

MINUTES OF THE  
SENATE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE  
Monday, January 22, 2007  
Room W130, West Office Building, State Capitol Complex

Members Present: Sen. Margaret Dayton, Committee Chair  
Sen. Greg Bell  
Sen. Lyle Hillyard  
Sen. Pat Jones  
Sen. Darin Peterson  
Sen. Ross Romero  
Sen. Howard A. Stephenson

Members Excused: Sen. Curtis Bramble

Staff Present: Phillip V. Dean, Policy Analyst  
Dee S. Larsen, Attorney  
Norda Shepard, Secretary

Public Speakers Present: Bruce Parker, Citizen  
Sarah Meier, President, Utah School Boards Association  
Cheryl Phipps, Utah PTA  
Richard Kendell, Commissioner, Utah State Higher Education  
Jim Sutton, Vice Director, 309th Maintenance Wing, Hill Air Force Base  
Col. Jeff Wandrey, Deputy Director of Engineering, Hill Air Force Base  
Brent Webster, Program Manager, Northrop Grumman  
Julianne Grant, Operations Manager, L-3 Communications  
Jason Perry, Executive Director, Governor's Office of Economic Development  
Scott Hinton, Dean, College of Engineering, Utah State University  
Dave Buehler, Associate Commissioner, Utah State Higher Education

A list of visitors and a copy of handouts are filed with the committee minutes.

Chair Dayton called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

Chair Dayton welcomed everyone and indicated the agenda would be changed as Sen. Bell was stuck in traffic and had asked to present his bill second.

**1. S.B. 133 Local School Board Public Hearing Requirements**

Sen. Jones presented the bill and proposed amendments. Bruce Parker, speaking as a private citizen; Sarah Meier, President, Utah School Boards Association; and Cheryl Phipps, Utah PTA, spoke in support.

**MOTION:** Sen. Jones moved to amend S.B. 133, Local School Board Public Hearing Requirements, with the following amendments:

1. Page 6, Lines 159 through 161

159 (21) (a) Before closing a school or changing the boundaries of a school, a board shall:  
160 (i) hold a public hearing, as defined in Section ~~{-52-4-103}~~ 10-9a-103 ; and

161           (ii) provide public notice of the public hearing, as specified in Subsection (21)(b).

2.       Page 6, Lines 176 through 178

176                   (2) Prior to the adoption of a budget containing a tax rate which does not exceed the  
177       certified tax rate, the board shall hold a public hearing , as defined in Section 10-9a-103, on  
178       the proposed budget. In addition to  
178       complying with Title 52, Chapter 4, Open and Public Meetings Act, in regards to the hearing

The motion passed with Sens. Bell and Peterson absent at the time of the vote.

**MOTION:** Sen. Jones moved to pass S.B. 133, Local School Board Public Hearing Requirements, out with a favorable recommendation as amended.

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Peterson absent at the time of the vote.

## **2. Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION:** Sen. Hillyard moved to approve the minutes of January 16, 2007. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Peterson absent at the time of the vote.

## **3. S.B. 53 Higher Education Engineering Partnership**

Sen. Bell presented the bill. Richard Kendell, Commissioner, Utah State Higher Education; Jim Sutton, Vice Director, 309th Maintenance Wing, Hill Air Force Base; Col. Jeff Wandrey, Deputy Director of Engineering, Hill Air Force Base; Brent Webster, Program Manager, Northrop Grumman; Julianne Grant, Operations Manager, L-3 Communications; and Jason Perry, Executive Director, Governor's Office of Economic Development spoke in support. Scott Hinton, Dean, College of Engineering, Utah State University; and Dave Beuhler, Associate Commissioner, Utah State Higher Education, answered committee questions and spoke in support.

**MOTION:** Sen. Hillyard moved to pass S.B. 53, Higher Education Engineering Partnership, out with a favorable recommendation.

The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Dayton thanked all those who came to testify.

**MOTION:** Sen. Hillyard moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Dayton adjourned the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

Minutes were reported by Norda Shepard, Secretary.

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Sen. Margaret Dayton, Committee Chair

