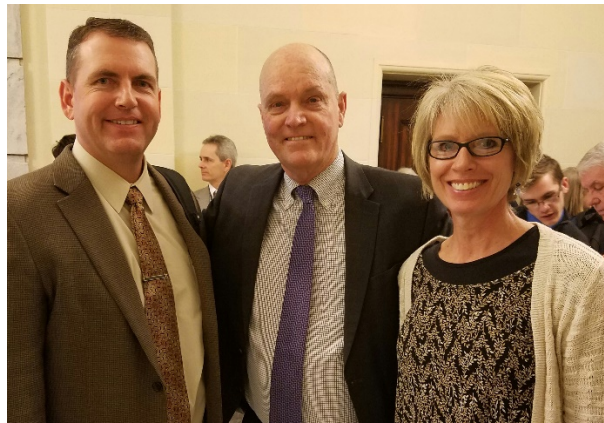


USBA Day on the Hill

On February 19, 2017, the Utah School Boards Association (USBA) held their annual Day on the Hill at the Utah State Capitol. Lisa Livingston represented the Kane School Board at the meeting where we heard from Representative Brad Last, Representative John Knotwell, Senator Lyle Hillyard, and Governor Gary Herbert. Each of these legislators discussed the importance of education and the need to fund it at appropriate levels across the state. Senator Hillyard said 65% percent of the state budget will go to education, which correlates to approximately \$165 million for both K-12 and colleges organizations. Additional conversations include proposals for a 3% increase in the Weighted Pupil Unit (WPU) which forms the foundation of the Utah public schools funding formula. It takes approximately \$30 million dollars to provide a 1% increase to the WPU statewide. We had the opportunity to discuss educational bills with Senator Okerlund and Representative Noel. I would like to thank Senator Okerlund and Representative Noel for taking time out of their busy schedules to meet with us and discuss legislation. Representative Noel also visited with Kanab High students Kaylyn Ratzlaff and Becky Luo, who participated with approximately 130 TRiO members from Upward Bound and Educational Talent Search programs throughout the State of Utah at a Leadership Retreat. TRiO programs help students graduate and transition to post-secondary educational institutions. I would also like to thank Lisa for arranging her schedule to visit the capitol and discuss educational bills with our local legislators.



Supt. Ben Dalton, Representative Mike Noel, Kaylyn Ratzlaff, Becky Luo, Lisa Livingston



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