



MINUTES

PUBLIC EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Monday, February 3, 2020 | 9:00 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. Ronald Winterton
Rep. Joel K. Briscoe
Rep. Craig Hall
Rep. Dan N. Johnson
Rep. Bradley G. Last
Rep. Jefferson Moss

Rep. Marie H. Poulson
Rep. Susan Pulsipher
Rep. V. Lowry Snow

Members Absent:

Sen. Jerry W. Stevenson
Rep. Francis D. Gibson
Rep. Karianne Lisonbee
Rep. Robert M. Spendlove

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 9:09 A.M.

1 . Public Education Base Budget Questions and Actions

Chair Hillyard asked for questions regarding the Base Budget.

2 . Accountable Budget Update:

Emily Willis gave an overview of HJR 18 that was passed in the 2019 session and the accountable budget process the committee led during the 2019 interim.

[3a. USBE Accountable Budget Response - IGP and PFSS Grants](#)

Patty Norman, Deputy Superintendent of Student Achievement, Utah State Board of Education(USBE), presented Partnerships for Student Success and Intergenerational Poverty Interventions, assisted by Kamille Shiekh, Education Specialist, USBE, and Robert Palmer, Education Specialist, USBE.

Rep. Briscoe asked for clarification on the current status as compared to baseline.

Sen. Riebe spoke in support of the programs.

Rep. Moss asked about the comparison of the schools that have received the grants with those that do not receive the grants. Kamille Shiekh responded.

Rep. Johnson asked about the number of sites and average amounts of the grants. Kamille Shiekh responded.

Rep. Snow asked questions regarding the goals. Robert Palmer responded.

Sen. Millner asked about the targets, grants, and their impact. Robert Palmer responded.

Chair Hillyard spoke about the difficulties of funding.

3 . Budget Review/Agency Response: School and Institutional Trust Fund Office

[4a. LFA Budget Review - SITFO](#)

Emily Willis presented an overview of the School and Institutional Trust Funds Office and details of the budget.

[4b. Agency Response - SITFO Budget Update](#)

Peter Madson, Director & Chief Investment Officer, Utah School & Institutional Trust Funds Office(SITFO), gave a presentation regarding the budget.

Chair Hillyard asked for the agency's address. Peter Madsen responded.

Sen. Johnson asked about the possibility of expanding at their current location and the alternative of relocating. Peter Madsen responded.

Sen. Riebe asked about possible agency relocation to a rural area. Peter Madsen responded.

Peter Madsen continued the presentation.

Chair Hillyard spoke regarding investments from Trust Lands.

David Damshen, Treasurer, Utah Office of the State Treasurer, talked about the investment of the money.

Rep. Snow spoke about more disbursement of income to schools. David Damschen and Peter Madsen responded.

Chair Hillyard spoke about the change in funding investment.

4 . Budget Review/Agency Response: School and Institutional Trust Fund Office

[5b. USBE Budget Requests - 2.3.2020](#)

Sen. Fillmore gave a presentation with the assistance of Sarah Young, Director of Strategic Initiatives, USBE.

House Chair Eliason assumed the chair.

Rep. Johnson asked about the collection of data. Sarah Young responded.

Sarah Young concluded the presentation.

Chair Eliason asked if the state could develop the platform at a cost savings. Sarah Young responded.

[5a. Budget Reviews - 2.3.2020](#)

Emily Willis reviewed the budgets of various line items.

Rep. Briscoe asked for clarification about three budget items showing zero dollars. Emily Willis responded.

Emily Willis continued the presentation regarding funding and expected expenditures.

5 . Request for Appropriation:

Chair Eliason introduced speakers.

Scott Jones, Deputy Superintendent of Operations, USBE, presented and Deborah Jacobsen, Internal Accounting Director, USBE, and Dale Frost, Fiscal Analyst, USBE, assisted.

[Pluralsight One Computer Science Talking Points](#)

Thalea Longhurst, Director of Career & Technical Education, USBE, and Joel Marquez, Computer Science Education Specialist, USBE, presented a request for funding of the K-12 computer science initiative grant program.

Chair Eliason asked about the status of matching money from industry. Lindsey Knueven, Chief Impact Officer, Plural Sight, responded.

Sen. Hillyard asked if the funds would be spent or put in a trust fund. Lindsey Knueven, Thalea Longhurst, and Scott Jones responded.

Rep. Pulsipher asked about the outcome of the money given last year. Thalea Longhurst responded.

Rep. Johnson asked if schools apply directly to the collected fund. Sarah Young responded.

Sen. Riebe talked about the substitute teacher crisis. Lindsey Knueven responded.

Rep. Briscoe asked if any of the plans include educating teachers about the use. Sarah Young and Thalea Longhurst responded.

Rep. Poulson commented regarding educating the teachers.

Kimberlee Carlile, Director of Talent Ready Utah, Governor's Office of Economic Development, spoke in support of the program.

Chair Eliason asked if the Governor's Office of Economic Development (GOED) was providing any funding. Kimberlee Carlile responded.

6 . Request for Appropriation:

Rep. Waldrip and Todd Call, Educational Coordinator, USBE, presented a request for appropriation for Educational Technology Management Systems and explained use of the tool.

Chair Eliason asked about the specifics of the costs. Todd Call, Scott Jones, and Rep. Waldrip responded.

Sen. Hillyard made a comment regarding the funding of computer-based programs. Scott Jones responded.

Rep. Waldrip gave clarification regarding funding.

Sen. Millner asked what percent of Local Education Agencies (LEAs) are using the tool. Todd Call responded.

Rep. Pulsipher asked if there was a cost savings using the program. Todd Call responded.

Rep. Johnson asked about the distribution of this program in rural areas and who has oversight. Todd Call responded.

Rep. Snow said they understand that the way this program operates is as a Chrome extension and is only able to analyze programs that are Chrome based. Todd Call responded.

Rep. Waldrip and Rep. Snow commented.

Scott Jones continued the presentation with the assistance of Dale Frost.

7 . Budget Review/Agency Response:

[8. Minimum School Program Presentation](#)

Ben Leishman spoke about the Minimum and Basic School Program budgetary and funding items.

Sen. Riebe spoke about absenteeism's impact on funding. Ben Leishman responded.

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

Yeas-13

Rep. J. Briscoe
Rep. S. Eliason
Sen. L. Fillmore
Rep. C. Hall
Sen. L. Hillyard
Rep. B. Last
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. M. Poulson
Rep. S. Pulsipher
Sen. K. Riebe
Rep. V. Snow
Rep. S. Waldrip
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays-0

Absent-6

Rep. F. Gibson
Rep. D. Johnson
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Sen. A. Millner
Rep. R. Spendlove
Sen. J. Stevenson

House Chair Eliason adjourned the meeting at 11:21 A.M.