

WYOMING STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
July 12, 2018
2300 Capitol Ave.
Cheyenne

Wyoming State Board of Education members present: Chairman Wilcox, Sue Belish, Max Mickelson, Superintendent Balow, Ken Rathbun, Ryan Fuhrman, Kathryn Sessions, Robin Schamber, Nate Breen, Scotty Ratliff, Forrest Smith, and Dean Ray Reutzler (via Zoom).

Members absent: Dan McGlade and Dr. Sandra Caldwell.

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

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CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Wilcox called the State Board of Education to order at 8:12 a.m.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Nate Breen moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Ken Rathbun; the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the June 21, 2018 State Board of Education meeting were presented for approval.

Max Mickelson moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Kathryn Sessions; the motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

SBE Treasurer, Max Mickelson, 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.

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

State Superintendent's Update

State Superintendent Jillian Balow updated the SBE on the WY-TOPP summative assessment window ended on May 11, and in June an educator panel convened to determine performance level descriptors for grades 9-10. The Boot Up Wyoming team visited over half of Wyoming school districts as part of its landscape analysis. The WDE presented on several topics at the Joint Education Interim Committee's June meeting, the WDE was working on Government Efficiency Commission to identify efficiencies in areas such

as special education and transportation, in consultation with several stakeholder groups. Superintendent Balow also informed the SBE of all the statewide conferences the WDE was hosting throughout the summer and welcomed them to join.

Coordinator's Report

SBE Coordinator, Dr. Thomas Sachse started his Coordinator's Report with an update on the Professional Judgement Panel (PJP) planning. A call for PJP members was released and Tom asked for guidance from the SBE on how to move forward.

Tom reviewed the reports he made to Joint Education Interim Committee (JEIC) in June. Tom discussed three topics with members of the committee including accountability, the State's education program, and the promulgation of Chapters 6, 10, and 31.

Tom asked the board to provide input on the State's education program, Tom presented a survey that represent some preliminary thinking about the types of questions that might be asked efficiency using technology.

Changes and edits that were made to the Governance Policies were presented on and indicated they would later be voted on by the board for approval.

The final two topics Tom presented on were blog post approvals and retreat topics for the September SBE meeting. Tom prepared blog posts with Kelly Pascal's help and said he's hoping to have more ready for approval at the next meeting.

The SBE and WDE staff discussed potential retreat topics and locations, it was decided the retreat location would be in either Afton or Pinedale. Kylie said she would do research to determine which location would be more suitable for the meeting.

SBE COMMITTEE UPDATES

Administrative Committee

Sue Belish went over the administrative committee meeting minutes from the packet. The committee reviewed agenda topics, the SBE coordinator's update, the next administrative committee meeting, and additional topics which included Kylie volunteering to order a retirement present for Jim Rose.

Communications Committee

Ryan Fuhrman discussed the last communication committee meeting as well as the end of Kelly Pascal's contract. The committee decided as a whole they would work directly with Kari and the communications team at the WDE instead of hiring someone to help with their communications work.

ACTION ITEMS

Governance Policies

Sections 8-16 of the Governance Policies were presented to the board to be approved. Nate Breen moved to approve section 8-16 of the policies, seconded by Scotty Ratliff; the motion carried.

Charter Schools – Arapaho

Fremont County School District #38 presented their reapplication waiver for Arapaho Charter School to continue operations as a 9-12 school.

Max Mickelson moved to approve the waiver for Arapaho Charter School, seconded by Ken Rathbun; the motion carried.

Chapter 29 Rules

During the June SBE meeting, the board voted to promulgate Chapter 29 Emergency Rules. The Emergency Rules were signed by Governor Mead and filed with the Secretary of State's Office. The Emergency Rules were temporary and only effective for 120 days.

Since no changes were requested for the emergency rules, Sue Belish moved to approve Chapter 29 Regular Rules, seconded by Nate Breen; Kylie took a roll call vote, the Rules passed 10-1 with one voting member absent.

Accreditation Recommendations

The WDE Accreditation Section manages the accreditation process for districts each year by conducting a staffing review assuring appropriately assigned staff, reviewing School Improvement Plans and Assurances, communicating with all agency divisions regarding systems reviews, and overseeing external site visits. The WDE presented the Wyoming school districts that were seeking full accreditation.

Sue Belish moved to grant full accreditation to Crook County School District #1, seconded by Max Mickelson, Ken Rathbun abstained from voting; the motion carried.

Sue Belish moved to grant full accreditation to Laramie County School District #1, seconded by Forrest Smith, Nate Breen abstained from voting; the motion carried.

Sue Belish moved to grant full accreditation to Natrona County School District #1, seconded by Ken Rathbun, Chairman Wilcox abstained from voting; the motion carried.

Sue Belish moved to grant full accreditation to Sheridan County School District #2, seconded by Max Mickelson, Ryan Fuhrman abstained from voting; the motion carried.

Sue Belish moved to grant full accreditation to Sublette County School District #1, seconded by Nate Breen, Robin Schamber abstained from voting; the motion carried.

Sue Belish moved to grant full accreditation to Sweetwater County School District #1, seconded by Forrest Smith, Max Mickelson abstained from voting; the motion carried.

Sue Belish moved to grant full accreditation to the rest of the Wyoming school districts presented on by the WDE, seconded by Ken Rathbun; the motion carried.

Chapter 6, 10, 31 Rules

Ken Rathbun moved to approve Chapter 6 Rules on Accreditation, seconded by Kathryn Sessions; the motion carried.

Nate Breen moved to approve Chapter 10 Rules on Wyoming Content and Performance Standards, seconded by Sue Belish; the motion carried.

Sue Belish moved to approve Chapter 31 Rules on Graduation Requirements, seconded by Max Mickelson; the motion carried.

NEXT MEETING

The board's next meeting will take place in Afton on September 20-21, 2018

The State Board of Education adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

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