h-State Board Student and School Safety \[USB E\]](#)

Rep. Last asked a clarifying question regarding the availability of personnel and Rep. Ward and Ms. Walker responded.

Chair Eliason mentioned that leftover items on the agenda would be moved to Tuesday's meeting.

MOTION: Sen. Hillyard moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 13 - 0 - 6.



Yeas-13

Rep. S. Eliason
Sen. L. Fillmore
Rep. C. Hall
Sen. L. Hillyard
Rep. D. Johnson
Rep. B. Last
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. M. Poulson
Rep. S. Pulsipher
Sen. K. Riebe
Rep. V. Snow
Rep. S. Waldrip
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays-0

Absent-6

Rep. J. Briscoe
Rep. F. Gibson
Sen. A. Millner
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. R. Spendlove
Sen. J. Stevenson

Chair Eliason adjourned the meeting at 10:44 a.m.