

**MINUTES OF THE
PUBLIC EDUCATION LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE**
Thursday, May 22, 2003 – 2:30 p.m. – Room 129 State Capitol

Members Present:

Sen. Thomas Hatch, Senate Chair
Rep. Kory M. Holdaway, House Chair
Sen. Ron Allen
Sen. Karen Hale
Sen. Parley G. Hellewell
Sen. Bill Wright
Rep. David N. Cox
Rep. Margaret Dayton
Rep. James R. Gowans

Rep. Karen W. Morgan
Rep. LaWanna "Lou" Shurtliff
Rep. Gordon E. Snow

Staff Present:

Constance C. Steffen, Policy Analyst
Dee S Larsen, Associate General Counsel
Glenda S. Whitney, Legislative Secretary

Note: A list of others present and a copy of materials can be found at <http://www.image.le.state.ut.us/imaging/history.asp> or by contacting the committee secretary, Glenda Whitney, at 538-1032.

1. Task Force Business

Chair Holdaway called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. He referred to H.B 257, "Public Education Legislative Task Force," and reviewed the Task Force's duties. He asked the members of the Task Force and the staff to introduce themselves.

2. Update on Request for Proposals

Sen. Thomas Hatch explained that S.B. 154, "Public Education Amendments," directs the Education Interim Committee, in consultation with the State Board of Education and Public Education Legislative Task Force, to issue an RFP (request for proposal) responding to Utah's need to stretch education dollars and improve student performance. The Education Interim Committee authorized the interim committee chairs to form a committee to issue the RFP, and the Legislative Management Committee approved funding for three meetings of a nine-member RFP committee.

3. No Child Left Behind

Dr. Patti Harrington, Associate Superintendent, State Office of Education, presented a slide presentation "Rx for Student Achievement: Standards, Competencies, and Assessment," and briefed the Task Force on a comprehensive plan addressing federal and state laws affecting Utah's education system. She distributed a copy of the presentation to the Task Force.

Supt. Steven O. Laing, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, State Office of Education, discussed how "No Child Left Behind," U-PASS (Utah Performance Assessment System for Students), and S.B. 154, "Public Education Amendments," relate to one another.

Dr. Louise R. Moulding, State Office of Education, presented a slide presentation, "Utah's AYP Plan," and described Utah's plan for implementing federal legislation, "No Child Left Behind," including how Utah will measure AYP (annual yearly progress) for the purpose of holding schools and school districts

accountable for students' academic performance. A copy of the presentation was distributed to the Task Force.

Supt. Laing explained the risk of not accepting "No Child Left Behind" federal grant funding.

Mr. Patrick Ogden, State Office of Education, distributed a handout, "ESEA Local Subgrant Allocation Program Appropriations, FY 2004," that identified how federal funds are allocated to school districts for fiscal year 2004.

Ms. Constance Steffen, Policy Analyst, distributed handouts, "Section 200.56. Definition of "highly qualified teacher." and "53A-6-104.5. Licensing by competency." She presented an overview of the required teacher qualifications under "No Child Left Behind" and the competency-based license created in S.B. 154.

Sen. Hatch suggested amending Section 53A-6-104.5 (2) as follows:

After "and the State Board of Education shall grant" insert "upon receipt of documentation from the local school board or charter school verifying the individual's qualifications as specified in this section and Section 53A-6-401"

Dr. Ray Timothy, Associate Superintendent, State Office of Education, responded to questions of the Task Force regarding qualifications for teachers.

4. Other Items / Adjourn

MOTION: Rep. Dayton moved for staff to identify possible meeting dates for the Public Education Legislative Task Force and to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Holdaway adjourned the meeting at 5:05 p.m.