

UTAH SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND

Advisory Council Minutes

Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind
742 Harrison Boulevard
Ogden, Utah

Conference Rooms A & B-

Date: September 29, 2011

4:30 p.m. - General Session

Attending: Bill Gibson, Chair & Voting Member
Leslie Castle, Non-voting Member
Cheralyn Creer, Voting Member
Scot Ferre, Voting Member
Heather Frost, Voting Member
Von Hortin, Non-voting Member
Tony Jepson, Voting Member
Scott McAward, Voting Member
Marla Palmer, Voting Member
Jeff Pollock, Voting Member
Michelle Tanner, Non-voting Member
Cordie Weed, Voting Member

Absent: Anne Harvey

Also Attending:
Steve Noyce, Superintendent
Betty Hall, Executive Assistant

Interpreters: Lisa Dopf
Robin Loder
Crystal Cutler

Administrative Staff Present:

Melanie Austin, Program Director of Blind, Region II
Tami Gear, Director of Related Services
Marilyn Madsen, Program Director of Deaf South Region
Hollie Murdock, Director of ERC/USIMAC
Carolyn Lasater, Associate Superintendent of USB
Barbara Peterson, Program Director of Blind PIP
Trena Roueche', Associate Superintendent of USD
Rod Price, Program Director of Blind Region I
Michael Sears, Finance Director
Betsy Sutherland, Program Director of Deaf Central Region

Others Attending:

Martell Menlove, USOE
Todd Hauber, USOE
Dave Rodemack, USOE DHRM

1. Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Bill Gibson welcomed everyone in attendance. Dr. Scott McAward led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

2. Public Comments

None

Other

Chair Gibson encouraged Advisory Council members to resume their discussion on building blocks that took place earlier during the annual meeting.

Superintendent Steve Noyce said he and Mrs. Leslie Castle discussed and have agreed to work together to ask Primary Children's Medical Center to provide mapping statewide. In the hopes this will be productive, the Cochlear Implant Building Block will be moved to fifth priority. If this effort does not move forward, Mrs. Castle will help take leadership with USBE to give USDB authority to provide cochlear mapping.

Associate Superintendent Trena Roueche' invited Advisory Council members to attend a 6:00 p.m. open house and plaque hanging to rename the Ogden campus ASL/English program to The Kenneth C. Burdett School of the Deaf.

ACTION ITEMS

3. Consent Calendar:

Vice-chair Scot Ferre made a motion to accept the Advisory Council minutes of the August 30, 2011 meeting, the Personnel Actions for August 2011, and the Donated Account Summary for August 2011. Mrs. Cheralyn Creer seconded. Motion carried.

4. Election of Officers for 2011-12

With Chair Gibson's consent, Mrs. Creer nominated him to serve a second term. Dr. McAward seconded. There being no other nominations, Mrs. Creer moved that nominations cease and that Chair Gibson be accepted by acclamation. Mr. Ferre seconded. Motion carried.

With Vice-chair Ferre's consent, Mrs. Creer nominated him to serve a second term. Ms. Cordie Weed seconded. There being no other nominations, Ms. Weed moved that nominations cease and that Vice-chair Ferre be accepted by acclamation. Mrs. Marla Palmer seconded. Motion carried.

INFORMATION:

5. Budget
Mr. Michael Sears reported that 83% of the year remains. We have spent 3% less than at this point last year. He explained the Cost Data Report which gives a breakdown of the budget. Period 13 is the closeout for the year. We ended up \$142,000 in hole; how that will be handled is unknown. We are projecting a positive this year.

6. Update on USIMAC Production
Mrs. Hollie Murdock gave an update to the figures that had been included in Council's packet. She explained deadlines to provide orders and noted their success in providing materials for students by the start of school. The Braille Contract Network has been most helpful. USIMAC is building an inventory and have been able to use items again. Everything produced is saved so it can be provided quickly if and when needed again.

A memorandum of understanding has been drawn up between USDB and USOE as to each agency's responsibilities.

7. Superintendent's Report
Nothing new to report.

8. Future Agenda Items
- a. NEXT AGENDA – Mrs. Creer recommended Council get back to composition of our board regarding Task Force recommendations and revising state code.
 - b. Discuss Solidification of Committees.
Chair Gibson and Mr. Hortin will work together and then call new members to serve on specific committees.
 - c. Discuss Term Limits in USDB Bylaws.
 - d. ACTION ITEM - Make recommendations to USBE for changes in terms.

Chair Gibson reminded Council members that they can submit items for the agendas at any time.

A motion was made by Mr. Ferre to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

Council members proceeded to the open house.