

WYOMING STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

July 1, 2014

Carbon CSD #1 Boardroom

615 Rodeo

Rawlins, Wyoming

Wyoming State Board of Education members present: Ron Micheli, Kathy Coon, Scotty Ratliff, Hugh Hageman, Ken Rathbun, Joe Reichardt, Pete Gosar, Belenda Willson, Kathryn Sessions, Richard Crandall, Jim Rose, and Walt Wilcox

Members absent: Sue Belish and Cindy Hill

Also present:; Chelsie Oaks, WDE; Julie Magee, WDE; Dianne Frazer WDE; Laurie Hernandez, WDE; Brian Aragon, WDE; Deb Lindsey, WDE; Paige Fenton-Hughes, SBE Coordinator; Sam Shumway, WDE; Mackenzie Williams, Attorney General's Office (AG)

June 30, 2014

Scotty Ratliff moved to recommend the standards review period from five years to eight; seconded by Ken Rathbun. Belenda Willson, Pete Gosar and Kathryn Sessions opposed; the motion carried.

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CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ron Micheli called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

Chelsie Oaks conducted roll call and established that a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Pete Gosar moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Joe Reichardt; the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the April 11, 2014 State Board of Education meeting were presented for approval.

Ken Rathbun moved that the minutes be approved, seconded by Kathy Coon; the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer for the Board, Pete Gosar, discussed with the Board the end of biennium budget review and gave information on what the next biennium would look like.

Pete Gosar moved to approve the Treasurer's Report with the ending balance of \$15,705.24; Kathy Coon seconded; the motion carried.

ALTERNATIVE SCHEDULES

Brian Aragon, WDE, presented eight districts alternative school schedules for the Board for review and approval. Those districts and schools follow: Campbell 1- Westwood High school only, Carbon 1- Rawlins Cooperative High School, Little Snake River Valley School (LSRVS), Converse 1-Rural schools including: Dry Creek, Moss Agate, Shawnee, Walker Creek, White School, Fremont 6-Crowheart, Wind River El., Middle and HS, Fremont 24-Shoshoni El., Junior High and HS, Teton 1-Summit High School and Jackson Hole High School, Uinta 4-Mountain View El., Middle, High and Ft. Bridger El, Uinta 6-Lyman Middle, High and Urie Elementary.

Mr. Aragon noted that some of these alternative school schedules were requested by rural schools to better accommodate the school and students for sporting events. Additionally, alternative schedules are used as an incentive to help improve graduation rates.

Kathy Coon moved that the alternative schedules for the schools presented be approved for the 2014- 2015 and 2015-2016 school years, seconded by Walt Wilcox; the motion carried.

RESTRUCTURING PLANS

Jennifer Peterson, Title I Consultant, WDE, gave back ground information on the No Child Left Behind Act and explained to the Board the approval process of the restructuring plans.

Terry Burgess and Sean Wells from Sheridan CSD #2 and Ft Mackenzie presented their restructuring plan to the Board.

Scotty Ratliff moved to approve Ft. Mackenzie's Title I Restructuring Plan, seconded by Ken Rathbun; the motion carried.

Traci Blaze and Fletcher Turcato from Carbon CSD #1 and Rawlins Middle School presented their restructuring plan to the Board and shared concerns with the process.

Joe Reichardt moved to approve Rawlins Middle School's Title I Restructuring Plan, seconded by Kathryn Sessions; the motion carried.

Ms. Peterson stated that processes have been updated and that in the upcoming year there will be fourteen schools that will need their restructuring plans voted on by the Board.

The Board agreed that in the future all schools should come in person to present their restructuring plan and should make the presentations for review available to the Board before presenting.

NEXT MEETING

Chairman Ron Micheli, suggested that the Board wait until after the general election to have its retreat and allow the winning candidate to participate. It was agreed that 2-3 days would be sufficient to discuss strategic planning and other issues.

In addition, a meeting on October 9th, 2014 in Riverton was scheduled.

Scotty Ratliff moved that the Board write a letter to the University of Wyoming expressing the need of a representative at the State Board of Education meetings; Joe Reichardt seconded; the motion carried.

ACCREDITATION

Dianne Frazer, WDE, presented action summary sheets to the Board on district accreditation and institutional school accreditation and reiterated information from her previous day's presentation.

