



MINUTES

PUBLIC EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Thursday, February 13, 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. Ronald Winterton
Rep. Joel K. Briscoe
Rep. Francis D. Gibson
Rep. Craig Hall
Rep. Dan N. Johnson
Rep. Karianne Lisonbee

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

Members Absent:

Sen. Jerry W. Stevenson
Rep. Bradley G. Last
Rep. Jefferson Moss
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.

Chair Eliason called the meeting to order at 8:05 A.M.

1 . Funding Item Requests, Review, and Cleanup: USBE

Scott Jones, Deputy Superintendent, Utah State Board of Education (USBE), presented budget requests with the assistance of Dr. Jennifer Throndsen, Director of Teaching and Learning, USBE, and Nathan Auck, Education Specialist, USBE.

[2a. USBE Budget Requests - 2.13.2020](#)

[Teacher Librarians Putting Utah Students on Target for Success](#)

Sen. Hillyard mentioned he has a bill that will include the Schools for the Deaf and the Blind.

Sara Wiebke, Pre K-12 Literacy Coordinator, USBE, presented SB99, School Leadership Development Amendments with the assistance of Jennifer Throndsen.

Sen. Riebe expressed teacher and community support for the program.

Jessica Smith, Preschool Specialist, USBE, spoke regarding preschool grant programs with the assistance of Jennifer Throndsen.

Sen. Waldrip asked for clarification on preschool experience and quality matters.

Sen. Milner asked who was surveyed. Jennifer Throndsen responded.

Sen. Hillyard stated that all of the subcommittee is deeply committed to public education funding.

Jennifer Throndsen presented the Early Learning and Training request.

Sen. Riebe asked what measures are being used to pinpoint where to send resources. Jennifer Thronsen responded.

Jennifer Thronsen continued the presentation with the assistance of Scott Jones.

Chair Eliason asked how many more years will the Adobe platform be used. Scott Jones responded.

2 . Create Utah (Rep. Waldrip)

Sen. Waldrip presented the Adobe program.

[Create Utah](#)

Aaron Bodel, Education Specialist, USBE introduced Brook Anderson, Graphic Design Teacher, Roots Charter High School, and her students, Rowan Caldwell and Elsa Torres. Elsa spoke about her learning experience with the Adobe Creative Cloud. Brook Anderson spoke about Adobe Photoshop.

David Newman, Adobe Program Specialist, spoke regarding the partners involved to implement the program effectively.

Sen. Riebe asked if the teaching skills are transferable to any program. Aaron Bodel responded.

Rep. Waldrip concluded that the Adobe program teaches digital literacy and prepares kids for the predominant platform in the workforce and in education.

Scott Jones presented the Underage Drinking Prevention Program.

Darin Nielsen, Assistant Superintendent, USBE, presented SB99.

Sen. Hillyard, commented that Rep. Dan Johnson is one of the finest principals.

Rep. Briscoe inquired how principles in charter schools compare to those in traditional K-12. Darin Nielsen responded.

Rep. Hall presented the Teacher Retention Bonus request with the assistance of Heidi Mathews, President, Utah Education Association (UEA).

Sen. Riebe presented the Certified Teacher Librarian proposal with the assistance of Jim Wilson, School Library Pals.

[Utah Academic Library Consortium](#)

Jenny Olson, Certified Teacher Librarian, Alta High School explained the role of librarians with student success with the assistance of Rae Loui, Principal, Beacon Heights Elementary.

Jim Wilson concluded the presentation.

Rep. Poulson commented on the usefulness of the program with the research projects she did with her students.

Rep. Briscoe presented First Tee Golf & Character Class, assisted by Paul Pugmire, Executive Director, First Tee of Utah.

[The First Tee](#)

Rep. Eliason asked if the golf industry contributes to the program. Paul Pugmire and Rep. Briscoe responded.

Sen. Andregg presented Dual Language Immersion, Utah Future's Funding, and SB69 Tax Credit for Education.

Sen. Hillyard asked about the difference in funds in his request, in comparison to the request of Rep. Hall. Sen. Andregg responded.

Rep. Lisonbee expressed concern that money being designated for school supplies should be going directly to teachers.

Sen. Andregg presented Utah Futures assisted by Ben Hart, Deputy Director, Governor's Office of Economic Development (GOED), and Kimberlee Carlisle, Director of Talent Ready Utah.

[Keyes to Success Utah](#)

Sen. Riebe asked if the program was housed at the Utah Education and Telehealth Network (UETN) and would now be housed at the Governor's Office of Economic Development (GOED). Ben Hart and Sen. Andregg responded.

Pres. Adams presented Upstart program (5)

3 . UPSTART (Pres. Adams)

4 . 9:40 a.m. High School Robotics Grant Program (Sen. Cullimore)

Sen. Cullimore presented the request for funding the High School Robotics programs and was assisted by Wayco Scroggrin, Steve Jacobsen Foundation, and Christy Canaan.

