



MINUTES

PUBLIC EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Thursday, January 30, 2020 | 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. Bradley G. Last

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

Members Absent:

Rep. Francis D. Gibson
Rep. Jefferson Moss

Staff Present:

Ben Leishman, Finance Manager
Emily Willis, Financial Analyst
Annette Sion, Committee Secretary

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

Senate Chair Hillyard called the meeting to order at 8:00a.m.

1 . Governor's Budget Recommendations

Jacob Wright, Education Analyst, Governor's Office of Management and Budget, presented the governor's recommendations for an increase in the value of the Weighted Pupil Unit (WPU) and funding growth.

[2. Governor's Budget Recommendations](#)

Rep. Eliason asked if the numbers reflect the revised budget. Jacob Wright responded.

2 . Utah School Boards Association Recommendations

Terry Shoemaker, Executive Director, Utah School Superintendent's Association, with the assistance of Rick Nielsen, Superintendent Nebo School District, President, Utah School Superintendent Association assisted and spoke regarding teacher shortage and wage competition.

Rick Nielsen then spoke regarding the WPU money, and the request for one time funding for school safety and security measures.

Rep. Briscoe asked questions regarding teachers salaries. Rick Nielsen responded.

Rep. Poulson commented regarding teacher salaries.

Rep. Johnson commented about teacher retention and collaborative efforts going forward. Rick Nielsen responded.

Rep. Eliason asked questions regarding flexible allocation for funding and health screening for mental health. Rick Nielsen and Terry Shoemaker responded.

Handout 2020 Legislative Priorities

Chair Hillyard commented on three challenges.

Rick Nielsen responded regarding teacher salaries for retention, mentoring, and support. Terry Shoemaker concurred and referred to a handout.

Rep. Eliason thanked witnesses and asked several questions regarding school safety. Rick Nielsen responded.

Sen. Fillmore asked several questions regarding funding and accountability. Terry Shoemaker and Rick Nielsen responded.

Rep. Pulsipher asked a question regarding identifying problems and needs at the local level. Rick Nielsen and Terry Shoemaker responded.

Sen. Riebe made a comment about standardizing experiences among districts.

3 . Subcommittee Action:

Ben Leishman spoke regarding the Base Budget Bill and changes to base allocations.

[4a. Public Education Base Budget Bill](#)

Chair Hillyard requested to have any questions directed to Ben Leishman, Emily Willis, and the Co-chairs as soon as possible. He invited the public to follow this online.

Ben Leishman discussed the Base Budget Bill. He also explained the Compendium of Budget Information(COBI).

4 . Budget Review:

Emily Willis stated that every year the fees requested by the State Board of Education are reviewed. She discussed the following two issue briefs.

[4c. Issue Brief - Agency Fees](#)

[4d. Issue Brief - Federal Funds](#)

Rep. Poulson asked a question about the percentage of federal funds. Emily Willis responded.

Sen. Riebe commented and asked a question regarding federal funding. Ben Leishman responded.

Chair Hillyard commented on the federal funding issue.

Rep. Pulsipher asked a question regarding pass through percentages. Ben Leishman responded.

[5. Budget Review Presentation](#)

Emily Willis reviewed five line items and budgets.

a State Administration Office

b. General Systems Support

c. Educator Licensing

d. Teaching & Licensing

e. Child Nutrition

Chair Hillyard asked questions about the amount of revenue from the liquor tax. Emily Willis responded. Ben Leishman gave further clarification.

Sen. Riebe asked questions regarding funding. Kathleen Britton, Director of Child Nutrition Programs, State Board of Education (USBE) responded.

Emily Willis continued the presentation.

Chair Hillyard asked if a bill carried a fiscal note. Rep Johnson responded.

Emily Willis concluded the presentation.

5 . Agency Response: Utah State Board of Education

Scott Jones, Deputy Superintendent of Operations, USBE, requested to give clarification on the Child Nutrition Program (CNP).

Kathleen Britton also gave clarification on the CNP.

Scott Jones added information about the presentation by Emily Willis pertaining to the Utah Professional Practices Advisory Commission (UPPAC) licensing request which will be discussed in a subsequent meeting. Scott Jones then continued with the presentation.

[6. USBE FY 2021 Budget Requests Presentation](#)

Chair Hillyard asked the committee to contact Scott Jones with questions.

Ben Leishman gave some clarification regarding the budget.

Scott Jones continued with the presentation.

Scott Jones was assisted by Patrick Lee, School Finance Director, (USBE), and Dr. Cory Kanth, Statewide Online Education Program Specialist, USBE.

Scott Jones concluded the request concentric to the line items, agenda item 6.

6 . 9:45 a.m. Discussion: Statewide Online Education Program (SOEP) funding

[8. Statewide Online Education Program Information Sheet](#)

Dr. Cory Kanth presented budgetary costs of the Statewide Online Education Program (SOEP) for home and private school students.

Scott Jones gave further clarification.

Rep. Eliason asked a question about the program. Scott Jones responded.

Ben Leishman provided additional context about the program.

Sen. Riebe asked a question regarding the WPU and the online school. Dr. Cory Kanth responded.

Sen. Lisonbee asked questions regarding funding for home school students. Dr. Cory Kanth responded.

Rep. Poulson asked a question regarding breaking down the funding for decision making purposes. Dr. Cory Kanth gave explanations.

Chair Hillyard commented on the complexity of the issues and recommended coming back with a plan knowing what costs would be.

7 . Discussion: RISE Assessment Update

[9a. USBE Report on RISE - Presentation](#)

Darin Nielsen, Assistant Superintendent, USBE, presented and Brittney Cummins, Vice Chair, USBE assisted presenting an update on the financial conditions, the plan for moving forward regarding the procurement process, and test results for the RISE Assessment.

House Chair Eliason assumed the chair.

Rep. Spendlove had questions regarding liquidated damages. Darin Nielsen responded and continued the presentation.

Senate Chair Hillyard resumed the chair.

Chair Hillyard concluded the presentation due to time constraints.

Karece Thompson, Council Member, Clearfield City, expressed concerns regarding various aspects of education in the state.

MOTION: House Chair Eliason moved to adjourn 10:54 P.M. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 7.

Yeas-12

- Rep. J. Briscoe
- Rep. S. Eliason
- Sen. L. Fillmore
- Rep. C. Hall
- Rep. D. Johnson
- Rep. K. Lisonbee
- Sen. A. Millner
- Rep. S. Pulsipher
- Sen. K. Riebe
- Rep. V. Snow
- Rep. R. Spendlove
- Rep. S. Waldrip

Nays-0

Absent-7

- Rep. F. Gibson
- Sen. L. Hillyard
- Rep. B. Last
- Rep. J. Moss
- Rep. M. Poulson
- Sen. J. Stevenson
- Sen. R. Winterton