

WYOMING STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
February 6, 2015  
LCSD #1 Training Room  
2810 House Ave, Cheyenne, Wyoming

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

Members absent: Ken Rathbun & Jillian Balow

Also present: Chelsie Oaks, WDE; Kathy Scheurman, WEA; Gerry Nolan, Fremont CSD #2; Brent Young, WDE; Paige Fenton Hughes, SBE Coordinator; Mackenzie Williams, Attorney General's Office (AG)

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CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ron Micheli called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Scotty Ratliff moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Joe Reichardt; the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the October 13, 2014 & November 14, 2014 State Board of Education meetings were presented for approval.

Scotty Ratliff 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 budget review and budget revision included in the packet. The Treasurer noted that the blue increases and the red increases do not add up, it was just a clerical error.

Scotty Ratliff moved to approve the Treasurer's Report with the ending balance of \$664,788.64, Joe Reichardt seconded; the motion carried.

## NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE BOARDS OF EDUCATION

Belenda Willson serves on the leadership committee with NASBE and recently attended a meeting in D.C. What she found most interesting is the difference in state boards of education around the nation.

Paige Fenton Hughes, SBE Coordinator, presented to the Board for approval, the NASBE grant applications. She reviewed the process of how applications are selected and noted the importance of showing that Wyoming is in the game.

Belenda Willson moved that the grants be submitted to NASBE, Scotty Ratliff seconded.

Sue Belish thought it was great that Belenda and Paige are involved with NASBE.

The motion carried.

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR COMMUNICATION

Paige Fenton Hughes reviewed the request for proposal (RFP) and what a contract would look like with the Trustees. The Board would work with a firm to create a plan and then sit down with the Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) and see what the Department can deliver on, then the items that the WDE cannot fulfill would be contracted out with a firm.

The Board discussed concerns, it was noted that the RFP does not obligate the Board to having to contract with a firm and does not prevent partnering with the Department.

Sue Belish moved that the Wyoming State Board of Education go forward with the RFP as written, Kathryn Session seconded; the motion carried.

## RULES AND REGULATIONS DRAFTING

Paige Fenton Hughes discussed with the Board the need to move forward with rules and regulations drafting. She proposed the Board enter into a contract with a contractor to complete the task and the contract amount have a cap of \$7,500.

Board attorney, Mackenzie Williams, shared with the Board that the Attorney General's Office does not write the rules, just reviews them. Additionally, every agency does its own rules differently.

Sue Belish does not want to set a precedence that the State Board always pay for rule making.

Mackenzie Williams discussed that contracting with an outside contractor for rule drafting is a rarity, and would not become the precedence.

Trustee Belish moved to move forward with a contract for drafting rules and regulations related to state board tasks and duties as mandated by Wyoming state statute, seconded by Kathy Coon; the motion carried.

## BILLS

Coordinator for the SBE, Paige Fenton Hughes, asked the Board to let her know if it had any additional questions from the prior day's review of legislative bills.

Kathy Coon asked if the Board felt it was necessary to meet again before the legislative session ended on March 6th.

Ron Micheli noted the importance to schedule more one-on-one time with legislators but didn't think it was necessary to hold another meeting. He also mentioned, the SBE Coordinator is wonderful about fostering those relationships.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Joe Reichardt, chairman of the nominating committee, briefly discussed the nominating and voting process.

Scotty Ratliff requested that his nomination for chair be removed, he felt the chairmanship would take more time and commitment than he has.

State Board of Education members submitted their ballots.

Pete Gosar was elected the chairman. Kathy Coon was elected for vice-chair and Kenny Rathbun was elected treasurer.

Ron Micheli gave the oath of office to Pete Gosar.

## NEXT MEETING

The Board decided that a Doodle Poll would be sent out to members to find the best date for the Board to meet next.

## SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Kathy Coon, chair of the supervisory committee, briefly discussed the memo provided in the packet on the evaluation of the SBE Coordinator's work. She offered if the whole Board wanted Paige's updates she could share those with everyone.

## OTHER ISSUES, CONCERNS, DISCUSSION AND PUBLIC COMMENT

Joe Reichardt is thanked for his service to the Board and given a plaque and a gift.

Ron Micheli is thanked for his service as Board chair and given a plaque.

Kathy Scheurman, WEA, thanked Joe for his service.

The State Board of Education adjourned at 12:37 p.m.