

MINUTES
State Board of Education Meeting
June 18, 2009
Natrona County School District #1
Casper, Wyoming

State Board members present: Pam Anderson, Bill Anthony, Sandy Barton, Matt Garland, Mike Hejtmanek, Jim McBride, Larry McGarvin, Norine Kasperik, Phil Orton, Joe Reichardt, Jan Torres

State Board Members Absent: Dana Mann-Tavegia

Also present: Mary Kay Hill, Wyoming Department of Education (WDE); Joe Simpson, WDE; Jennifer Duncan, WDE; John Shumway, Attorney General's Office (AG); Annemarie McCracken, Contractor, WDE; Brian Wright, WDE; Billie VanLandingham, WDE; Joy Mockelmann, WDE; Dianne Frazer, WDE; Kay Post, WDE

Members of the Press and Public Present: Jasa Santos, Casper Star Tribune; Gregory Cox, Fremont County School District #1; Amy Edmunds, Wyoming Association of Public Charter Schools; Gene Meier, Fremont County School District #21; Carla Mann, Fremont County School District #21; Perry Marple, Fremont County School District #21; Shad Hamilton, Fremont County School District #21; Jan Stalcup, Laramie County School District #1 school board; Sue Belish, Sheridan County School District #1; Tracy Kinney, Carbon County School District #1; Dan Stephan, Wyoming Association of School Administrators; Teresa Brown, Crook County School District #1; Ken Rathbun, Crook County School District #1; Johann Nield, Sheridan County School District #1; Dave Barker, Platte County School District #2; Rick Luchsinger, Niobrara County School District #1; Marc LaHiff, Laramie County School District #1; John Lyttle, Laramie County School District #1; Bob Patton, Carbon County School District #2; Deb Riker, Carbon County School District #2; Barney Lacock, Fremont County School District #38; June Shakespeare, Fremont County School District #38; Suzanne Ray, Albany County School District #1; Brian Recht, Albany County School District #1; Sue Ibarra, Albany County School District #1; Paige Fenton Hughes, Fremont County School District #1

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Anthony called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

Jennifer Duncan conducted roll call and established that a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

SANDY BARTON MOVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 16, 2009 MEETING BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

MIKE HEJTMANEK SECONDED THE MOTION

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Jan Torres presented the treasurer's report ending April 30, 2009 with an ending balance of \$1603,85.84. Jan reported that she liked the condensed treasurer's report that was provided by the Department.

JAN TORRES MOVED THAT THE TREASURER'S REPORT BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED

PAM ANDERSON SECONDED THE MOTION

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SCHOOL RESTRUCTURING PLAN APPROVAL

Carbon Cooperative High School, Carbon County School District #1 and Johnson Junior High, Laramie County School District #1 were present to present their final restructuring plans as required by No Child Left Behind (NCLB). Both of their plans have been approved by their local school boards.

Brian Wright and Billie VanLandingham, WDE, presented the final plans to the Board. These plans will be implemented if these schools don't make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for this year. Both schools have appeared before the board during all of their meetings over the last year to present various areas of their plans and what they are doing to improve both at the school and district level.

Carbon County School District #1, Carbon Cooperative High School had Tracy Kinney, superintendent of the district, spoke for the district and the school.

JIM MCBRIDE MOVED THAT THE COOPERATIVE HIGH SCHOOL, CARBON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1 RESTRUCTURING PLAN BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED

JAN TORRES SECONDED THE MOTION

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Joe Simpson presented the school profiles that were presented on each school. This is becoming a standardized process within the WDE to present information on all schools.

Brent Young, Marc LaHiff and Jan Stalcup represented the district and school for Johnson Junior High, Laramie County School District #1.

JIM MCBRIDE MOVED THAT THE JOHNSON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL, LARAMIE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1, RESTRUCTURING PLAN BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

MATT GARLAND SECONDED THE MOTION

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL SCHEDULES

Dianne Frazer, WDE, presented the requests for alternative school schedules made by varying school districts around the state. The schools must meet the minimum statutory requirements for student/teacher time and present the plan to the public. They then submit their requests to the WDE and they need to be approved by the state board.

