

WYOMING STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
May 23, 2019
970 N. Glenn Road
Casper

Wyoming State Board of Education members present: Chairman Wilcox, Sue Belish, Kari Eakins (proxy for Superintendent Balow), Nate Breen (via Zoom), Ryan Fuhrman, Bill Lambert, Robin Schamber, Forrest Smith, Max Mickelson (via Zoom), Debbie Bovee, and Dan McGlade.

Members absent: Sandy Caldwell, Dr. Dean Ray Reutzler, and Kathryn Sessions

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 Education to order at 8:16 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 Robin Schamber; the motion carried.

Kari Eakins moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Robin Schamber; the motion carried.

Sue Belish moved to go into Executive Session with legal counsel and Kylie Taylor to discuss personnel matters in relation to the renewal of the board coordinator's contract, seconded by Ryan Fuhrman; the motion carried. Julie Magee and Laurie Hernandez joined the board in Executive Session later on to discuss matters regarding Standards.

State Superintendent's Update

WDE Chief Policy Officer, Kari Eakins, gave the State Superintendent's update as her proxy. Kari announced the WDE made it through a successful administration of the statewide assessment, WY-TOPP. Kari informed the board of dates for the standards review committee for summer 2019, and also introduced Sean McInerney as an additional board liaison alongside Julie Magee and Michelle Panos.

Coordinator's Report

Dr. Sachse began his report with an update from the "Basket of Goods" Task Force. The Task Force has met twice to discuss the three prioritize three main tasks.

Dr. Sachse gave an update on the budget narrative revisions that were discussed with the administrative committee. The administrative committee expressed interest in a study of the school accountability system with an interest in examining what facet(s) contribute to improving student achievement. Dr. Sachse

informed the board they may want to direct him to frame a study that could require a Request for Proposals. The Legislative Service Office asked for testimony from the SBE at their June 5th meeting relating to the entire basket of goods and to civics education and CPR. The board discussed the importance of civics and CPR standards and gave Dr. Sachse direction for his testimony.

Dr. Sachse finished his report on an overview of the administrative procedures part 4 on State Board committees and the BoardDocs training in June.

SBE COMMITTEE UPDATES

Communications Committee

Ryan Fuhrman informed the board that the committee is continuing to work on guest blog posts and outreach to spread the work of the SBE and the possibility of a presenter in June.

Administrative Committee

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Certified Personnel Evaluation Systems Update

Laurel Ballard, WDE, updated the board on the work of the CPES Advisory Committee and changes that were made by the SBE in April. The advisory committee made changes while leaving as much flexibility as possible while ensuring statutory requirements are being met. Laurel indicated that based on conversations with various districts, there are districts wanting to change their evaluation system but have to wait to move forward until the statutes and rules have been put into place. Laurel said districts need time during the summer before the evaluation system is to be used to train both school administrators and teachers. The CPES Advisory Committee is requesting the SBE take action to move forward with promulgating both emergency and regular rules for Chapter 29.

Chapter 3 Rules of Practice and Procedure

Julie Magee, WDE, presented the revised Chapter 3 Rules, Rules of Practice and Procedure. The revised rules reflect the new parameters around the informal review process for school performance determinations under the Wyoming Accountability in Education Act.

Julie presented the timeline for the Wyoming Accountability in Education Act informal review and also went over the form for petitioning rules.

Update on Accreditation Pilot Year

Julie Magee, WDE, gave an update of the new state-led accreditation process. The new accreditation process includes on-site peer review with fifteen focus areas. The requirements for a district to be fully accredited consist of:

- Assurances/attestation completed by district superintendent
- 80% or higher artifact approval
- Approved school improvement plans
- Approved district assessment system
- No unresolved compliance issues

- No unresolved staffing issues
- External review within the most recent five-year cycle

The SBE will consider action on accreditation for school districts during their June board meeting.

State System of Support

Shelly Andrews, WDE, presented the responses from the questions the administrative committee proposed regarding The Statewide System of Support (SSOS). Shelly touched on how the SSOS is funded, what opportunities are available for schools, how many schools have improved as a result from the support, and the statutory mandate of the SBE to take action and approve the SSOS guidebook.

Update on 2019 Standards Review Committee

Laurie Hernandez and Barb Marquer reviewed the call for participants, educator input, and community input the Standards Team has been collecting.

Alternative Schedules

Julie Magee presented the school districts that are applying for a waiver to have an alternative schedule, Wyoming Statutes 21-2-304(b)(viii) allows school districts to apply for a waiver from the 175 student-teacher contact day requirement.

ACTION ITEMS

Chapter 29 – Teacher Evaluation (emergency and regular rules)

Kari Eakins moved to approve the Chapter 29 Regular Rules on Teacher Evaluation amended as discussed, seconded by Sue Belish; the motion carried.

Kari Eakins moved to approve the Chapter 29 Emergency Rules on Teacher Evaluation amended as discussed, seconded by Debbie Bovee; Sue Belish voted no; the motion carried.

Wyoming School Board Association 2019 Membership Dues

Sue Belish moved to approve payment for the Wyoming School Board Association 2019 membership dues, seconded by Nate Breen; the motion carried.

Renewal of Coordinator Contract

Sue Belish moved to amend Dr. Tom Sachse's AWEC contract to extend the termination date to June 30, 2020 and amend the deliverables in Attachment B according to the recommendation provided to the board subject to agreement by Dr. Sachse, seconded by Ryan Fuhrman; the motion carried.

March 2019 Meeting Minutes Revision

Sue Belish moved to approve the amended March 2019 SBE meeting minutes to include an additional motion/second, seconded by Robin Schamber; the motion carried.

Alternative Schedules

Bill Lambert moved to approve the Alternative Schedules for the districts presented, seconded by Forrest Smith; the motion carried.

Administrative Procedures Parts 2 and 3

Ryan Fuhrman moved to adopt the Administrative Procedures Parts 2 and 3 as presented, seconded by Robin Schamber; the motion carried.

NEXT MEETING

The board's next meeting will take place in Cheyenne on June 20, 2019

The State Board of Education adjourned at 4:13 p.m.

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