

WYOMING STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
March 21, 2019  
2371 Hickory Street  
Casper

Wyoming State Board of Education members present: Chairman Wilcox, Sue Belish, Superintendent Balow, Ryan Fuhrman, Bill Lambert, Kathryn Sessions, Forrest Smith, Max Mickelson, Debbie Bovee, and Dan McGlade.

Members absent: Nate Breen, Sandy Caldwell, Dr. Dean Ray Reutzel, and Robin Schamber.

Also present: Kylie Taylor, WDE; Dr. Thomas Sachse; Michelle Panos, WDE; Julie Magee, WDE; Mackenzie Williams, AG; and Randall Lockyear, AG.

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CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Wilcox called the State Board of Vocational Education to order at 9:01 a.m.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Sue Belish moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Superintendent Balow; the motion carried.

Dr. Michelle Aldrich and John Bole from the WDE updated the board on the state reports and Perkins V Transition Plan, Dr. Aldrich indicated the WDE would bring the full transition plan back to the board in April for their action.

The State Board of Vocational Education adjourned at 9:38 a.m.

Chairman Wilcox called the State Board of Education to order at 9:39 a.m.

New board members, Bill Lambert and Debbie Bovee took the oath of office.

Sue Belish proposed to remove the Treasurer's Report from the Consent Agenda so the board could discuss.

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.

Max Mickelson moved to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Ryan Fuhrman; the motion carried.

Sue Belish moved to approve the February 2019 minutes, seconded by Max Mickelson; the motion carried.

## Presentation from 2018-19 Wyoming Teacher of the Year, Valerie Bruce

### State Superintendent's Update

Superintendent Balow congratulated the new board members on their appointment to the SBE. Superintendent Balow updated the board on the confirmation of the updated state education plan that was approved by the U.S. Department of Education. The plan is in fulfillment of the Every Student Succeeds Act.

### Coordinator's Report

SBE Coordinator, Tom Sachse, began his report with a legislative update and summary of how the General Session went. Tom indicated there might be some bills that come up in the future that will be of interest to the board.

Tom reviewed the basket of goods report that was presented at the board's February meeting, Tom asked the board to reflect on the standards promulgation process and consider whether and how to move forward given the system as it currently stands.

The Coordinator's report ended with a review of section one of the Administrative Procedures. The board was presented this section of the Administrative Procedures in February to be voted on during their March meeting.

### SBE COMMITTEE UPDATES

#### Communications Committee

Ryan Fuhrman informed the board that the committee is continuing to work on guest blog posts and said the blog post from Dana Wyatt has received a lot of positive praise.

#### Administrative Committee

Sue Belish indicated the information from the administrative committee meeting was in the packet in her summary.

### DISCUSSION ITEMS 1

#### Committee Assignments

Chairman Walt Wilcox presented an overview of the board committees and where there are gaps because of departing board members. Chairman Wilcox asked the board to look at the committees and to let him know via email or phone which committee(s) they would like to join.

#### Alternative Schedules

Julie Magee, WDE, presented the Alternative Schedules memo on behalf of Elaine Marces. Julie gave an overview of the Wyoming Statutes that allow school districts to apply for a waiver from the 175 student-teacher contract day requirement. Districts may request approval for an alternative schedule for up to two school years by submitting to the WDE an application that includes educational objectives, a calendar, and a description of the methods to be used to evaluate improved student achievement, evidence of two advertised public meetings, public comment records, and evidence of meeting required hours for each grade level.

### **Certified Personnel Evaluation Systems**

Shelley Hamel, WDE, presented on approving district leader evaluation systems to the board. Districts electing to adopt an evaluation system based locally-designed evaluation standards require approval from the SBE. Early February, districts provided the WDE with general information about their leader evaluation systems. Information to approve the leader evaluations from districts and charter schools who based their systems on locally-designed evaluation standards, was presented to the board to be voted on.

### **ACTION ITEMS 1**

#### **Administrative Procedures Part One**

Sue Belish moved to approve the Administrative Procedures part one as presented, seconded by Max Mickelson; the motion carried.

#### **Alternative Schedules**

Sue Belish moved to approve all schools in Campbell #1, Carbon #2, Crook #2, as well as Little Snake River Valley Schools in Carbon #1, Laramie #2, Lusk Elementary and Middle School, Niobrara High School, and Lance Creek Elementary School in Niobrara #1, all schools in Sheridan #1 and Sheridan #3 to operate on a four-day school week for the 2019-20 school year. Schools in Johnson #1 for split four/five-day weeks, and all schools in Sublette #1 for a schedule with early release on Fridays, seconded by Superintendent Balow; the motion carried.

#### **Early Learning Resolution**

Superintendent Balow moved to approve the Early Learning Resolution as presented, seconded by Sue Belish; the motion carried.

#### **Certified Personnel Evaluation Systems**

Max Mickelson moved to conditionally approve the leader evaluations from districts and charter schools who based their systems on locally-designed evaluation standards, seconded by Sue Belish; the motion carried.

Max Mickelson abstained from voting for Sweetwater #1, Ryan Fuhrman abstained from voting for Sheridan #2, Bill Lambert abstained from voting for Weston #1, and Forrest Smith abstained from voting for Park #1.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS 2**

#### **Basket of Goods**

After SBE Coordinator, Tom Sachse, presented his paper, "Thoughts on Basket of Goods and Services: Finding Equity and Quality in Wyoming's Public School Content Standards." Chairman Wilcox suggested a motion to establish a committee of practitioners to undertake this work; Bill Lambert moved to establish a committee of practitioners to undertake Basket of Goods work, seconded by Debbie Bovee, Kathryn Sessions opposed, Forrest Smith not on the line; the motion carried.

#### **Computer Science Survey Results**

Laurie Hernandez, WDE, and members from the WDE Standards Division, presented the comments collected from both surveys and the regional hearings on the draft Computer Science Standards. There were 151 responses collected, 128 were through the online survey and 23 were during the regional

hearings. A total of 50 people attended the regional hearings, of which 14 gave verbal comments and 12 provided written comment.

## ACTIONS ITEMS 2

### **Computer Science Standards**

Superintendent Balow moved to postpone promulgating the draft Computer Science standards for a month and engage the committee, with appropriating money from the SBE budget to fund the committee to apply changes brought forth by the board and include Ryan Fuhrman in committee discussions and decisions, seconded by Ryan Fuhrman; after a roll call vote, the motion failed.

Max Mickelson moved to promulgate the draft Computer Science Standards, seconded by Superintendent Balow; after a roll call vote, the motion failed.

Superintendent Balow moved to postpone promulgating the draft Computer Science standards and engage the committee, with appropriating \$25,000 from the SBE budget to fund the committee to apply changes brought forth by the board and include Ryan Fuhrman in committee discussions and decisions, seconded by Bill Lambert; the motion carried.

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### NEXT MEETING

The board's next meeting will take place in Riverton on April 25, 2019

The State Board of Education adjourned at 6:05 p.m.