Altogether 18 districts requested alternative schedules, 6 of the 18 are requesting continuation of their approved plans from last year.

SANDY BARTON MOVED THAT ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL SCHEDULES BE APPROVED FOR THE SCHOOLS LISTED FOR THE 2009-2010 AND 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEARS.

1) Campbell CSD #1 (Gillette – Westwood High School)	144 day schedule for Westwood High School (♦ 4 day week)	2009-2010 2010-2011
2) Carbon CSD #1 (Rawlins – Little Snake River Valley School)	150 day schedule for Little Snake River Valley School (♦ 4 day week)	2009-2010
3) Carbon CSD #2	154 day schedule for Saratoga Elementary School, Saratoga Middle/High School, H-E-M Junior/Senior High School (♦ 4 day week) 172 day schedule for Encampment K-12 School 171 day schedule for Hanna Elementary, Medicine Bow Elementary, and Elk Mountain Elementary Schools	2009-2010 2010-2011
4) Converse CSD #1 (Douglas – four Rural Schools only)	156 day schedule for four Rural Schools (White, Moss Agate, Shawnee, and Dry Creek Rural Schools)	2009-2010
5) Crook CSD #1 (Sundance)	168 day schedule	2009-2010
6) Fremont CSD #2 (Dubois)	162 day schedule for Dubois High School 168 day schedule for Dubois Elementary/Middle School	2009-2010

7) Fremont CSD #6 (Pavillion)	154 day schedule for elementary school. (♦ 4 day week) 155 day schedule for middle school and high school	2009-2010
8) Fremont CSD #14 (Ethete)	171 day schedule	2009-2010
9) Fremont CSD #24 (Shoshoni)	172 day schedule for grades 7-12 169 day schedule for grades K-6	2009-2010
10) Johnson CSD #1 (Buffalo)	171 day schedule (Buffalo) and 167 day schedule (Kaycee)	2009-2010 2010-2011
11) Lincoln CSD #2 (Cokeville schools)	153 day schedule for Cokeville schools (♦ 4 day week)	2009-2010 2010-2011
12) Natrona CSD #1 (Casper – six elementary schools only)	172 day schedule for Mountain View, Grant, Willard, University Park, Evansville, and Sagewood Elementary Schools	2009-2010 2010-2011
13) Park CSD #16 (Meeteetse)	148 day schedule (♦ 4 day week)	2009-2010 2010-2011
14) Sheridan CSD #1 (Ranchester)	148 day schedule (♦ 4 day week)	2009-2010 2010-2011
15) Sheridan CSD #3 (Clearmont)	148 day schedule (♦ 4 day week)	2009-2010 2010-2011
16) Sweetwater CSD #1 (Rock Springs)	168 day schedule	2009-2010 2010-2011
17) Uinta CSD #14 (Mountain View)	165 day schedule	2009-2010
18) Weston CSD #7 (Upton)	169 day schedule	2009-2010 2010-2011

PAM ANDERSON SECONDED THE MOTION

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SCHOOL DISTRICT ACCREDITATION

Kay Post and Dianne Frazer presented the school districts with changed accreditation status. Each district was given the opportunity to speak for 3-5 minutes regarding their updated accreditation status and their response to it.

The Board was given a chart that outlined the districts, their status, and the reason for their current status; the North Central Association (NCA) accreditation visit reports; an accreditation checklist for each district and what their scores were from NCA according to the rubric that NCA uses and a report on misassignment status. NCA uses a 5-year cycle for visiting schools for accreditation. All recommendations from NCA were reviewed by the Accreditation Task Force at the WDE.

Districts assigned accreditation with follow up are assigned a coach and work directly with NCA on the issues that need to be improved, usually within a year. Districts assigned accreditation with deficiencies also have a coach as well as an oversight team, usually in a specific area, to help these schools with major systemic problems.

36 of the 48 school districts in the state of Wyoming are being recommended for full accreditation.

