

**MINUTES OF THE  
HOUSE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE**

Room 30, House Building

February 4, 2016

**Members Present:** Rep. Bradley G. Last, Chair  
Rep. V. Lowry Snow, Vice Chair  
Rep. LaVar Christensen  
Rep. Kim Coleman  
Rep. Bruce R. Cutler  
Rep. Steve Eliason  
Rep. Justin L. Fawson  
Rep. Francis D. Gibson  
Rep. Eric Hutchings  
Rep. David E. Lifferth  
Rep. Daniel McCay  
Rep. Carol Spackman Moss  
Rep. Marie H. Poulson

**Members Absent:** Rep. Michael E. Noel

**Staff Present:** Ms. Tiffany Stanley, Policy Analyst  
Ms. Linda Service, Committee Secretary

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

Vice Chair Snow called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

**MOTION:** Rep. Gibson moved to approve the minutes of January 27, 2016 and February 1, 2016. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Fawson, Rep. McCay, and Rep. Moss absent for the vote.

**H.B. 217      Small School Funding (*Rep. K. McIff*)**

Rep. McIff explained the bill and distributed the handout "Elective Course Offerings Piute High School vs. Larger School."

Spoke for the bill:

Ms. Nancy Kennedy, Utah School Boards Association  
Dr. Sydnee Dickson, Acting State Superintendent of Public Instruction

**MOTION:** Rep. Gibson moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Hutchings absent for the vote.

**H.B. 175      Public Education Employment Amendments (*Rep. K. Powell*)**

Rep. Powell explained the bill with the assistance of Mr. Everett Perry, Canyons School District, and Ms. Donnette McNeill-Waters, Granite School District.

Spoke for the bill:

Mr. James Judd, Human Resources Director, Wasatch County School District  
Ms. Nancy Kennedy

Spoke to the bill:

Ms. Joan Andrews, Attorney

Spoke against the bill:

Ms. Becky Ivory, Most Sacred Trust  
Ms. Regina Burton, Eagle Forum  
Ms. Britta Schugk, Parent

Rep. Christensen requested that the minutes reference Utah Code, Section 53A-15-1503, regarding background checks for non-licensed employees, contract employees, volunteers, and charter school governing board members and Utah Code, Section 53A-6-502 regarding mandatory reporting of physical or sexual abuse of students.

**MOTION:** Rep. Cutler moved to hold the bill. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Fawson, Rep. McCay, and Rep. Moss absent for the vote.

**MOTION:** Rep. Poulson moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Fawson, Rep. McCay, and Rep. Moss absent for the vote. Chair Snow adjourned the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

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Rep. Brad Last, Chair