

**MINUTES OF THE
SENATE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2009
ROOM 415, STATE CAPITOL**

Members Present: Sen. Curtis Bramble, Chair
Sen. Margaret Dayton
Sen. Brent Goodfellow
Sen. Lyle Hillyard
Sen. Scott Jenkins
Sen. Karen Morgan
Sen. Howard A. Stephenson

Staff Present: Allison Nicholson, Policy Analyst
Dee Larsen, Associate General Council
Karen C. Allred, Secretary

Public Speakers Present: Myranda Holgerson, Homeschool parent, Utah Home Education Association Board
Carrie Piper, Homeschool parent
Stan Rasmussen, Public Affairs, Sutherland Institute
Jon Yarrington, President, Utah Home Education Association
Barb Remsbur, Director of Housing, University of Utah
Robert Payne, Associate General Council, University of Utah
Tamara Lowe, President, Utah School Boards Association
Laura Pinnock, Utah Small Districts Coalition
Anna Clare Shepherd, Citizen
Debbie White, President, American Federation of Teachers, Utah
Susan Kuziak, Utah Education Association
Betsy VanDenBerghe, Parent
Carlene Walker, Citizen
Hugo Rossi, Professor Emeritus, University of Utah Math Department
Steve Peterson, Utah School Boards Association
Delane England, Parent
Aaron Bertram, Math Professor and Parent

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

Committee Chair Bramble called the meeting to order at 8:08 A.M.

MOTION: Sen. Hillyard moved to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2009 meeting.

The motion passed unanimously with Sens. Goodfellow, Jenkins, and Stephenson absent for the vote.

1. **S.B. 123 -- School District Division Process**

Sen. Hillyard introduced and explained the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Stephenson moved to adopt the following amendment:

1. *Page 5, Lines 128 through 142:*

- 128 (5) (a) If a proposal submitted under Subsection (2)(a)(iii) is certified under
 Subsection
129 (2)(f) or (g), the legislative body of each county in which part of the proposed new school
130 district is located shall submit the proposal to the respective clerk of each county to be
 voted
131 on:
132 (i) (A) by the legal voters residing within the [~~proposed new~~] existing school
 district
133 boundaries if the student enrollment in the proposed new school district is greater
than or equal to 15,000 students or 25 percent of the student enrollment of the
existing school district; and
(B) by the legal voters residing within the proposed new school district
boundaries if the student enrollment in the proposed new school district is less than
15,000 students or 25 percent of the student enrollment of the existing district ;
134 (ii) in accordance with the procedures and requirements applicable to a regular
 general
135 election under Title 20A, Election Code; and
136 (iii) at the next regular general election or municipal general election, whichever is
137 first.
138 (b) (i) If a majority of the legal voters {~~within the [proposed new] existing school~~
139 ~~district boundaries~~} voting on the proposal at an election under Subsection (5)(a) vote
 in favor
140 of the creation of the new district:
141 (A) each county legislative body shall, within 60 days after the canvass date, file with
142 the lieutenant governor the written notice, with the accompanying map or plat, required
 under

The motion passed with Sens. Bramble, Dayton, Goodfellow, Hillyard, Jenkins, and Stephenson voting in favor, and Sen. Morgan voting in opposition.

Tamara Lowe, President, Utah School Boards Association; Debbie White, President, American Federation of Teachers, Utah; and Susan Kuziak, Utah Education Association; spoke for the bill.

Laura Pinnok, Utah Small Districts Coalition; Anna Clare Shepherd, Citizen; Betsy VanDenBerghe, Parent; and Carlene Walker, Citizen; spoke against the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Goodfellow moved to pass S.B.123 out of committee with a favorable recommendation.

The motion failed with Sens. Hillyard, Goodfellow, and Stephenson voting in favor, and Sens. Bramble, Dayton, Jenkins, and Morgan voting in opposition.

2. **S.B. 146 -- Home Schooling Amendments**

Sen. Madsen introduced and explained the bill.

Myranda Holgerson, Homeschool parent, Utah Home Education Association Board; Carrie Piper, Homeschool parent; Stan Rasmussen, Public Affairs, Sutherland Institute; and Jon Yarrington, President, Utah Home Education Association; spoke for the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Dayton moved to pass S.B.146 out of committee with a favorable recommendation.

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Hillyard absent for the vote.

3. **H.B. 238 -- Exemption of University Housing from Eviction Laws**

Rep. Holdaway introduced and explained the bill.

Barb Remsbur, Director of Housing, University of Utah and Robert Payne, Associate General Council, University of Utah, spoke for the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Morgan moved to pass H.B.238 out of committee with a favorable recommendation.

The motion failed with Sens. Goodfellow and Morgan voting in favor, Sens. Bramble, Dayton, Jenkins, and Stephenson voting in opposition, and Sen. Hillyard absent for the vote.

4. **H.B. 244 -- Disruption of School Activities**

Rep. Moss introduced and explained the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Stephenson moved to go to the next item on the agenda.

The motion passed unanimously.

5. **S.B. 159 - Math Education Initiative**

Sen. Stephenson introduced and explained the bill.

Hugo Rossi, Professor Emeritus, University of Utah Math Department; Delane England, Parent; and Aaron Bertram, Math professor and parent; spoke for the bill.

Steve Peterson, Utah School Boards Association, spoke against the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Stephenson moved to adopt the following amendments:

1. *Page 2, Lines 32 through 33:*

32 {~~•~~~~—~~~~adopt math curriculum standards for students who participate in the~~
~~Math~~
33 ~~Education Initiative;~~

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2. *Page 2, Line 54:*

54 {~~53A-13-406, Utah Code Annotated 1953~~}

3. *Page 5, Lines 133 through 146:*

133 {~~Section 6. Section 53A-13-406 is enacted to read:~~
134 ~~— 53A-13-406. Math curriculum standards:~~
135 ~~— (1) The State Board of Education shall adopt math curriculum standards for~~
~~students~~
136 ~~who participate in the Math Education Initiative.~~
137 ~~— (2) The standards adopted pursuant to Subsection (1) shall include:~~
138 ~~— (a) the Singapore 2001 elementary mathematics standards; and~~
139 ~~— (b) the standards for the quick recall of arithmetic facts contained in the~~
~~Curriculum~~
140 ~~Focal Points of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics.~~
141 ~~— (3) (a) A school district or charter school shall deliver instruction to students~~
~~who~~

- 142 ~~participate in the Math Education Initiative in accordance with the math curriculum standards~~
- 143 ~~adopted under this section:~~
- 144 ~~— (b) A school district or charter school may deliver instruction to students who do not~~
- 145 ~~participate in the Math Education Initiative in accordance with the math curriculum standards~~
- 146 ~~adopted under this section in lieu of other math curriculum standards prescribed by the board.~~

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Renumber remaining sections accordingly

The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Sen. Dayton moved to pass S.B.159 out of committee with a favorable recommendation.

The motion passed unanimously with Sens. Hillyard and Morgan absent for the vote.

MOTION: Sen. Stephenson moved to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously with Sens. Hillyard and Morgan absent for the vote.

Chair Bramble adjourned the meeting at 10:08 A.M.

Minutes were reported by Karen C. Allred, Secretary.

Sen. Curtis Bramble