Joe Reichardt moved that the following Wyoming school districts be granted full accreditation:

Albany CSD #1	Crook CSD #1	Johnson CSD #1	Platte CSD #2	Uinta CSD #4
Big Horn CSD #1	Fremont CSD #1	Laramie CSD #1	Sheridan CSD #1	Uinta CSD #6
Big Horn CSD #2	Fremont CSD #2	Laramie CSD #2	Sheridan CSD #2	Washakie CSD #1
Big Horn CSD #3	Fremont CSD #6	Lincoln CSD #1	Sheridan CSD #3	Washakie CSD #2
Big Horn CSD #4	Fremont CSD #14	Lincoln CSD #2	Sublette CSD #1	Weston CSD #1
Campbell CSD	Fremont CSD #21	Natrona CSD #1	Sublette CSD #9	
Carbon CSD #1	Fremont CSD #24	Niobrara CSD #1	Sweetwater CSD	
Carbon CSD #2	Fremont CSD #25	Park CSD #1	Sweetwater CSD	
Converse CSD	Goshen CSD #1	Park CSD #6	Teton CSD #1	
Converse CSD	Hot Springs CSD	Park CSD #16	Uinta CSD #1	

Seconded by Ken Rathbun; the motion carried.

Ken Rathbun moved that the following Wyoming school districts be granted accreditation with follow-up: Fremont CSD #38, Platte CSD #1, Weston CSD #7; seconded by Joe Reichardt; the motion carried.

Pete Gosar moved that the following Wyoming institutional schools be granted full accreditation:

Big Horn Basin Children's Center (Northwest BOCES)
Colter High School (Wyoming Boys' School)
C-V Ranch (Region V BOCES)
Mae Olson Education Center (Cathedral Home for Children) Normative Services
Powder River Basin Children's Center (Northeast BOCES) Red Top Meadows
St. Joseph's Children's Home
Wyoming Behavioral Institute
Wyoming Girls' School
Youth Emergency Services, Inc.

Seconded by Joe Reichardt; the motion carried.

Joe Reichardt moved that the following Wyoming institutional school be granted accreditation with follow-up:

Southeastern Wyoming Juvenile Center (formerly Jeffrey C. Wardle Academy)

Seconded by Pete Gosar; the motion carried.

ASSESSMENT

Deb Lindsey, Assessment Director, WDE, presented an action summary sheet to the Board and reviewed the discussion from the previous day's meeting. Mrs. Lindsey assures the Board that American Institutes for Research (AIR) is the only vendor that can provide the WDE services necessary for the Wyoming Alternate Assessment in the Spring for 2015 and 2016.

Kathryn Sessions moved to approve the contract with AIR and the contract amendment with Educational Testing Service (ETS) as stated in the action summary sheet provided in the packet, Joe Reichardt seconded; the motion carried.

CHAPTER 10 RULES

Laurie Hernandez, Standards Supervisor, WDE, presented to the Board on the Chapter 10 Rules and reviewed items from the packet. Mrs. Hernandez notified the Board that public comment on the rules would be gathered through the WDE website.

Scotty Ratliff moved to adopt the revised 2014 Wyoming Mathematics and Language Arts Performance Level Descriptors and the 2014 Wyoming Mathematics and Language Arts Standards Extensions for students with significant cognitive disabilities; seconded by Pete Gosar; the motion carried.

WYOMING SCIENCE CONTENT & PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

Laurie Hernandez presented on the current status of the Wyoming Science Content and Performance Standards and reviewed the timeline for science standards revisions provided in the Board packet.

Walt Wilcox stated that he was concerned with where the State Board is in the process of the science standards and feels that without having the Next Generation Science standards as a resource limits Wyoming.

Joe Reichardt moved that the State Board of Education reaffirm that the current 2008 Wyoming science content and performance standards remain the science standards for Wyoming students until the prohibition on considering ALL relevant science standards, including the Next Generation Science Standards, is rescinded by the Legislature; that the State Board of Education direct the WDE to halt any work or review of science standards until directed by the Board; and that Wyoming school districts be reminded that while they must align their science curriculum to the Wyoming standards they may choose to augment and develop curriculum aligned to more rigorous, challenging science standards.

Seconded by Walt Wilcox.

Ron Micheli stated that he supported the motion and could see that no matter what science standards were created that they could be compared to the Next Generation Science Standards.

Hugh Hageman opposed the motion; the motion carried.

OTHER ISSUES, CONCERNS, DISCUSSION AND PUBLIC COMMENT

Marguerite Herman gave public comment on support of the Board's motion on the Science Standards.

The State Board of Education adjourned at 1:33 p.m.