

**MINUTES OF THE
SENATE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE**
210 Senate Building, Utah State Capitol Complex
March 4, 2014

Members Present: Sen. Patricia W. Jones
Sen. Mark B. Madsen
Sen. Aaron Osmond
Sen. Howard A. Stephenson
Sen. Jerry W. Stevenson
Sen. Stephen H. Urquhart

Members Excused: President Wayne L. Niederhauser

Members Absent: Sen. Stuart C. Reid, Chair

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.

Acting Chair Osmond called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

H.B. 96 **Utah School Readiness Initiative** (*Rep. G. Hughes*)

MOTION: Sen Urquhart moved to amend the bill as follows:

1. *Page 17a, Lines 503d through 503i*

House Floor Amendments

2-11-2014:

503d	<u>To Governor's Office - Governor's Office of Management and Budget</u>
503e	<u>From General Fund Restricted - School Readiness Restricted Account</u>
503f	<u>\$5,000,000</u>
503g	<u>Schedule of Programs:</u>
503h	<u>Administration</u>
	<u>(\$100,000) <u>\$200,000</u></u>
503i	<u>School Readiness Initiative</u>
	<u>(\$4,900,000) <u>\$4,800,000</u></u>

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

Rep. Hughes explained the bill to the committee.

Spoke for the bill: JoDee C. Sundberg, board member, Utah School Board Association
Benjamin Gibbs, professor, Brigham Young University
Joan Nichol, owner, child care center

Spoke against the bill: Gayle Ruzicka, President, Utah Eagle Forum
Josh Daniels, policy analyst, Libertas Institute
Karen Zea, teacher

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

H.B. 292 School Grading – Calculations of High School Graduation Rate (*Rep. R. Menlove*)

Rep. Menlove explained the bill to the committee.

Spoke for the bill: Dr. Martell Menlove, State Superintendent of Public Instruction
JoDee C. Sundberg, board member, Utah School Board Association

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

MOTION: Sen. Jones moved to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2014 and March 3, 2014 meetings. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Stevenson absent for the vote.

1st Sub. H.B. 215 Public School Employee Background Checks (*Rep. S. Handy*)

Rep. Handy explained the bill to the committee.

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

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

1st Sub. H.B. 249 Grants for Digital Textbooks (*Rep. J. Anderegg*)

Rep. Anderegg explained the bill to the committee.

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

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

H.B. 239 Front-line Teachers Data Program (*Rep. J. Nielson*)

At the request of the sponsor, the bill was not considered.

Acting Chair Osmond adjourned the meeting at 5:53 p.m.

Sen. Stuart C. Reid, Chair