



MINUTES

PUBLIC EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Tuesday, January 28, 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. 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
 Rep. Robert M. Spendlove

Staff Present:

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

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 8:10 a.m.

1 . Approve Minutes - February 19, 2019 & October 15, 2019

MOTION: Sen. Hillyard moved to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2019 meeting and the October 15, 2019 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 13 - 0 - 6.

Yeas-13

Rep. J. Briscoe
 Rep. S. Eliason
 Rep. F. Gibson
 Rep. C. Hall
 Sen. L. Hillyard
 Rep. D. Johnson
 Rep. K. Lisonbee
 Rep. J. Moss
 Rep. M. Poulson
 Rep. S. Pulsipher
 Rep. V. Snow
 Rep. R. Spendlove
 Sen. R. Winterton

Nays-0

Absent-6

Sen. L. Fillmore
 Rep. B. Last
 Sen. A. Millner
 Sen. K. Riebe
 Sen. J. Stevenson
 Rep. S. Waldrip

2 . Subcommittee Chair Direction for Session Meetings

Sen. Hillyard gave an overview of the Subcommittee's responsibilities during the 2020 Legislative Session.

3 . Budget Introductions, Schedule, & Procedures

Ben Leishman reviewed the process for the Subcommittee.

[2a. Subcommittee Calendar for 2020 General Session](#)

Ben Leishman discussed the Subcommittee's web page.

Ben Leishman gave an overview of the Public Education budget.

[2b. Public Education Budget Introduction](#)

Sen. Riebe asked for clarification about the budget comparison analysis. Ben Leishman responded.

Ben Leishman continued his presentation about the budget process.

Sen. Riebe asked some clarifying questions about the Weighted Pupil Unit (WPU). Ben Leishman responded to each question.

Sen. Hillyard discussed the challenge of balancing restricted funding and more open-ended funding.

Rep. Briscoe commented about the historical perspective of the WPU.

Rep. Johnson asked about the allocation for the new data processing system. Chair Eliason responded.

4 . Utah State Board of Education - Education Funding Study

[8a. USBE - Utah Education Funding Study \(Full Study\)](#)

Tiffany Stanley, Chief of Staff, Utah State Board of Education (USBE) gave an overview about the Education Funding Study.

[8b. USBE Education Funding Study - Presentation](#)

Jason Willis, Director of Strategy & Performance, WestEd, gave an overview of the Phase I report of the study.

Chair Eliason asked about the Per Pupil Revenue Over Time graph. Jason Willis responded and continued his presentation.

Sen. Fillmore asked some clarifying questions about weighted and categorical programs. Ben Leishman responded. Jason Willis also responded.

Jason Willis continued his presentation.

Rep. Briscoe asked some questions about categorical programs. Ben Leishman responded.

Justin Silverstein, Co-CEO, APA, commenced to discuss the equity analysis and discussed equity in the context of the report.

Sen. Riebe asked questions about the data points. Justin Silverstein and Jason Willis responded.

Sen. Hillyard expressed concern about the equity when there are differences between school districts. Justin Silverstein responded.

Chair Eliason discussed the problem of equity within schools. Justin Silverstein and Jason Willis responded.

Sen. Hillyard assumed the chair.

Sen. Riebe asked if there is a disproportionate reliance on para-educators in Utah and if this causes inequity. Justin Silverstein and Jason Willis responded.

Rep. Poulsen asked about which states use a WPU system. She also asked for an explanation about the scores on the equity score by state. Justin Silverstein and Jason Willis responded.

Rep. Briscoe asked if both horizontal and vertical assessments are included on the equity slide. He also asked about local and state funding. Justin Silverstein responded.

Rep. Waldrip asked about the equity scores by state and if correlated performance could be analyzed. Jason Willis responded.

Chair Eliason resumed the chair.

Chair Eliason announced a 5-minute recess.

5 . Break

Chair Eliason called the meeting back to order.

Justin Silverstein continued his presentation regarding methods for counting students.

[8c. USBE Education Funding Study Methodology](#)

Sen. Riebe asked about flexibility with competency-based learning and also year-round schools.

Justin Silverstein and Jason Willis responded.

Sen. Hillyard asked when the report would be completed and about the transition process. Tiffany Stanley responded.

6 . Utah State Board of Education - Funding Requests and Strategic Plan

[6a. USBE Strategic Plan, Budget Requests, and Performance Measures Presentation](#)

Mark Huntsman, Chair, USBE, discussed the strategic direction for the Utah State Board of Education.

Sydnee Dickson, Utah State Superintendent of Public Instruction, discussed the vision of the strategic plan.

Tiffany Stanley discussed some performance measures for Education Elevated , the strategic plan for the State Board of Education.

Sen. Millner asked questions about the targets scorecard slide. Sydnee Dickson responded.

Tiffany Stanley and Sydnee Dickson continued their presentation regarding Budget Requests.

Sen. Fillmore commented on the absence of funding requests for the Teacher and Student Success Act. Mark Huntsman responded.

Sen. Hillyard asked about one-time funding. Mark Huntsman responded

Sydnee Dickson responded to Sen. Fillmore's question and gave reason for not having a system in place.

Chair Eliason commented about some current issues regarding the budget request. He asked about a use of possible one-time funds. Mark Huntsman responded.

Chair Eliason discussed the lack of time and that they would not be able to fit anymore of the agenda items today and appologized.

MOTION: Sen. Riebe moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 7.

Yeas-12

- Rep. J. Briscoe
- Rep. S. Eliason
- Sen. L. Fillmore
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- Rep. D. Johnson
- Rep. K. Lisonbee
- Rep. M. Poulson
- Rep. S. Pulsipher
- Sen. K. Riebe
- Rep. S. Waldrip
- Sen. R. Winterton

Nays-0

Absent-7

- Rep. F. Gibson
- Rep. B. Last
- Sen. A. Millner
- Rep. J. Moss
- Rep. V. Snow
- Rep. R. Spendlove
- Sen. J. Stevenson

Chair Eliason adjourned the meeting at 10:49:22 a.m.