

**MINUTES OF THE  
PUBLIC EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Room 445 Capital Building State Capitol Complex  
January 26, 2016

**Members Present:** Sen. Howard A. Stephenson, Senate Co-Chair  
Rep. Steve Eliason, House Co-Chair  
Rep. Michael S. Kennedy, House Vice Chair  
Sen. J. Stuart Adams  
Sen. Lyle W. Hillyard  
Sen. Jani Iwamoto  
Sen. Daniel W. Thatcher  
Sen. Stephen H. Urquhart  
Rep. Joel K. Briscoe  
Rep. LaVar Christensen  
Rep. Bruce Cutler  
Rep. Rebecca P. Edwards  
Rep. Justin L. Fawson  
Rep. Bradley G. Last  
Rep. David E. Lifferth  
Rep. Marie H. Poulson  
Rep. Kraig Powell  
Rep. Norm Thurston

**Members Excused:** Pres. Wayne Niederhauser  
Rep. Francis D. Gibson

**Staff Present:** Mr. Ben Leishman, Fiscal Analyst  
Ms. Jill Curry, Fiscal Analyst  
Ms. Lori Brinkerhoff, Secretary

**Note:** A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at [www.leg.utah.gov](http://www.leg.utah.gov).

## **1. Call to Order**

Co-Chair Eliason called the meeting to order at 8:06 a.m.

Co-Chair Eliason recognized the members of the State School Board that were present. Co-Chair Stephenson mentioned the great partnership between the State Board of Education and the committee.

## **2. Subcommittee Business**

**a. Co-Chairs Outline Subcommittee Work.** Chair Eliason gave a brief overview of the FY2015 Final Budget stating that there had been a 9.75 percent increase in the total appropriated amount for public education. Rep. Lifferth commented that this increase varied by school district.

Co-Chair Stephenson spoke of his desire to increase the WPU as well as the entire public education budget during the Legislative Session. Co-Chair Stephenson mentioned two task forces functioning under the direction of the committee. He encouraged the committee to be mindful of the funding requests made by the State School Board.

Co-Chair Eliason mentioned his participation on the Charter School Task Force during the interim. He said that the task force agreed to sunset the policy with regard to determining funding based on enrollment numbers. Co-Chair Stephenson reported that the Digital Learning Task Force also met during the interim.

Co-Chair Eliason encouraged all committee members to look at the [USOE Web Site](#) and review the SAGE scores. He also asked committee members to take note of the demographics and individual schools' results within their respective districts.

Co-Chair Eliason noted changes within the committee since last session. Sen Aaron Osmond resigned his position with the Legislature and his vacancy on the committee would be filled by Senate President Wayne Niederhauser.

**b. Schedule.** Mr. Ben Leishman, Fiscal Analyst discussed the committee schedule [Subcommittee Calendar](#) for the next two weeks. He mentioned the [Subcommittee Web Page](#) and [Subcommittee Acronyms](#)

**c. Budget Tools.** Mr. Leishman discussed the [Budget Tools](#) that will be utilized during the next two weeks as this committee reviews requests and allocations. He discussed [COBI 2015](#) and other [Public Education Budget Publications](#). M. Leishman noted that requests for appropriations will be done electronically which should clarify what requests were made and give appropriate tracking. Mr. Leishman stated that these appropriation requests are due by February 4, 2016 at 12:00 midnight.

Co-Chair Eliason directed committee members that if they were planning to run any applicable bills that included a large fiscal note to file them as soon as possible and submit the funding request to the committee. The committee could then consider this allocation request as they work toward ranking the budget items.

Co-Chair Stephenson commented that due to some of the language of the bill regarding the 2015 FY tax increase, USOE was not allowed to distribute all of the funds attached to that bill. He wanted to clear up any misconceptions about any funding not being released from last session. Sen. Hillyard also noted the need to expedite the release of these funds from the last legislative session and the impact on individual school districts.

### **3. Student Privacy Report**

Rep. Anderegg introduced the interim study created by HB68 involving safe-guarding student data. He briefly discussed the costs associated with the study and recommendations. Ms. Angie Stallings, Associate Superintendent for USOE introduced Ms. Glynn Ligon, Mr. Steven King and Ms. Barbara Clements as co-authors of the report, "Recommendations and Funding

Proposal to Further Improve or Enact High-Quality Practices and Supports to Safeguard Student Personally Identifiable Information” commonly called the [Student Privacy Report](#), Mr. Ligon expounded on the different levels at which this program would be implemented in preserving privacy of student data.

Rep. Anderegg discussed more details regarding the definition of student data. He noted that the plan would be presented to the Utah State Board of Education in the coming week. He mentioned there was full support from the Governor’s office in regard to protecting student data.

Co-Chair Eliason recognized the additional time and effort required by this commission in reach a common goal regarding protecting student data. Sen. Hillyard asked if the funding allocated with this request would be funded per student. Mr. Lignon stated that there would not be a per student funding allocation, but rather when each district developed a plan, a specified amount would be allocated. There was further discussion regarding the implementation of the program.

#### **4. Teacher Supplies Report**

Mr. Scott Jones, Associate Superintendent USOE, presented [HB 207 Teacher Supply Survey and Recommendations](#). The committee discussed this report.

#### **5. Reduction of Statutory Reports**

Mr. Leishman discussed the [Statutorily Required Reports Summary](#) which was a request made by the Executive Appropriations Committee.

#### **6. Education Budget Overview and Base Budget**

Mr. Leishman discussed the [Public Education Budget Overview](#) the [Public Education Budget Flow](#), and [HB 1 Public Education Base Budget Bill](#). Mr. Leishman noted the revenue sources. He stated that the FY 2016 proposed Public Education Appropriation is \$4,292,502,800. Mr. Leishman categorized the FY 2016 into three main areas: Minimum School Program, School Building Program and Educational Agencies. Mr. Leishman also discussed [Public Education: Items Funded in FY 2016 from One-time Sources](#)

**MOTION:** Rep. Lifferth moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Co-Chair Eliason adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m.