

**MINUTES OF THE  
SENATE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE  
ROOM 415, STATE CAPITOL  
FEBRUARY 6, 2012**

Members Present:           Sen. Aaron Osmond, Chair  
                                  Sen. Lyle W. Hillyard  
                                  Sen. Karen W. Morgan  
                                  Sen. Wayne L. Niederhauser  
                                  Sen. Howard A. Stephenson  
                                  Sen. Jerry Stevenson  
                                  Sen. Daniel Thatcher

Staff Present:               Ms. Allison Nicholson, Policy Analyst  
                                  Ms. Wendy Hill, Secretary

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

Chair Osmond called the meeting to order at 8:10 am.

**H.B. 261 Dividing of School Districts Amendments (K. Sumsion)**

Rep. Sumsion introduced and explained the bill.

**MOTION:**    Sen. Hillyard moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Niederhauser and Sen. Thatcher absent for the vote.

**H.B. 15 Statewide Adaptive Testing (G. Hughes)**

Sen. Stephenson introduced and explained the bill.

Spoke for the bill:           Dr. Larry Shumway, State Superintendent of Public Instruction  
                                  Dr. Patti Harrington, Executive Director, Utah School  
                                  Superintendents Association; and member, Utah School Boards  
                                  Association  
                                  Ms. Sharon Gallagher-Fishbaugh, President, Utah Education  
                                  Association

Spoke to the bill:           Mr. Peter Cannon, Member (speaking for himself), Davis School  
                                  District Board of Education

Spoke against the bill:     Ms. Dalane England, Vice President of Issues, Utah Eagle Forum  
                                  Ms. Kris Kimball, United Women's Forum

**MOTION:**    Sen. Hillyard moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Niederhauser absent for the vote.

**S.B. 48 Mission of Public Education (P. Jones)**

Sen. Jones introduced and explained the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Stephenson moved to amend the bill as follows:

1. *Page 2, Lines 43 through 45:*

- 43           (a) recognizes that parents are a child's first teachers and are responsible for  
the education of their children;  
              (b) encourages family engagement and adequate preparation so that students enter  
the  
44 public education system ready to learn; and  
45           {~~(b)~~} (c) intends that the mission detailed in Subsection (2) be carried out  
through a

The motion passed unanimously.

Spoke for the bill: Ms. Debra Roberts, Chair, Utah State Board of Education  
Dr. Larry Shumway, State Superintendent of Public Instruction

Spoke to the bill: Ms. Dalane England, Vice President of Issues, Utah Eagle Forum

**MOTION:** Sen. Morgan moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously.

**S.C.R. 5 Concurrent Resolution Encouraging Parental Engagement in the Education of Children (P. Jones)**

Sen. Jones introduced and explained the resolution.

**MOTION:** Sen. Stephenson moved to amend the resolution as follows:

1. *Page 2, Line 28:*

- 28           WHEREAS, parents are a child's first teachers and are responsible for the  
education of their children;  
              WHEREAS, Utah's constitutionally established and taxpayer funded public  
education system is created to support parents in their responsibility to educate their  
children;  
              = WHEREAS, research shows that when parents play an active role, their children

2. *Page 2, Line 31:*

31           WHEREAS, parental engagement through an association or organization ~~{is essential}~~ can provide opportunities for collaboration, cooperation, and improvement of student outcomes in

The motion passed unanimously.

Spoke for the resolution:     Ms. Gainell Rogers, President, Utah Parent Teacher Association

Spoke to the resolution:     Mr. Peter Cannon, Member (speaking for himself), Davis School District Board of Education

Spoke against the resolution: Ms. Judi Clark, Executive Director, Parents for Choice in Education

**MOTION:**     Sen. Morgan moved to pass the resolution out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Hillyard absent for the vote.

**MOTION:**     Sen. Morgan moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Hillyard absent for the vote.

Chair Osmond adjourned the meeting at 9:42 am.

Minutes were reported by Wendy Hill, Secretary.

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Sen. Aaron Osmond