



MINUTES

PUBLIC EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Thursday, February 14, 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. Craig Hall
Rep. Dan N. Johnson
Rep. Jefferson Moss

Rep. Marie H. Poulson
Rep. Susan Pulsipher
Rep. V. Lowry Snow
Rep. Robert M. Spendlove

Members Absent:

Rep. Francis D. Gibson
Rep. Bradley G. Last
Rep. Karianne Lisonbee

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 8:04 a.m.

1 . Student Credential Enhancement to CTE Career Skills Certification (Rep. Shipp) Request Amount: \$2,895,000 One-time

Rep. Rex P. Shipp presented the RFA Student Credential Enhancement to CTE Career Skills Certification for \$2,895,000 (one-time) with the assistance of Mr. Brock Smith, Executive Vice President of Business Development for Precision Exams, and a handout provided to the committee.

Sen. Winterton asked a clarifying question about the reason for the request and Mr. Smith responded.

2 . Junior Achievement (Rep. Peterson)

Rep. Jeremy A. Peterson presented the RFA Junior Achievement for \$500,000 (one-time), with the assistance of Ms. Christy Tribe, President and CEO of Junior Achievement of Utah, and Ms. Julie Hoth, Vice Principal at Jennie P. Stewart Elementary, along with a handout provided to the committee.

Sen. Riebe commented on how much kids love this program and Ms. Tribe responded.

Chair Eliason asked the witnesses to restate their names for the record and commented on his experience with the Junior Achievement program.

3 . Interventions for Reading Difficulties (Sen. Millner)

Sen. Millner presented the RFA Interventions for Reading Difficulties for \$350,000 (ongoing) with the assistance of Ms. Jennifer Throndsen, Utah State School Board (USBE) Literacy Team Coordinator.

Sen. Riebe asked a clarifying question regarding the tools used to evaluate the program and Ms. Throndsen responded.

Rep. Briscoe asked a clarifying question about the program's similarities and differences related to the University Reading Clinic and Ms. Throndsen responded.

Sen. Hillyard asked a clarifying question about the state's low reading level and both Ms. Thronksen and Rep. Millner responded.

Rep. Poulson commented on the benefits of early intervention and asked a clarifying question about the history of the program and Ms. Thronksen responded.

4 . Unified Sports in High Schools (Quinn)

Rep. Tim Quinn presented the RFA Unified Sports in High School for \$50,000 (one-time) with the assistance of Ms. D'Arcy Dixon Pignanelli, President and CEO of Special Olympics Utah (SOUT), with a handout provided to the committee.

5 . Grand County School CTE Addition (Rep. Watkins)

Rep. Christine Watkins presented the RFA Grand County School CTE Addition for \$6,000,000 (one-time) with the assistance of Mr. Jim Stocks, CTE Director of Grand County School District, and provided a printed handout of the PowerPoint presentation to the committee.

Rep. Eliason asked a clarifying question about the request in relation to Grand County School District and both Mr. Jim Webster, Grand County Board of Education, and Rep. Watkins responded.

6 . Create Utah: Digital Literacy Initiative (Waldrip)

Rep. Waldrip presented the RFA Create Utah: Digital Literacy Initiative for \$1,750,000 (ongoing) with the assistance of Mr. Eric Scholer, CTE teacher at Layton High School, Mr. William Chamberlin, senior at Layton High School, Maria Crago, junior at Layton High School, and Kaitlyn Salo, student officer at Layton High School.

Sen. Riebe asked a clarifying question about scaling back the request and both Rep. Waldrip and Mr. Chris Blake, Representative from Adobe, responded.

7 . H.B. 236, Teacher Salary Supplement Amendments (Christofferson)

Rep. Kay J. Christofferson presented the companion RFA to H.B. 236, Teacher Salary Supplement Amendments, for \$4,900,000 (ongoing) with the assistance of Mr. Travis Rawlings, Education Licencing Coordinator for USBE.

Rep. Poulson asked a clarifying question about legislation paired with the request and Rep. Christofferson responded.

Rep. Poulson asked a follow up question about which teachers this bill would apply to and Rep. Christofferson responded.

8 . Charter School Administrative Costs

Mr. Ben Leishman, Fiscal Analyst, presented the Charter School Administrative Costs and provided recommendations to the committee through the use of a slide presentation.

[14a-Issue Brief - Charter School Administrative Costs](#)

Sen. Riebe asked a clarifying question about the increased administrative costs and Mr. Leishman responded.

Sen. Deidre Henderson commented on the Charter School Administrative Costs presentation.

Rep. Briscoe asked a clarifying question about the presentation and Mr. Leishman responded.

Sen. Riebe asked a clarifying question about the administrative costs and both Mr. Leishman and Sen. Henderson responded.

Chair Eliason made a comparison to Necessarily Existent Small Schools (NESS).

Chair Eliason noted a change to the agenda.

9 . Break

Chair Eliason called for a five minute recess at 9:15 a.m.

Chair Eliason called the meeting to reconvene at 9:24 a.m.

