

**MINUTES OF HOUSE EDUCATION  
STANDING COMMITTEE**

February 8, 2008

Room 445, Capitol Building, State Capitol Complex

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Rep. Gregory H. Hughes, Chair  
Rep. Patrick Painter, Vice Chair  
Rep. Sylvia S. Andersen  
Rep. Craig A. Frank  
Rep. James R. Gowans  
Rep. Kory M. Holdaway  
Rep. Bradley G. Last  
Rep. Rebecca D. Lockhart  
Rep. Carol Spackman Moss  
Rep. Merlynn T. Newbold  
Rep. LaWanna "Lou" Shurtliff  
Rep. Kenneth W. Sumsion  
Rep. Stephen Urquhart  
Rep. Mark A. Wheatley

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Rep. Brad Dee

**STAFF PRESENT:** Constance C. Steffen, Policy Analyst  
Linda Service, Committee Secretary  
Dee S Larsen, Associate General Counsel

**Note:** List of visitors and copy of handouts are filed with committee minutes.

Rep. Painter, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:13 a.m.

**MOTION:** Rep. Shurtliff moved to adopt the minutes of February 5, 2008. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Anderson, Rep. Last, Rep. Moss, Rep. Urquhart, and Rep. Hughes were absent for the vote.

**1st Sub. H.B. 127                      Community Council Elections (Rep. K. Sumsion)**

**MOTION:** Rep. Sumsion moved to delete in title and body 1st Substitute H.B. 127 and adopt 2nd Substitute H.B. 127. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Anderson, Rep. Last, Rep. Moss, and Rep. Urquhart were absent for the vote.

Rep. Sumsion introduced the bill which amends provisions for the election of school community councils.

The following spoke in support of the bill:

Stan Harbuck, businessman and parent  
Natalie Gordon, Utah PTA

MOTION: Rep. Shurtliff moved to pass the bill out with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Last, Rep. Moss, and Rep. Urquhart were absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Frank moved to place the bill on the Consent Calendar. The motion failed with Rep. Holdaway and Rep. Shurtliff voting in opposition. Rep. Last, Rep. Moss, and Rep. Urquhart were absent for the vote.

**H.B. 254 School Community Council Amendments (*Rep. R. Menlove*)**

MOTION: Rep. Newbold moved to delete in title and body H.B. 254 and adopt 1st Substitute H.B. 254. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Last, Rep. Moss, and Rep. Urquhart were absent for the vote.

Rep. Menlove introduced the bill which modifies provisions regarding the term of office of school community council members.

Keith Davis, Principal, Grantsville Junior High School, spoke in support of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Hughes moved to pass the bill out with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Moss and Rep. Urquhart were absent for the vote.

**H.B. 189 School Community Councils (*Rep. R. Bigelow*)**

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

*1. Page 4, Lines 109 through 117:*

- 109           (7) (a) A school community council shall provide the following information:  
110           (i) the proposed school community council meeting schedule for the year, provided  
111           during the first two weeks of the school year;  
112           (ii) a summary of the school community council's actions and activities during the  
              first  
113           half of the school year information, provided at the mid-point of the school year; and  
114           (iii) a summary of the annual report required under Section 53A-16-101.5 on how the  
115           school's School LAND Trust Program monies were used to enhance or improve academic  
116           excellence at the school and implement a component of the school's improvement plan.

117 provided at the {conclusion} beginning of the next school year.

The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Moss and Rep. Urquhart were absent for the vote.

Rep. Bigelow introduced the bill which requires a school community council to provide certain information to school households.

Natalie Gordon, Utah PTA, spoke in support of the concept of the bill.

The following spoke in support of the bill:

Vic Arnold, Utah Education Association  
Keith Davis, Principal, Grantsville Junior High School  
Stan Harbuck, businessman and parent

Margaret Bird, Trust Lands Specialist, Utah State Board of Education, responded to questions by committee members.

MOTION: Rep. Holdaway moved to move to the next item on the agenda.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Rep. Newbold moved to pass the bill out with a favorable recommendation as amended. The motion passed with Rep. Holdaway and Rep. Moss voting in opposition. Rep. Frank was absent for the vote.

**H.B. 330 State Supplemental Funding for Head Start (Rep. L. Shurtliff)**

Rep. Shurtliff moved to delete in title and body H.B. 330 and adopt 1st Substitute H.B. 330. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Frank and Rep. Newbold were absent for the vote.

Rep. Shurtliff introduced the bill which establishes state supplemental funding for Head Start programs in Utah.

The following assisted the sponsor:

Erin Trenbeath-Murray, Head Start Program  
Rebekkah Button, Parent, Head Start Program

The following spoke in support of the bill:

Sue Carey, Utah PTA  
Nicole Droitsch, Head Start  
Ann Post Fife, Head Start  
Greg Summerhays, United Way Young Leaders  
Kim Campbell, Utah Education Association  
Sarah Meier, Utah School Boards Association

MOTION: Rep. Moss moved to pass the bill out with a favorable motion. The motion passed with Rep. Sumsion voting in opposition. Rep. Frank and Rep. Newbold were absent for the vote.

**H.B. 66 Paraeducator to Teacher Scholarship Program (Rep. R. Menlove)**

Rep. Menlove introduced the bill which creates a program to award scholarships to paraeducators for education and training to become a licensed teacher.

The following spoke in support of the bill:

Nan Gray, Special Education Director, State Board of Education  
Geoff Leonard, Utah State Education Association

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

*1. Page 4, Lines 91 through 92:*

- 91 (7) A scholarship recipient must be continuously employed as a  
paraeducator by a school district or  
92 charter school while pursuing a degree using scholarship monies.

The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Frank, Rep. Moss, and Rep. Newbold were absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Urquhart moved to pass the bill out with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Frank, Rep. Moss, and Rep. Newbold were absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Urquhart moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:57 a.m. The motion passed unanimously.

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