JIM MCBRIDE MOVED THAT THE FOLLOWING SCHOOL DISTRICTS BE GRANTED FULL ACCREDITATION:

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Big Horn CSD #1	Fremont CSD #6	Lincoln CSD #2	Sublette CSD #1
Big Horn CSD #2	Fremont CSD #14	Natrona CSD #1	Sublette CSD #9
Big Horn CSD #3	Fremont CSD #24	Park CSD #1	Sweetwater CSD #1
Big Horn CSD #4	Goshen CSD #1	Park CSD #6	Sweetwater CSD #2
Campbell CSD #1	Hot Springs CSD #1	Park CSD #16	Teton CSD #1
Converse CSD #1	Johnson CSD #1	Platte CSD #1	Uinta CSD #1
Converse CSD #2	Laramie CSD #2	Sheridan CSD #2	Uinta CSD #4
Fremont CSD #2	Lincoln CSD #1	Sheridan CSD #3	Uinta CSD #6
Washakie CSD #1	Washakie CSD #2	Weston CSD #1	Weston CSD #7

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

JIM MCBRIDE MOVED THAT THE FOLLOWING SCHOOL DISTRICTS BE GRANTED ACCREDITATION WITH FOLLOW UP:

Albany CSD #1	Fremont CSD #25
Carbon CSD #1	Laramie CSD #1
Carbon CSD #2	Niobrara CSD #1
Crook CSD #1	Platte CSD #2
Fremont CSD #1	Sheridan CSD #1
Fremont CSD #21	

Mike Hejtmanek voiced his opinion that the schools should've known further in advance that they had scoring issues and that they should've received more notice for meeting attendance.

MATT GARLAND SECONDED THE MOTION

MOTION CARRIED WITH 8 YES VOTES AND 3 DISSENTING VOTES PER A ROLL CALL VOTE

JIM MCBRIDE MOVED THAT THE FOLLOWING SCHOOL DISTRICT BE GRANTED ACCREDITATION WITH DEFICIENCIES:

Fremont CSD #38

MIKE HEJTMANEK SECONDED THE MOTION

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

INSTITUTIONAL ACCREDITATION

The State Board has the duty of accrediting institutional schools their accreditation status.

JIM MCBRIDE MOVED THAT THE FOLLOWING INSTITUTIONAL SCHOOLS BE GRANTED FULL ACCREDITATION:

Attention Homes, Inc.
Big Horn Basin Children's Center (Northwest BOCES)
Colter High School (Wyoming Boy's School)
Mae Olson Education Center (Cathedral Home for Children)
Pioneer School State hospital
Power River Basin children's Center (Northeast BOCES)
Red Top meadows
St. Joseph's Children's Home
Wyoming Girls' School

SANDY BARTON SECONDED THE MOTION

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

JIM MCBRIDE MOVED THAT THE FOLLOWING INSTITUTIONAL SCHOOLS BE GRANTED ACCREDITATION WITH FOLLOW-UP:

C-V Ranch (Region VBOCES)
Normative Services
Wyoming Behavioral Institute
Youth Emergency Services, Inc.

SANDY BARTON SECONDED THE MOTION

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

JIM MCBRIDE MOVED THAT THE FOLLOWING INSTITUTIONAL SCHOOLS BE GRANTED CONDITIONAL ACCREDITATION:

Jeffrey C. Wardle Academy (Cornerstone Programs)

SANDY BARTON SECONDED THE MOTION

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

APPROVE CHATER 32 CHARTER SCHOOL RULE AND REGULATION PROMULGATION PROCESS

Mary Kay Hill presented the draft of the Chapter 32 Rules and Regulations for Charter Schools that will be sent out for public comment.

JAN TORRES MOVED THAT THE STATE BOARD DIRECT THE WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO BEGIN THE FORMAL RULE MAKING PROCESS FOR BOTH EMERGENCY AND PERMANENT CHAPTER 32 RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR CHARTER SCHOOLS.

PAM ANDERSON SECONDED THE MOTION

Chairman Anthony announced that Jennifer Duncan would be leaving the WDE and the State Board. He thanked her for her service.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Anthony adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m.