

**MINUTES OF THE
SENATE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE**
210 Senate Building, Utah State Capitol Complex
March 3, 2014

Members Present: Sen. Stuart C. Reid, Chair
Sen. Patricia W. Jones
Sen. Mark B. Madsen
Sen. Aaron Osmond
Sen. Howard A. Stephenson
Sen. Stephen H. Urquhart

Members Excused: President Wayne L. Niederhauser

Members Absent: Sen. Jerry W. Stevenson

Staff Present: Ms. Tiffany Stanley, Policy Analyst
Ms. Wendy Hill, Committee Secretary

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

Chair Reid called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

S.B. 240 Carson Smith Scholarship Amendments (*Sen. J. S. Adams*)

Sen. Adams explained the bill to the committee.

MOTION: Sen. Jones moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Madsen and Sen. Stephenson absent for the vote.

MOTION: Sen. Jones moved to place the bill on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Madsen and Sen. Stephenson absent for the vote.

S.B. 34 Governance of the Utah Education and Workforce Alliance (*Sen. H. Stephenson*)

MOTION: Sen. Stephenson moved to replace S.B. 34 with 1st Sub. S.B. 34. The motion passed unanimously.

Sen. Stephenson explained the bill to the committee.

Spoke to the bill: Dr. Martell Menlove, State Superintendent of Public Instruction

Spoke against the bill: Peter Cannon, citizen

MOTION: Sen. Stephenson moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed with Sen. Jones voting in opposition.

S.B. 183 Proficiency Levels of the Statewide Assessments (*Sen. H. Stephenson*)

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

1. *Page 1, Lines 19 through 20:*

19 ~~{set cut scores for statewide assessments using the National Assessment of~~
20 Educational Progress as a benchmark} consider NAEP scores, ACT scores, and
previous statewide assessment scores in setting cut scores for statewide assessments ;
and

2. *Page 3, Lines 61 through 65:*

61 (b) In setting cut scores for statewide assessments of language arts or mathematics
62 achievement, the board shall ~~{use the NAEP as a benchmark so that the percentage~~
~~of students~~
63 ~~who are proficient in language arts or mathematics as measured by a statewide~~
~~assessment is~~
64 ~~approximately equal to the percentage of Utah students who are proficient in the~~
~~same subject~~
65 ~~as measured by the NAEP}~~ consider the most recent NAEP scores, the most recent ACT
scores, and scores on previous statewide assessments .

The motion passed unanimously.

Sen. Stephenson explained the bill to the committee.

Spoke to the bill: Dr. Martell Menlove, State Superintendent of Public Instruction

Spoke against the bill: Sharon Gallagher-Fishbaugh, President, Utah Education
 Association
 Peter Cannon, citizen

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

S.B. 49 Parental Permission to Release Student Information (*Sen. J. Valentine*)

Sen. Valentine explained the bill to the committee.

Spoke to the bill: Dr. Martell Menlove, State Superintendent of Public Instruction
Joel Campbell, Society of Professional Journalists

Spoke against the bill: Richard J. Nance, Director, Utah County Department of Drug and
Alcohol Prevention and Treatment, Utah Behavioral
Healthcare Network

MOTION: Sen. Osmond moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed with Sen. Jones voting in opposition and Sen. Stephenson absent for the vote.

MOTION: Sen. Osmond moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Stephenson absent for the vote.

Chair Reid adjourned the meeting at 9:44 a.m.

Sen. Stuart C. Reid, Chair