

Utah State Board of Education
FINANCE COMMITTEE
September 11, 2024

Members Present: Kristan Norton, Cindy Davis, Brent Strate, Christina Boggess, and Jim Moss.

Staff Present: Scott Jones, Deborah Jacobson, and Cammy Wilcox.

Others Present: Sarah Young, Patty Norman, Kelsey James, Quinn Kellis, Laurie Baefsky, Terrakay Bodily, Sam Urie, Thalea Longhurst, Wendi Morton, Christine Elegante, Greg Connell, Paula Plant, Shauntelle Cota, Dale Frost, Noralee Green, and Alex Farah.

Finance Committee Chair Norton called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

5.2 Measuring the Results of Appropriations for Specific Programs – Program Draft Review

The Utah State Board of Education (USBE) currently operates under performance measures mandated by legislation. However, there exists an opportunity to enhance our understanding of the impact of allocated funding by incorporating additional data and information focused on the specific benefits or positive outcomes derived from these investments, using an agreed-upon standard of measure.

This discussion is a follow up on the May 2024 Finance Committee direction to staff to move forward with a logic model that was reviewed by the committee. Staff received direction on program prioritization from the Finance Committee in August 2024 and presented draft logic models for programs that were recommended as high urgency.

USBE staff presented the draft ROI logic models to get feedback and additional direction from members of the Finance Committee on ways staff can modify the models to meet the needs of the Board. This item is a continuation of the discussion held in the September 6, 2024, Finance Committee.

Committee Action:

CTE Add-On

Member Norton Motion:

The Committee recommends that the Board consider taking the following actions related to the CTE Add-On program

- Staff work with a variety of size and geographic LEA leadership to define the intended or unintended consequences if the Board updated Board Rule R277-911 from unrestricted

to restricted indirect cost rate and bring that information back to a future Finance committee.

Motion: Passed unanimously

Beverley Taylor Sorenson Arts:

Member Boggess Motion:

The Finance Committee recommends that the board discuss and support a base plus funding formula for the Beverley Taylor Sorenson Arts (BTSA) program as part of the request for funding for the BTSA program.

Motion: Passed unanimously

Statewide Online Education Program- Home and Private School Participation:

Member Davis Motion:

The Committee recommends that the Board consider taking the following actions related to the Statewide Online Education Program (SOEP) for Home and Private School Participation

- Request staff to bring back the following options for committee discussion:
 - Work with legislative experts to develop clarification on the relationship between the Board and the future contractor to administer this program, and
 - Research legislative direction on services delivered in a hybrid environment requiring physical attendance vs. the statutory intent for completely online learning experience open to all students as described in code, and/or moving this hybrid approach out of the SOEP program to its own line item for clarity and specific guidance on the implementation.

Motion: Passed unanimously

Kindergarten:

Member Davis Motion:

The Committee recommends that the Board consider taking the following actions related to the Kindergarten program

- Provide direction to work with legislative leaders on addressing the current age requirement for students that start kindergarten in another state and move to Utah.

Motion: Passed unanimously

Member Boggess Motion:

The Committee directs staff to connect with the “happiness analysis team” to determine the methodology, data, details, etc. and bring back to the Board with a juxtaposition analysis with Utah mental health data.

Motion: Passed unanimously

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The meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.