Booklet Robotics Program Grant Amendment.

Sen. Hillyard assumed the chair.

Rep. Johnson commented on the engagement students have with the programs and that the skills learned can be taken into industry.

Sen. Riebe expressed concern that the programs are not vetted by people actually in the classrooms.

5 . InfiniD (Rep. Dailey-Provost)

[Meet the needs of the whole student](#)

Rep. Daily-Provost presented InfiniD learning with the assistance of Skylar Carr, Founder, InfiniD and Lindsay Baird, Principal, Riverdale Elementary School.

Chair Hillyard asked why it was a one time request for funding. Skylar Carr responded assisted by Lindsay Baird.

6 . Millcreek Arts Education Center (Sen. Iwamoto)

Sen. Iwamoto gave a presentation regarding the Millcreek Arts Education Center with the assistance of Doug Keith, Board President, Salt Lake School for Performing Arts and Cheri Jackson, council member, Millcreek City Council.

[Millcreek Arts and Education Center](#)

Rep. Briscoe asked what this facility would mean for elementary and middle schools. Doug Keith and Cheri Jackson responded.

Chair Hillyard presented Schools of the Future at USU's College of Education.

7 . Utah Anti-Bullying Coalition (Rep. Ray)

Kevin Bischoff, Director of Development, Utah Anti-Bullying Coalition, presented Utah Anti-Bullying program with the assistance of Stan Parrish, Co-founder, Utah Anti-Bullying Coalition, and Dawn Davis, Member, Utah Anti-Bullying Coalition.

Stand 4 Kind booklet.

Sen. Fillmore presented SB104 Local Education Levy State Guarantee.

Rep. Briscoe asked if there are models for how this would impact various school districts. Sen. Fillmore responded.

8 . School Fees Impact (Rep. Robertson)

[HB 80 School Fees Modifications](#)

Rep. Robertson presented HB 80 School Fees Modifications.

Rep. Eliason resumed the chair.

Rep. Waldrip thought the fiscal note for this request was significantly higher. Rep. Robertson responded and Ben Leishman gave further clarification.

Sen. Riebe commented on the fees and providing better access for those participating in the programs. Rep. Robertson responded.

Rep. Poulson commented on the fiscal note being local. Rep. Robertson responded.

9 . 10:10 a.m. 360 Mental Health Stabilization Program (Rep. Watkins)

Rep. Watkins presented the request for 360 Mental Health Stabilization with the assistance of Dave Brotherson, Superintendent, Duchesne School District.

Mental Health Well-Being Approach Pamphlet.

Rep. Eliason commented that the Legislature passed legislation for teachers to have continuing professional education on suicide prevention and mental health.

10 . Adult Autism & Education Treatment (Rep. Wilde)

Rep. Wilde presented the funding request with the assistance of Cheryl Smith, "Carson's Mother," Carson Smith Scholarship fund.

Adult Autism Center Information Folder.

11 . SheTech - High School Girls STEM Ed & Careers (Rep. Gibson)

Rep. Gibson presented the program for girls to enter the STEM field to learn how to code and become mentally invigorated in the area of science and technology with the assistance of Cydni Tetro, President, Women's Tech Counsel and McKenzie Toro, Student.

[SheTech](#)

Sen Hillyard asked about funding. Cydni Tetro responded.

12 . Effective Teachers in High Poverty Schools (Rep. Winder)

[Effective Teachers in High Povert Schools Incetive Program Amendments](#)

Rep. Winder mentioned the favorable results for this program.

Rep. Briscoe asked how many districts are participating. Rep. Winder responded.

13 . Teacher Preparation Scholarship (Rep. Spendlove)

Heidi Mathews, President, Utah Education Association (UEA), presented a one time endowment for a teacher scholarship with the assistance of Jay Blain, Director of Policy and Research, UEA.

Rep. Eliason asked if there was a bill that would define the parameters of the scholarship. Heidi Mathews responded.

14 . School Mental Health Amendments (Rep. Eliason)

Rep. Eliason presented information on several districts that have been doing successful pilot programs on student mental health assessments.

[Public Education Appropriations Subcommittee Motions](#)

[Draft List of Ongoing Funding Requests](#)

Ben Leishman presented Budget Changes Motions and Funding Item List.

Sen. Hillyard thanked everyone for all the work that went into preparing the budget requests and presentations.

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

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Rep. J. Briscoe
Rep. S. Eliason
Rep. C. Hall
Sen. L. Hillyard
Rep. D. Johnson
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. M. Poulson
Rep. S. Pulsipher
Sen. K. Riebe
Rep. S. Waldrip
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays-0

Absent-8

Sen. L. Fillmore
Rep. F. Gibson
Rep. B. Last
Sen. A. Millner
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Chair Eliason adjourned the meeting at 10:56 A.M.