

**Utah State Board of Education Standards and Assessment Committee
Meeting Minutes**

September 8, 2016

Members Present: Laura Belnap, David Crandall, Brittney Cummins, Spencer Stokes

Members Excused: Dixie Allen

Committee Staff: Rich Nye, Cheri Rieben

USBE Staff: Jo Ellen Shaeffer, Patty Norman, Tiffany Stanley, Emilie Wheeler, Bryan Quesenberry, Nicole Call, Angie Stallings, Ben Rasmussen, Jeannie Rowland, Diana Suddreth, David Smith, Jennifer Throndsen, Joe Coleman, Vonda Parriott,

Others Present: Richard Barton, Dave Brotherson, Rick Robins, Paul Schulte, Nathan Marshall, Bryan Duist, Mike May, Barry Hecker, Tyrel Mikesell, Matt Richards, Larry Eldracher, Dennis Hansen, Matt Norman, Craig Frank, Randy Madsen, Josh Taylor, Jeanne Widerburg, Rick Nielsen, Kim Monkres, Stan Young, Daria Jenkins, David Spanafore, Roberta Handy, Kendra Tomsie, Kathy Howa, Jeff Cluff, Greg Miller, Jason Delterrera, Curtis Hulse, Jason Boren, Dale Whitlock, Sue Whitlock, Mark Hunter, Tom Sherwood, Greg Wilkey, Luke Rasmussen, Ken Crawford, Jennifer Wood, Larry Bergeson, Terry Shoemaker, Rob Cuff, Kristen Betts, Bobby Porter, Christine Cooke, LeAnn Wood, Kim Pickett, Scott Stucki, Carl Boyington, Jerre Holmes, Craig Morris, Dave Vande Veegaete

Start Time: Committee Chair Laura Belnap called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The committee reviewed and accepted the minutes of August 11, 2016.

COMMITTEE MOTION: A motion was made by Board Chair Crandall that the committee approve the minutes of August 11, 2016 as written. Motion passes unanimously.

Competency-Based Measures and Determination of Use of Appropriation

COMMITTEE ACTION: The committee did not discuss this item. It will be brought to the October 2016 meeting for discussion.

Updated Testing Ethics Manual 2016-2017

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION: Jo Ellen Shaeffer presented the updated Testing Ethics Manual to the committee. Nothing has changed with the manual content. The only difference is a front cover was added.

The inside of the cover does not include the language regarding the purpose of testing. The language should include "The purpose of statewide assessment is for accountability at the state level".

COMMITTEE ACTION: A motion was made by Board Chair Crandall to approve the updated Testing Ethics Manual for 2016-2017. The vote was unanimous.

COMMITTEE MOTION: That Committee moves that the Board approve the updated Testing Ethics Manual 2016-2017 with the requested amendment.

Updated Parental Exclusion Forms for Statewide Assessment

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION: Jo Ellen Shaeffer presented the updated parental exclusion forms for statewide assessment to the committee. She passed out an updated version of the forms. The forms include definitions and purposes of each of the assessments.

The committee was concerned that the form is too many pages and parents may get overwhelmed. The preference would be to have everything on one page with one place for the student information and one place for a parent signature.

To bring the form down to one page, it was suggested that there be a form for elementary students and a form for secondary students. Definitions will be removed from the form and a separate "definitions" page will be created.

COMMITTEE ACTION: The Committee forwards no motion to the Board on this item. It was suggested that these forms, with the requested modifications, be brought to the full Board for discussion.

R277-604 Private School, Home School, Electronic High School (EHS), and Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Student Participation in Public School Achievement Tests (Continuation and Amendment)

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION: Jo Ellen Shaeffer presented the updated rule to the committee. Committee Chair Belnap and Jo Ellen worked together over the last month to update the rule and confirm the language used is consistent throughout the rule.

It was requested that on line 122, “and charter schools” be added after district.

COMMITTEE ACTION: A motion was made by member Cummins to approve R277-604 as amended on first reading. The vote was unanimous.

COMMITTEE MOTION: The Committee moves that the Board approve R277-604 as amended on second reading.

R277-409 LEA Membership in Associations (NEW)

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION: Angie Stallings presented R277-409 to the committee. She reviewed the definitions and provided the background of this rule.

There was a question from member Cummins regarding the appeals that USBE would be reviewing. How many appeals would this involve and how often do appeals need to be reviewed?

