

**MINUTES OF HOUSE EDUCATION
STANDING COMMITTEE**

February 4, 2002

Room 129, State Capitol Building

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Margaret Dayton, Chair
Rep. Loraine T. Pace, Vice Chair
Rep. Jeff Alexander
Rep. Duane Bourdeaux
Rep. Judy Buffmire
Rep. James A. Ferrin
Rep. James R. Gowans
Rep. David L. Hogue
Rep. Bradley T. Johnson
Rep. Merlynn T. Newbold
Rep. LaWanna Shurtliff
Rep. Matt Throckmorton

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rep. A. Lamont Tyler

STAFF PRESENT: Constance C. Steffen, Research Analyst
Greta Rodebush, Committee Secretary

VISITORS LIST: Attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Chair Dayton called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m with apologies for starting late.

MOTION: Rep. Ferrin moved to approve the minutes of January 30, 2002. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Throckmorton absent for the vote.

H.B. 262 Student Education Plans (*M. Newbold*)

Rep. Newbold introduced H.B. 262 which eliminates certain requirements pertaining to the preparation and implementation of Student Education Plans (SEP) and Student Education/Occupation Plans (SEOP).

MOTION: Rep. Newbold moved to amend the bill as follows:

1. Page 2, Line 41: After "personnel" insert ", parents,"
2. Page 2, Line 46: After "accomplishments" delete "and" and insert a comma and after "strengths" insert ", and progress towards meeting student achievement standards as defined under U-PASS"

3. Page 2, Line 55: After line 55 insert the following:
"(iii) A parent may request conferences with school personnel in addition to SEP or SEOP conferences established by local school board policy."

The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Alexander, Rep. Buffmire, and Rep. Throckmorton absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Pace moved to amend the bill as follows:

1. Page 5, Line 128: After "school" delete "shall" and insert "may"
2. Page 5, Line 129: After "assessment" delete "shall" and insert ", if made, should"
3. Page 5, Line 131: After "districts," delete "shall" and insert "may"
4. Page 5, Line 134: After "teacher" delete "shall" and insert "may"

The motion passed with Rep. Buffmire voting in opposition.

The following expressed opposition to the bill if it doesn't include at least one annual SEP/SEOP conference requirement:

Ms. Susan Dayton, Utah PTA
Mr. Kim Burningham, Utah State Board of Education
Mr. Parker Mossman, Utah Information Technology Association
Mrs. Phyllis Sorenson, Utah Education Association
Ms. Sarah Meier, Utah School Board Association, Granite School District
Ms. Donna Newbold, Counselor, Bingham High School
Ms. Judy Peterson, Parent, Utah School Counselors Association
Ms. Paula Plant, State Office of Education

MOTION: Rep. Throckmorton moved to pass the bill out favorably.

SUBSTITUTE

MOTION: Rep. Buffmire moved to amend the bill as follows:

1. Page 2, Line 55: After "implementing" delete "SEPs and SEOPs" and insert "at least one annual SEP or SEOP for each student"

The motion failed with Rep. Bourdeaux, Rep. Buffmire, Rep. Gowans, and Rep. Shurtliff voting in favor of the motion.

A vote was taken on Rep. Throckmorton's motion. The motion passed with Rep. Bourdeaux, Rep. Buffmire, Rep. Gowans, and Rep. Shurtliff voting in opposition.

H.B. 271 Appropriation for School Districts Impacted by Fee Waivers (*L. Shurtliff*)

Rep. Shurtliff introduced H.B. 271 which allows the State Board of Education to distribute funds to certain school districts impacted by fee waivers. The bill provides an ongoing appropriation of \$400,000 from the Uniform School Fund for FY 2002-03 to the State Board of Education.

Mr. Larry Leathem, Workbased Learning Coordinator, Fremont High School and former principal of Ogden High School, testified on the impacts of fee waivers.

The following spoke in support of the bill:

Ms. Marianne Gardner, Utah PTA Education Commissioner

Ms. Karen Derrick, Utah School Boards Association, Utah School Superintendents Association, Salt Lake City School Board.

MOTION: Rep. Johnson moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed with Rep. Newbold, Rep. Alexander, Rep. Ferrin, Rep. Hogue, and Rep. Dayton voting in opposition and with Rep. Throckmorton absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Ferrin moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Throckmorton absent for the vote.

Chair Dayton adjourned the meeting at 9:28 a.m.

Rep. Margaret Dayton, Chair

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