

**MINUTES OF HOUSE EDUCATION  
STANDING COMMITTEE**  
Room 445, State Capitol  
February 29, 2012

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Rep. Francis Gibson, Chair  
Rep. Bill Wright, Vice Chair  
Rep. Patrice Arent  
Rep. LaVar Christensen  
Rep. Becky Edwards  
Rep. Steven Eliason  
Rep. John G. Mathis  
Rep. Kay L. McIff  
Rep. Carol Spackman Moss  
Rep. Merlynn Newbold  
Rep. Marie H. Poulson  
Rep. Kraig Powell  
Rep. Ken W. Sumsion

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Rep. Greg H. Hughes  
Rep. Rebecca D. Lockhart

**STAFF PRESENT:** Constance C. Steffen, Policy Analyst  
Linda Service, Committee Secretary

**Note:** List of visitors and copy of handouts are filed with committee minutes  
Chair Gibson called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

**MOTION:** Rep. Arent moved to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2012 and February 28, 2012 meetings. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Christensen, Rep. Edwards, Rep. Poulson, and Rep. Sumsion absent for the vote.

**H.B. 364 School District Financial Reporting Amendments (*Rep. J. Dougall*)**

Rep. Dougall introduced the bill which requires a school district to report on revenues and expenditures for each school within the school district.

Mr. Richard Reese, Murray School District, spoke in opposition to the bill.

The following spoke in support of the bill:  
Mr Matthew Piccolo, Sutherland Institute  
Mr. Peter Cannon, citizen

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

**MOTION:** Rep. Gibson moved to place the bill on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. McIff and Rep. Moss absent for the vote.

**H.B. 389      Student Education Occupation Plan Amendments (*Rep. M. Newbold*)**

Rep. Newbold introduced the bill which provides a definition of the student education/occupation plan (SEOP).

Ms. LeAnn Wood spoke in support of the bill.

Ms. Maryann Christensen, Utah Eagle Forum, spoke in opposition to the bill.

**MOTION:**      Rep. Poulson moved to pass the bill out with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. McIff and Rep. Sumsion absent for the vote.

**MOTION:**      Rep. Newbold moved to place the bill on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. McIff and Rep. Sumsion absent for the vote.

**S.B. 175      School Grading Amendments (*Sen. W. Niederhauser*) (**Rep. G. Hughes**)**

Sen. Neiderhauser introduced the bill which provides for the implementation of a school grading system beginning with the 2012-2013 school year.

The following spoke in support of the bill:

Dr. Martell Menlove, State Board of Education  
Ms. Peggy Jo Kennett, Utah School Boards Association  
Mr. Peter Cannon, citizen

**MOTION:**      Rep. Eliason moved to pass the bill out with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. McIff, Rep. Moss, and Rep. Sumsion absent for the vote.

**MOTION:**      Rep. Newbold moved to place the bill on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. McIff, Rep. Moss, and Rep. Sumsion absent for the vote.

**H.B. 445      Clubs in Public Schools (*Rep. S. Sandstrom*)**

**H.B. 445** was not considered.

**MOTION:**      Rep. Powell moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Gibson adjourned the meeting at 5:03 p.m.

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Rep. Francis Gibson, Chair

