

**MINUTES OF THE  
SENATE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE  
ROOM 415, STATE CAPITOL  
FEBRUARY 13, 2012**

Members Present:           Sen. Aaron Osmond, Chair  
                                  Sen. Lyle W. Hillyard  
                                  Sen. Karen W. Morgan  
                                  Sen. Wayne L. Niederhauser  
                                  Sen. Howard A. Stephenson  
                                  Sen. Jerry Stevenson  
                                  Sen. Daniel Thatcher

Staff Present:               Ms. Allison Nicholson, Policy Analyst  
                                  Ms. Wendy Hill, Secretary

A list of visitors and a copy of handouts are filed with the committee minutes.

Chair Osmond called the meeting to order at 2:14 pm.

**Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION:**    Sen. Thatcher moved to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2012 meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Morgan, Sen. Niederhauser, Sen. Stephenson, and Sen. Stevenson absent for the vote.

**H.B. 218 Local School Board Business Administrator** (*D. McCay*)

Rep. McCay introduced and explained the bill.

**MOTION:**    Sen. Thatcher moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Morgan, Sen. Niederhauser, and Sen. Stevenson absent for the vote.

**MOTION:**    Sen. Hillyard moved to place **H.B. 218** on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed unanimously.

Sen. Stephenson assumed the chair.

**S.B. 64 Public Education Employment Reform** (*A. Osmond*)

Sen. Osmond introduced and explained the bill.

Spoke for the bill:        Dr. Larry Shumway, State Superintendent of Public Instruction  
                                  Ms. Sharon Gallagher-Fishbaugh, President, Utah Education Association

Mr. Matthew Piccolo, Policy Analyst, Sutherland Institute  
Dr. Barclay Lincoln Burns, Citizen, Professor

Spoke to the bill: Ms. Lisa Kirchenheiter, Citizen, Park City School Board, and Utah School  
Boards Association

**MOTION:** Sen. Morgan moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed  
unanimously with Sen. Hillyard absent for the vote.

Sen. Osmond assumed the chair.

**S.B. 191 Accountability for School Attendance (*J. Stevenson*)**

Sen. Stevenson introduced and explained the bill.

Spoke for the bill: Ms. Sharon Gallagher-Fishbaugh, President, Utah Education Association  
Mr. Jon J. Greiner, Citizen, Former Police Chief, Ogden City

**MOTION:** Sen. Thatcher moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed  
unanimously with Sen. Hillyard absent for the vote.

**H.B. 285 Repeal of Higher Education Tuition Assistance Program (*S. Eliason*)**

Rep. Eliason introduced and explained the bill.

Spoke for the bill: Mr. Dave Buhler, Associate Commissioner, Utah System of Higher  
Education

**MOTION:** Sen. Thatcher moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed  
unanimously with Sen. Hillyard and Sen. Stevenson absent for the vote.

**MOTION:** Sen. Thatcher moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously with Sen.  
Hillyard and Sen. Stevenson absent for the vote.

Chair Osmond adjourned the meeting at 4:37 pm.

Minutes were reported by Wendy Hill, Secretary.

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Sen. Aaron Osmond