10 . 4-6 Reading Assessment Tool (Sen. Stevenson)

Sen. Stevenson presented RFA 4-6 Reading Assessment Tool for \$1,500,000 (ongoing).

Rep. Briscoe asked a clarifying question regarding the purpose of the request and both Rep. Stevenson and Mr. Leishman responded.

Rep. Briscoe commented on the electronic tools used for the DIBELS Assessment Program in the request.

Sen. Riebe asked a clarifying question regarding DIBELS and Mr. Stevenson responded.

11 . KnowWhere Campus Safety & Emergency Communication (Briscoe)

Ms. Briggite Coles, VP Sales and Operations at Drift Net, and Mr. Aaron Coles, President at Drift Net, with the assistance of Rep. Briscoe presented the RFA KnowWhere Campus Safety & Emergency Communication for \$9,998,769.22 (one-time) with the use of a handout, example of the proposed classroom pod, and slide presentation.

Rep. Waldrip asked if the KnowWhere system was installed in any location and both Ms. Coles and Mr. Coles responded.

12 . 9:00 a.m. Beverly Taylor Sorenson Arts Learning Program (Waldrip)

Rep. Waldrip presented the RFA Beverly Taylor Sorenson Arts Learning Program (BTSALP) for \$1,500,000 (ongoing) with the assistance of Mr. Larry Shumway, Artworks for Kids.

Chair Eliason commented on the request.

Sen. Riebe commented on the benefits of BTSALP program.

Rep. Poulson commented on the difference the arts can make in education.

Rep. Johnson commented on the benefits of the BTSALP.

Chair Eliason noted that line items 16 and 17 on the agenda would be combined.

13 . Governor's Budget Recommendations

14 . Comparison of State Board & Governor Recommendations

[16a-Governor's Budget Recommendations \[Gov\]](#)

[17a-State Board to Governor Comparison \[USBE\] \[Gov\]](#)

[17b-State Board Budget Recommendations \[USBE\]](#)

Mr. Scott Jones, Deputy Superintendent of Operations for USBE, and Mr. Jacob Wright, Budget and Policy Analyst for the Governor's Office of Management and Budget, presented and compared the Governor's budget recommendations and State Board's budget recommendations.

Rep. Briscoe asked a clarifying question about the rainy day fund and both Mr. Wright and Mr. Leishman responded.

Chair Eliason invited Mr. Mark Huntsman, USBE Chair, to come forward and join the presentation.

Sen. Riebe asked a clarifying question regarding funding for nurses in schools and both Chair Eliason and Ms. Tami Pyfer, Education Advisor to the Governor, responded.

Rep. Johnson commented on the recommendations and both Mr. Jones and Chair Eliason responded.

Rep. Poulson asked a clarifying question about the Governor's recommendation for the teacher bonus and Mr. Wright responded.

Sen. Riebe asked a clarifying question about the LEA opt-out funding and Mr. Wright responded.

Mr. Huntsman made a final comment on the recommendation comparison.

Chair Eliason asked a clarifying question regarding the two recommendations and both Mr. Jones and Mr. Huntsman responded.

Sen. Riebe commented on the importance of secure data in the education system.

15 . Utah Computer Science Grant (Knotwell)

Rep. John Knotwell presented the companion request for H.B. 227, Utah Computer Science Grant for \$7,150,000 with the assistance of Ms. Sydnee Dickson, State Superintendent of Public Instruction for USBE, and Ms. Kimberlee Carlile, Director of Talent Ready Utah for the Governor's Office of Economic Development (GOED).

Rep. Johnson commented on the various benefits kids get from learning to code.

Rep. Waldrip commented on his relation to the creator of Atari.

Sen. Riebe asked a clarifying question regarding where the grant money passes through and Rep. Knotwell responded that it would pass through USBE.

16 . Early Learning Programs

Ms. Emily Willis, Financial Analyst, provided an overview of the Early Learning Programs in the education budget by utilizing a program matrix and handouts.

[19a-Matrix of Early Learning Programs](#)

Ms. Thronsen presented an update on early learning programs and early academic achievement utilizing a slide presentation.

[19b-Early Learning Programs \[USBE\]](#)

Sen. Riebe asked a clarifying question about the update and Ms. Throndsen responded.

Rep. Pulsipher asked a clarifying question about the kindergarten supplement enrichment program and Ms. Throndsen responded.

17 . Student Absenteeism

Sen. Hillyard presented on student absenteeism in Utah and mentioned he would move the discussion to the interim due to time constraints.

18 . Budget Motions for Review

19 . List of Budget Requests

[21a-Public Education Final Budget Motions](#)

[22a-Public Education Budget Requests](#)

Mr. Leishman presented the budget motions for review and the list of budget requests.

Sen. Hillyard reminded the committee that decisions would not be made until February 19, 2019.

Rep. Briscoe asked a clarifying question about prioritization and Mr. Leishman responded.

Rep. Poulson asked about documents and Mr. Leishman responded.

20 . Approve Minutes

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

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Rep. S. Waldrip
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays-0

Absent-8

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MOTION: Sen. Riebe moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 8.



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Chair Eliason adjourned the meeting at 10:51 a.m.

21 . Adjourn