

# Wyoming State Board of Education Agenda

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**ACTION SUMMARY SHEET  
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**DATE:** April 1, 2015

**ISSUE:** Approval of Agenda

**BACKGROUND:**

**SUGGESTED MOTION/RECOMMENDATION:**

To approve the Agenda for the April 1, 2015 State Board of Education meeting.

**SUPPORTING INFORMATION ATTACHED:**

- Agenda

**PREPARED BY:** *Chelsie Oaks*  
Chelsie Oaks, Executive Assistant

**ACTION TAKEN BY STATE BOARD:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**COMMENTS:**

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**ISSUE:** Approval of Assessment Task Force

- (a) **BACKGROUND:** The state board shall conduct a review and evaluation of the statewide assessment system established by W.S. 21-2-304(a)(v) which not only fulfills the requirements of the statewide education accountability system prescribed under W.S. 21-2-204 and complies with statewide assessment and accreditation requirements imposed upon the state board under W.S. 21-2-304, but strives for a high quality, rigorous and effective assessment adhering to principles of sound education policy and test measurement, with due consideration given to cost, testing time requirements for students and assessment burdens placed upon school districts. The study shall review assessment options available to the state and shall recommend an approach for the state in continuance of a statewide assessment system required by law. In implementing this subsection, the following apply:
- (i) The state board shall assemble a task force to assist with the assessment review and evaluation. The task force shall be comprised of representatives of small and large school districts and schools from all geographic regions of the state and shall at minimum include representatives from district and school administration, school district assessment and curriculum program administrators, elementary and secondary school teachers, school district board members, state higher education representatives, member of the Wyoming business community and parents of children enrolled in Wyoming public schools...

**SUGGESTED MOTION/RECOMMENDATION:**

I move to approve the Assessment Task Force selected by a Wyoming State Board of Education subcommittee.

**SUPPORTING INFORMATION ATTACHED:**

**PREPARED BY:** *Chelsie Oaks*  
Chelsie Oaks, Executive Assistant

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March 30, 2015

KATHY COON  
*Vice Chair, Lusk*

TO: State Board Members

KEN RATHBUN  
*Treasurer, Sundance*

FROM: Paige Fenton Hughes, Coordinator

RE: Board update

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JILLIAN BALOW  
*State Superintendent*

Just a few quick things to share so you all are in the loop on what's been going on since we were together in Saratoga.

SUE BELISH  
*Ranchester*

The Memorandum of Understanding from NASBE for the grant/stipend was signed and returned. They are in the process of transferring funds to us. I've been in touch with them a couple of times about possible support NASBE can provide to us regarding communication, and we are considering a few options. When we get those firmed up a bit, I'll be sending something out to you.

NATE BREEN  
*Cheyenne*

We are in the process of setting up meetings to meet with the firms that responded to the communications RFP. Hopefully it will work to have those meetings next week in Casper. It might be that by the time we meet, I will have those logistics firmed up.

HUGH HAGEMAN  
*Fort Laramie*

We sent out the follow-up form from the collaborative meeting in Saratoga to collect feedback and put together a list of possible next steps. As of this writing, Chelsie hasn't received any of them back.

RON MICHELI  
*Fort Bridger*

The board committee to choose the assessment task force is meeting today. So during our call on April 1, we will give you an update on where we are in the process. Hopefully by that time we'll have the members firmed up.

SCOTTY RATLIFF  
*Riverton*

Some of us have been sitting in on the interviews of the candidates for dean of the College of Education at UW. One person took another job, so four candidates are still in the mix as I'm writing to you. It's been fun to be able to meet and visit with all of them. They come from diverse backgrounds.

JIM ROSE  
*Ex-Officio, CCC*

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*Cheyenne*

WALT WILCOX  
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March 30, 2015

To: State Board of Education

From: Brent Young, WDE

Science Standards Update:

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I have contacted Francis Eberle, from NASBE, and we visited about several scenarios regarding public input opportunities. Over the past two board meetings I have referenced some of the work that has been highlighted in Maryland. Francis also provided examples from Maryland's process which I can share during this April 1 meeting. Mr. Eberle, also mentioned that NASBE would be willing to facilitate one public meeting in Wyoming. I'll keep you updated as a framework for these public meetings and for the meetings prior to the rule making process need to be formalized.

Julie Magee, and her team, is continuing the process of assembling the standards review committee. I will provide additional information during the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Brent Young