



MINUTES

EDUCATION INTERIM COMMITTEE

Wednesday, June 14, 2023 | 8:30 a.m. | 30 House Building

Members Present:

Sen. John D. Johnson, Chair
Rep. Candice B. Pierucci, Chair
Sen. Lincoln Fillmore
Sen. Keith Grover
Sen. Kathleen A. Riebe
Rep. Kera Birkeland
Rep. Tyler Clancy
Rep. Katy Hall
Rep. Dan N. Johnson
Rep. Karianne Lisonbee
Rep. Steven J. Lund
Rep. Carol S. Moss
Rep. Jefferson Moss
Rep. Karen M. Peterson

Rep. Val L. Peterson
Rep. Susan Pulsipher
Rep. Mark A. Wheatley

Members Absent:

Sen. Ann Millner
Rep. Angela Romero
Rep. Mike Schultz

Staff Present:

Micah Ann Wixom, Policy Analyst
Robert Wood, Policy Analyst
Rhonda Bailey, Associate General Counsel
Mike Curtis, Managing Associate General Counsel
Jeff Van Hulten, Associate General Counsel
Taylor Calabrese, Administrative Assistant

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

Chair Pierucci called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

1. Committee Business

MOTION: Rep. Peterson moved to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2023, meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 11.

Yeas - 9

Rep. T. Clancy
Sen. L. Fillmore
Rep. K. Hall
Rep. D. Johnson
Sen. J. Johnson
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. K. Peterson
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. S. Pulsipher

Nays - 0

Absent - 11

Rep. K. Birkeland
Sen. K. Grover
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. S. Lund
Sen. A. Millner
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. V. Peterson
Sen. K. Riebe
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. M. Wheatley

2. Public Education: Transparency in Curriculum, Parental Engagement and Access, and Review of Sensitive Materials Policies in Schools

[2 - Transparency, Parent Access, and Sensitive Materials Staff Presentation](#)

[2 - Logan School District Curriculum Transparency Presentation](#)

[2 - Davis School District Sensitive Materials Presentation](#)

[2 - Davis School District Sensitive Materials Table](#)

[2 - Davis School District School Library Media Centers Policy, 8/23/2022](#)

[2 - Jordan School District Transparency Efforts Presentation](#)

[2 - Washington School District Legislative Sensitive Materials Report 2023](#)

[2 - Washington School District Media Center Library Materials Policy, 5/24/22](#)

[2 - Granite Master List of Submitted Parent Book Challenges](#)

[2 - Granite Library Book Selection Analysis](#)

[2 - Granite Library Book Deselection Analysis](#)

[2 - USBE Sensitive Materials Presentation](#)

Mike Curtis presented on Sections 53G-4-402, 53G-5-306, and 53G-10-103, and related legislation.

Frank Schofield, Superintendent, Logan School District, presented on the district's parental resources and examples of curriculum.

Frank Schofield responded to questions from the committee and continued presenting.

Dan Linford, Superintendent, Logan Toone, Assistant Superintendent, Liz Mumford, Board President, and Benjamin Onofrio, Legal Counsel, Davis School District, presented on the district's process for reviewing sensitive materials.

Dan Linford, Logan Toone, Liz Mumford, and Benjamin Onofrio responded to questions from the committee.

Mike Curtis provided clarity on the Davis School District review committee's decision to remove the Bible from certain school libraries.

Dan Linford and Logan Toone responded to additional questions from the committee.

MOTION: Rep. Birkeland moved to open a committee bill file on curriculum transparency and sensitive materials. The motion passed with a vote of 14 - 0 - 6.

Yeas - 14

Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. T. Clancy
Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. K. Grover
Rep. D. Johnson
Sen. J. Johnson
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. S. Lund
Rep. K. Peterson
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. S. Pulsipher
Sen. K. Riebe
Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays - 0

Absent - 6

Rep. K. Hall
Sen. A. Millner
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. M. Schultz

Anthony Godfrey, Superintendent, Tracy Miller, Board President, Aimie Rizzuto, teacher, and Brittney Housel, parent, Jordan School District, presented on the district's curriculum policies and transparency.

Anthony Godfrey, Tracy Miller, and Aimie Rizzuto responded to questions from the committee.

Larry Bergeson, Superintendent, Terry Hutchinson, Board Member, and Jeremy Cox, Director of Technology, Washington School District, presented on the district's curriculum transparency.

Jeremy Cox and Terry Hutchinson responded to questions from the committee.

Rich Nye, Superintendent, and Ben Horsley, Chief of Staff, Granite School District, presented on parental resources and curriculum transparency.

Rich Nye and Ben Horsley responded to questions from the committee.

Jennie Earl, Board Vice Chair, and Davina Sauthoff, Library/Media Specialist, Utah State Board of Education, presented on the state board's policies and rules on sensitive materials.

The following individuals provided public comment:

Kristin vanBrunt, resident

Laurene Starkey, resident

Lauralee Solimeno, resident. Lauralee Solimeno responded to questions from the committee.

Charlotte Gatrell, resident

Emma Metos, resident

Brooke Stephens, Utah Parents United

Beverly Ahlstrom, resident

Dalane England, United Women's Forum and Utah Eagle Forum

Rilee Pickle, resident

Andre LaFleur, resident

Frances Floresca Baldwin, resident

3. Adjourn

MOTION: Rep. Birkeland moved to adjourn.

Chair Pierucci adjourned the meeting at 11:49 a.m.