There are several groups of people that requested to speak either for/against this rule. The first speaker was Rob Cuff from the Utah High School Activities Association (UHSAA). He provided a statement that was provided from UHSAA.

Mr. Cuff recommended and encouraged more collaboration and discussion between UHSAA and USBE. UHSAA feels that their association and USBE are a team and therefore should be working as a team for these students. Changes have been made to address the realignment issues they have had for schools that are looking to realign. There is a two-year rule for realignment, however schools can now apply to move down no more than one classification by January 15 of the calendar year in even years.

There was concern from committee members that working with UHSAA might not be as productive as both sides hope it would be. While UHSAA and USBE may come up with an agreement or compromise on something, before it could go into by-laws and rule it has to be sent to the member organizations for a vote. The process could take anywhere from 4 ½ - 7 months to complete. Ultimately, if the member organizations vote to not approve, then the work of UHSAA and

USBE has been undone. It would make it difficult for the two agencies to have conversations, work together, come to agreements and proceed when there are 150 member organizations that ultimately have the decision making power.

Scott Stucki who is a coach at Hillcrest High School and is also the Utah High School Track Coaches Association (UHSTCA) president. His concern is that the new rule does not limit times of eligibility if a student transfers. Student athletes that transfer should not be eligible to play until they beginning of a season, they should not be allowed to transfer/play in the middle of a season.

Several parents, coaches, and superintendents are very concerned with giving students one "free transfer" and the effects it can have on a school and/or athletic team. If the timing of a student athlete transfer is not addressed in the rule, it could be detrimental and bring chaos to a school and/or team. There is also concern in regards to how this will affect current team members. These current students could be "harmed" by transfer students coming in and taking their spot on a team because there is no transfer rule in place.

There was a recommendation to look at the transfer rule in other states and see how we compare. What states have a transfer rule and how are they doing and what states do not and how are they doing?

COMMITTEE ACTION: The committee forwards no motion to the Board on this item. It was suggested that the rule come to the full Board for discussion.

R277-605 Coaching Standards and Athletic Clinics (Amendment and Continuation)

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION: Angie Stallings presented R277-605 to the committee. The Utah State Board of Education does not endorse any specific association or list an association in Board rule; therefore, this rule should be amended because currently as written it endorses UHSAA. The rule strikes the language that LEA's must comply with UHSAA rules. This is done knowing that if an LEA joins UHSAA, they must still comply with the by-laws of UHSAA.

Committee Chair Belnap requested that the new sexual abuse policy should be included in the coaching certification provided by UHSAA.

COMMITTEE ACTION: : A motion was made by Board Chair Crandall to approve R277-605 as amended on first reading. The vote was unanimous.

COMMITTEE MOTION: The Committee moves that the Board approve R277-605 as continued and amended on second reading.

Potential Cost of Minor Standards Revision

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION: Diana Suddreth and Rich Nye presented to the committee the costs for a minor standards revision plan. Overall it is about half of the cost of a full standards revision review.

COMMITTEE ACTION: The Committee received the information.

Utah State Special Education Advisory Panel (USEAP) Priorities for 2016-2017

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION: Rich Nye presented the Utah State Special Education Advisory Panel (USEAP) Priorities for 2016-2017.

The committee would like to find out from Glenna Gallo if the divisions have gotten together to decide what their needs are? What support is needed from the USBE?

COMMITTEE ACTION: The Committee received the information.

Utah Educational Leadership Standards

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION: Jeannie Rowland and Diana Suddreth presented information regarding the Utah Educational Leadership Standards. Diana explained that this is the first step in the standards revision process.

The current standards are based on research that was good at the time. Educational leaders are asking for new and updated standards. The current standards are very mechanical. Newer standards and research that is out are aimed more at the child.

The main purpose of revising the standards is that it is dictated in the Equity Plan. The other reason is that a study group that was put together took a look at the standards and compared them with the new options that are out there. The study group proposes that a slight revision be done to update them and make them more Utah grown standards. This would make the standards more school and child focused.

COMMITTEE ACTION: A motion was made by member Stokes to direct the staff to begin the revision process. The vote was unanimous.

COMMITTEE MOTION: The Committee gave staff direction to staff to begin the process of revising the Utah Educational Leadership Standards.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 PM