

WYOMING STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
February 15-16, 2018
2300 Capitol Ave.
Cheyenne

Wyoming State Board of Education members present: Chairman Wilcox, Sue Belish, Ken Rathbun, State Superintendent Balow (Megan Degenfelder, proxy on February 16), Scotty Ratliff, Ryan Fuhrman, Dan McGlade, Max Mickelson, Belenda Willson via Zoom, Kathryn Sessions, Robin Schamber, Nate Breen, and Jim Rose.

Members absent: Dean Ray Reutzel.

Also present: Kylie Taylor, WDE; Julie Magee, WDE; Kari Eakins, WDE; Thomas Sachse, SBE Coordinator; Mackenzie Williams, Attorney General's Office (AG); and Adam Leuschel, AG.

February 15, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Wilcox called the State Board of Education to order at 12:14 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Max Mickelson moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Kathryn Sessions; the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the January 18, 2018 State Board of Education meeting were presented for approval.

Ken Rathbun moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Ryan Fuhrman; Nate Breen said he would not be voting as he was not present for the January meeting, the motion carried.

Sue Belish indicated that the minutes from the January 18, 2018 meeting did not include Chairman Wilcox as being present. Kylie Taylor said she would make sure the minutes were changed to reflect that.

TREASURER'S REPORT

SBE Treasurer, Ken Rathbun, presented the summary review and expenditures report for the board's budgets, and went over the remaining balances and time left in the current biennium.

Max Mickelson moved to approve the presented Treasurer's Report, seconded by Sue Belish; the motion carried.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Thomas Sachse, SBE Coordinator, gave an update on the progress he is making with revising the SBE operational policies, a legislative update, Chapter 31, and the Professional Judgment Panel.

Tom is hoping to have the SBE policies completed and ready for the SBE March meeting and they were not quite ready to be voted on. Tom discussed House Bill 53 and Senate File 29 which both address computer science. Tom also gave an update on the work he and Julie Magee are doing to complete the selection of a contractor for the PJP.

BOARD REPORTS AND UPDATES

Chapter 29

Megan Degenfelder, WDE Chief Policy Officer, explained to the SBE that after the February 6, 2018 CPES Advisory Panel meeting, more time is needed to review the feedback and ensure alignment with statutory requirements. With this change to the timeline, regular Chapter 29 Rules will not be promulgated by July 1, 2018.

Chapter 6 Update

Julie Magee and Bill Pannell gave an update on Chapter 6, a task force comprised of educators from all five regions in the state has been created to make recommendations for the state-led process. The accreditation task force met on January 9, 2018 and February 7, 2018 to provide input on the following topics:

- The definition and purpose of accreditation
- Revisions to the Chapter 6 rules
- The annual accreditation report and required evidence
- Options for external reviews

The rules are not formatted yet for promulgation but Julie said they should be ready for a vote at the March meeting.

Chapter 10

Laurie Hernandez, Director of Standards and Assessment at the WDE, explained the work that her team has been doing. The Standards team has been charged with convening three Standards Review Committees to review the standards and make a recommendation to the SBE in the content areas of Mathematics, Science Extended, and Social Studies Standards.

Jill Stringer, WDE, presented to the SBE on the Math Standards Review Committee, the committee reviewed the current 2012 Mathematics Standards and identified areas to revise and enhance the current standards.

Barb Marquer, WDE, presented on the Science Extended Standards, the committee reviewed the 2016 Science Standards, making them accessible to students with the most significant cognitive disabilities.

Rob Black, WDE, presented on the Social Studies Standards, the committee reviewed the current 2014 Social Studies Standards and identified areas to revise and enhance the current standards in order to add in Indian Education for All, per 2017 HEA 119.

Members of the SBE thanked the Standards Team for all of their hard work and dedication.

The State Board of Education recessed at 5:23 p.m.

February 16, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Wilcox called the State Board of Education to order at 8:04 a.m.

Kylie Taylor conducted roll call and indicated that a quorum was present.

The SBE heard a presentation from the 2018 Milken Award Winner, Shannon Hill. Megan Degenfelder presented Shannon with an obelisk.

Sue Belish gave a summary from the Advisory Committee meeting on January 25, 2018. Sue explained the guiding principle of the Advisory Committee and WDE was to create coherence between the WAEA and the ESSA school accountability systems.

Paula Smith and Kylie Taylor informed the SBE on the recent technology purchase, this was the first board meeting the microphones and speaker system was used. Paula Smith asked if the SBE wanted to keep them or have her continue to search for other options. The SBE agreed that using this system would work fine.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative Committee

Sue Belish briefly explained the topics the Administrative Committee discussed at its last meeting.

Sue indicated that much of Tom's contract hours have already been used because of his involvement in Cheyenne at the Legislature. The SBE discussed ways to temporarily extend Tom's contract so he can continue work for the SBE.

Robin Schamber moved that the SBE proceed with efforts to amend or extend the coordinator's contract, contingent on using current SBE funds, to enable the SBE to complete their work on Chapter 6 - accreditation; Chapter 10 - content and performance standards; Chapter 29 - leader and school accountability; the Professional Judgement Panel for both traditional and alternative high schools; as well as alignment of policies.

Max Mickelson seconded the motion. Megan Degenfelder, proxy for Superintendent Balow, said the WDE has the capacity to absorb some of the work and because of this she would be voting no.

The motion carried.

Communications Committee

Ryan Fuhrman updated the SBE on the last Communications Committee meeting, the committee reviewed Kelly Pascal's contract, discussed their stakeholder initiative, reviewed the website and media outreach.

ACTION ITEMS

Chapter 10

Sue Belish moved the WDE to move forward with the next phase in the SBE's adoption process, to share these three standards documents, which include mathematics, science extended, and social studies, with the public and collect input electronically, as well as through four public events around the state.

Max Mickelson seconded; the motion carried.

Election of SBE Officers

Kylie Taylor handed out a ballot for Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Treasurer.

The SBE voted unanimously for the following positions:

- Chairman – Walt Wilcox
- Vice Chairman – Sue Belish
- Treasurer – Max Mickelson

Max Mickelson took the oath to be sworn in as SBE Treasurer.

OTHER ISSUES

Chairman Wilcox asked SBE members to email him if anyone was interested in sitting on the WYCEL committee.

NEXT MEETING

The board's next meeting will take place in Rawlins on March 22, 2018

The State Board of Education adjourned at 11:40 a.m.