



MINUTES

PUBLIC EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Tuesday, January 23, 2024 | 8:00 a.m. | 110 Senate Building

Members Present:

Sen. Lincoln Fillmore, Senate Chair
Rep. Susan Pulsipher, House Chair
Rep. Norman K Thurston, House Vice Chair
Sen. David P. Hinkins
Sen. Ann Millner
Sen. Derrin R. Owens
Sen. Kathleen A. Riebe
Rep. Joel K. Briscoe
Rep. Steve Eliason
Rep. Katy Hall
Rep. Dan N. Johnson
Rep. Matt MacPherson

Rep. Carol S. Moss
Rep. Candice B. Pierucci

Members Absent:

Sen. Keith Grover
Sen. Jerry W Stevenson
Rep. Jefferson Moss
Rep. Robert M. Spendlove

Staff Present:

Ben Leishman, Finance Manager
Rachel Boe, Financial Analyst
Rachelle Gunderson, Financial Analyst
Nancy Skidmore, Committee Secretary

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

Chair Pulsipher called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.

1. Call to Order/Approval of Minutes - January 17, 2024 and January 19, 2024

MOTION: Rep. Johnson moved to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2024 and January 19, 2024 meetings. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 6.

Yeas - 12

Rep. J. Briscoe
Sen. L. Fillmore
Rep. K. Hall
Sen. D. Hinkins
Rep. D. Johnson
Rep. M. MacPherson
Sen. A. Millner
Rep. C. Moss
Sen. D. Owens
Rep. S. Pulsipher
Sen. K. Riebe
Rep. N. Thurston

Nays - 0

Absent - 6

Rep. S. Eliason
Sen. K. Grover
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. R. Spendlove
Sen. J. Stevenson

2. Line-Item Review: Basic School Program

2. Minimum School Program - Basic School Program

Ben Leishman presented Line Item Review: Basic School Program.

[2a. Minimum School Program - Basic School Program \[Revised\]](#)

Rep. Briscoe asked for clarification of the discretionary line presented on the slide. Ben Leishman responded.

Sen. Millner commented on how remarkable it is to have the stabilization fund ready so quickly.

Rep. Johnson ask if there is a restriction on how the stabilization fund money is spent. Ben Leishman responded.

Sen. Riebe asked for a comparison of the economic stabilization account and the rainy day funds. Ben Leishman responded.

Rep. MacPherson asked how the stabilization account is grown and the trends in that growth. Ben Leishman responded.

Rep. Thurston asked for clarification on how property tax funding is determined for charter school students. Ben Leishman responded.

Rep. Johnson asked if there is an amount of time for schools to adjust if they have a massive exodus or influx of students. Ben Leishman responded.

Sen. Riebe asked if there has been a study of the Average Daily Membership and has there been a noticeable trend. Ben Leishman responded.

Rep. Briscoe asked how districts and charter schools are spending money provided for Students at Risk-Weighted Pupil Units add-ons. Ben Leishman responded.

Rep. Johnson asked if the Economic and Disadvantage money is determined by the free and reduced lunch program applications. Ben Leishman responded.

Rep. Thurston asked if there is a policy in this committee to determine if one-time funding needs to be spent in a designated period of time. Ben Leishman responded.

3. 8:25 a.m. Line-Item Review: MSP Categorical Program Administration

[3. Line-Item Review- MSP Categorical Program Administration 2](#)

Rachel Boe presented Line-Item Review - MSP Categorical Program Administration.

Chair Pulsipher asked if the program administration is at the state board level. Rachel Boe responded.

4. Line-Item Review: Statewide Online Education Program

[4. Line Item Review- SOEP](#)

Rachel Boe presented Line-Item: Statewide Online Education Program.

Rep. Johnson asked what creates the fluxuation in the appropriation history. Rachel Boe and Ben Leishman responded.

5. USIMS Implementation Update

[5. 2024 USIMS Update \[USBE\]](#)

Scott Jones, Deputy Superintendent, Utah State Board of Education, Katrina Brinkley, Chief Project Owner, Product Manager, Utah Schools Information Management Systems (USIMS), Utah State Board of Education, and Jared Felt, IT Deputy Director, Utah State Board of Education presented USIMS Implementation Update.

Sen. Owens asked when the implementation of USIMS will be finished. Scott Jones responded.

Rep. Johnson asked how many tech people are employed at the state offices to develop and program USIMS. Katrina Brinkley and Scott Jones responded.

Rep. Johnson asked if they are able to hire programs for this project and once this is completed will there be a dashboard built for those that need to access this information. Katrina Brinkley responded.

Rep. Johnson asked for an explanation of the Financial Swagger page. Katrina Brinkley responded.

6. Line-Item Review: Related to Basic School Program

[6a. MSP Related to Basic School Program](#)

[6b. Related to Basic School Program \[USBE\]](#)

[6c. State Board Motions for Related to Basic Program \[USBE\]](#)

[USBE Board Recommendations Amending Motion 2 of the Public Education Performance Framework](#)

Ben Leishman presented the staff budget.

6a.MSP Related to Basic School Program

Rep. Johnson asked if the Beverley Taylor Sorenson Arts Learning program is included in the 80/20 match. Ben Leishman responded.

Rep. Pierucci commented that the dual language immersion program needs to be a separate line-item.

Rep. Thurston commented on how the committee can possibly create inequity in school districts.

Rep. Pierucci clarified that the dual immersion program is unique.

Rep. Briscoe asked for clarification of the Categorical Program Review Criteria. Ben Leishman responded.

Scott Jones, Deputy Superintendent of Operation, Utah State School Board, James Moss, Board Member, Utah State Board of Education presented funding requests.

Sen. Fillmore asked about a conflict in the USBE funding requests.. Scott Jones responded.

Sen. Riebe commented that the committee is sensitive to every program presented but hoped that some programs might grow their own legs to continue on their own.

Rep. Thurston asked for more specifics on criteria used to make recommendations in "roll-up" funds. James Moss responded.

Rep. Thurston asked if the board has thoughts about sharing resources. James Moss responded.

Todd Hauber, Business Administrator, Granite School District, presented the USBA comments.

Rep. Briscoe asked if there are ways to continue to fund Learning Programs without disadvantaging school districts but give the state more control. Todd Hauber responded

Rep. Briscoe asked if there is a way to receive additional funding for the dual language immersion program. Todd Hauber responded.

Chair Pulsipher explained that the committees thought process was never to eliminate the programs. Todd Hauber responded.

Chair Pulsipher opened up the discussion to the committee.

Rep. Thurston asked if rolling up programs into flexible allocation is a good thing. Todd Hauber responded.

Rep. Carol Moss asked If a district does not use dual language immersion where does that money go. Chair Pulsipher responded.

Sen. Riebe and Chair Pulsipher commented that the committee struggles when deciding how to fund programs.

MOTION: Rep. Thurston moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 9.

Yeas - 9

- Rep. J. Briscoe
- Rep. K. Hall
- Rep. D. Johnson
- Rep. M. MacPherson
- Rep. C. Moss
- Rep. C. Pierucci
- Rep. S. Pulsipher
- Sen. K. Riebe
- Rep. N. Thurston

Nays - 0

Absent - 9

- Rep. S. Eliason
- Sen. L. Fillmore
- Sen. K. Grover
- Sen. D. Hinkins
- Sen. A. Millner
- Rep. J. Moss
- Sen. D. Owens
- Rep. R. Spendlove
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Chair Pulsipher adjourned the meeting at 10:46 a.m.