

Standards and Assessment Committee Minutes

December 3, 2015

Members Present: Laura Belnap, Dixie Allen, Dave Crandall, Brittney Cummins, Spencer Stokes

Committee Staff: Sydnee Dickson, Cheri Rieben

Others Present: Joylin Lincoln, Hiram Alba, Freddie Cooper, Julie Benson, Daron Kennett, Jon Springmeyer, Kevin John, Barbie Faust, Von Hortin, Keith Bradshaw, Freyja Johnson, Jeff Jackson, Natalie Grange, Dawn Stevenson, Rich Young, Sarah Johnson, Jennifer Throndsen, Emilie Wheeler, Jo Ellen Shaeffer, Ann White, Chuck Foster, Representative Jack Draxler, Kyle Hosler

Start Time: 6:07 p.m.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

COMMITTEE ACTION: The committee reviewed and accepted the minutes of November 5, 2015.

COMMITTEE MOTION: Motion was made by member Crandall that the committee approve the minutes of November 5, 2015 as written. Motion passed unanimously.

Taxing Entity Committee to the Redevelopment Agency of West Valley City

COMMITTEE ACTION: The committee heard information from Natalie Grange, Jon Springmeyer and Jeff Jackson regarding the Urban Renewal Project in West Valley City. This project only affects Granite School District.

COMMITTEE MOTION: Motion was made by member Allen to recommend that the Board direct the agency TEC representative to vote with the local school board. Motion passed unanimously.

Proposed American Indian-Alaskan Native Education State Plan

COMMITTEE ACTION: The committee heard information from Representative Draxler, Superintendent Brad Smith, Ann White, and Chuck Foster regarding the American Indian-Alaskan Native Education State Plan.

COMMITTEE MOTION: Motion was made by member Allen to recommend that the Board consider adopting the plan as outlined in the American Indian and Alaskan Native Amendments bill. Motion passed unanimously.

Secondary social Studies Standards 90-Day Review

COMMITTEE ACTION: This item was tabled until a future meeting.

COMMITTEE MOTION: No motion was made on this item.

Intervention for Reading Pilot Program LEA Selection

COMMITTEE ACTION: The committee heard information from Jennifer Thronsen regarding intervention for Reading Pilot Program LEA selection. A grant proposal was sent out with 17 LEA's returning a letter of intent. However, ultimately only six actually applied. Legislation only allows for five LEA's. So the LEA with the lowest point score was not chosen.

COMMITTEE MOTION: Motion was made by member Stokes to recommend that the Board consider approving the five districts that met the criteria to receive the grant funding. Motion passed unanimously.

General Financial Literacy Standards Approval

COMMITTEE ACTION: Dawn Stevenson presented the new General Financial Literacy Standards to the committee.

COMMITTEE MOTION: Motion was made by member Cummins to recommend that the Board consider approving the General Financial Literacy Standards as written. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE MOTION: A motion was made by member Stokes to hold a study session at a future Board meeting discussing competency based testing for endorsements. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE MOTION: A motion was made by member Crandall that the committee provide direction to staff to present an implementation plan including a budget to the Board before the standards are implemented. The plan should include costs to teachers and competency routes they can take for endorsement. Member Allen opposed. Members Belnap, Crandall, Cummins, and Stokes approved.

Seal of Biliterate Proficiency

COMMITTEE ACTION: The seal of biliterate proficiency offers two seals, either advanced or intermediate. The student takes an assessment to earn the seal. There is no sticker that is on the diploma, it is on their transcript only. Funding comes from the language program.

COMMITTEE MOTION: A motion was made by member Stokes that the Board consider approving the addition of a seal of biliterate proficiency to a student's transcript. Motion passed unanimously.

Commercial and LEA Kindergarten Assessment Information

COMMITTEE ACTION: The committee heard information from Jo Ellen Shaeffer and Julie Benson regarding the commercial and LEA kindergarten assessment option.

COMMITTEE MOTION: A motion was made by member Stokes that the Board thank the staff for their work and the information that have provided and no further action be taken and a statewide kindergarten readiness assessment not be put in place. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE MOTION: A motion was made by member stokes to have the committee provide direction to staff to work directly with bill sponsors to find the exact data points they are looking for and then work with the LEA's to confirm those data points are included in their current kindergarten readiness assessment. Motion passed unanimously.

Federal and State Mandated Assessments

COMMITTEE ACTION: The committee heard information from Jo Ellen Shaeffer and Daron Kennett regarding federal and state mandated assessments.

COMMITTEE MOTION: A motion was made by member Stokes to ask WestEd and TAC to do an evaluation of the assessments and then take those results to the Board for review. Any further modifications to the assessment schedule should be suspended until the results from WestEd have been evaluated. Motion passed unanimously.

R277-701 Standards Review Committee (New)

COMMITTEE ACTION: This item was tabled until January 2016.

COMMITTEE MOTION: No motion was made on this item.

R277-497 School Grading System (Amendment)

COMMITTEE ACTION: The committee heard information from Jo Ellen Shaeffer regarding R277-497.

COMMITTEE MOTION: A motion was made by member Crandall that the Board consider approval of R277-497 as amended on second reading. Motion passed unanimously.

Board Strategic Plan

COMMITTEE ACTION: Sydnee Dickson and Emilie Wheeler presented the Utah State Board of Education's Board strategic plan. Background information was provided and suggestions for clarity of the document was solicited from committee members.

COMMITTEE MOTION: A motion was made by member Stokes to have the committee provide direction to Board staff and committee members to update and rework the strategic plan. Motion passed unanimously.

SAGE Summative, Interim and Formative Assessments

COMMITTEE ACTION: This item was tabled until January 2016.

COMMITTEE MOTION: No motion was made on this item.

End Time: 9:30 p.m.