

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
Hilton Garden Inn, Casper, Wyoming
November 19, 2009

State Board members present: Pam Anderson, Bill Anthony, Mike Hejtmanek, Jim McBride, Larry McGarvin, Norine Kasperik, Phil Orton, Joe Reichardt, Jan Torres, Dana Mann-Tavegia, and Matt Garland

State Board Members Absent: Sandy Barton

Also present: Mary Kay Hill, Wyoming Department of Education (WDE); Joe Simpson, WDE; Teresa Canjar, WDE; John Shumway, Attorney General's Office (AG); and Fred Hansen, WDE

Members of the Press and Public Present: Kathy Scheurmann, Wyoming Education Association; Margie Simineo, WDE Consultant; Dan Coe, Big Horn County School District #2, Marianne Grant, Big Horn County School District #2; Judy Richards, Big Horn County School District #2; Rebecca S. Monceur, Big Horn County School District #2; Dan Anderson, Big Horn County School District #2; Representative Mary Hales, House District 36; Ed Goetz, Albany County School District #1; Diana Reser, Teton County School District #1 Board of Education; Pam Shea, Teton County School District #1; Brian Recht, Albany County School District #1; and Anne Beckle, Laramie County School District #1

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Anthony called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Joe Simpson conducted roll call and established that a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Bill Anthony presented the minutes of the August 5, 2009 meeting held in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Mike Hejtmanek moved that the minutes be approved as written, Larry McGarvin seconded the motion, motion carried unanimously.

There was a brief discussion about adding more detail to the minutes. It was decided the minutes would contain the same content.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Jan Torres reported that the Board has a balance of \$106,840.50 as of October 31, 2009. Mike Hejtmanek asked about the dollars in the professional consulting services. Mary Kay explained these funds are used to hire consulting services.

Jan Torres moved that the Treasurer's Report be approved as written, Norine Kasperik seconded the motion, motion carried unanimously.

BOARD UPDATES AND PUBLIC COMMENT

Phil Orton announced that he was voted in as Chairman of the Media Campaign Committee.

Pam Anderson reported progress was made at the first meeting of the Task Force on Assessment and we will see some changes.

Mike Hejtmanek stated that the work session was very productive and a lot of issues were brought into the limelight. We need to continue to work on all these issues.

Larry McGarvin enjoyed the work session yesterday especially the assessment aspect. Something needs to be done and he appreciated what everyone had to say. A lot of the things were new and he learned a lot.

Dana Mann-Tavegia spent a week in Fort Jackson, South Carolina, working with the Army on fighting the incidence of dropout and increasing scholastic aptitude among high school graduates. They discussed how important quality public education is to the future of the United States and how the skills required to graduate from high school prepare for post-secondary education and the 21st century work place are the same as what the Army looks for in the modern soldier. She was very impressed with methods they are using in tackling this problem. They have good resources schools can use free of charge. NASBE received additional grant funds to cover airfare and lodging so issues can continue to move forward. For additional information visit the NASBE website.

Joe Reichardt has been requested by NASBE to work with Governmental Affairs. He would appreciate any input. Joe Reichardt, Phil Orton, and Mike Hejtmanek are on the subcommittee for the media drop out campaign; they would appreciate any comments or input. He also has a connection with Terry Jones and will recruit him to help.

Bill Anthony stated he spoke with Alan Moore and Bernie Schnorenberg at the National Standards Conference in Cheyenne about the national standards in Math. Waiting for the language arts piece which will be followed by actual grade level

outcomes to address them. We should consider adopting these so districts can use them as a guide or develop their own district outcomes.

Dana stated how important it is to delineate the differences between national standards and common standards.

Superintendent McBride commented that we have to be careful; the math standards exceed our current standards. He likes the idea of common core standards. Every state will be raising the bar with graduation standards as the end result. We need to be on the Board to have a voice in this process.

No Child Left Behind - They are currently accepting input and should have a finalized version around Christmas. This needs to be a continuing agenda items as we start this process. Concerns were expressed about having a voice in this process; Superintendent McBride assured the group we would have a voice. Mike Hejtmanek reminded the Board this is not an education policy, but a civil rights policy and there have been some issues with implementation.

CHAPTER 29 - CERTIFIED PERSONNEL EVALUATION SYSTEMS

Margie Simineo presented the current copy of the revised rules which reflect input received. These rules have been broadened to include certified personnel. Districts will have two options for their performance system: 1) Follow these rules or 2) submit documentation explaining why they have chosen a different route. They have until August 11, 2010 to have a system in place. The timelines are in place and she asked the Board for approval to promulgate and advertise for the 60 day comment period.

Bill Anthony moved these rules be allowed to move forward in the rulemaking process, Dana Mann-Tavegia seconded the motion, motion carried unanimously.

COURT ORDERED PLACEMENT PROVIDER APPROVAL

Fred Hansen, WDE presented Alabama Clinical School Education Program for approval as an out of state educational service provider. They specialize in sexually abusive and reactive behaviors. The Department of Family Services works with the courts and places the child for treatment. Often times they cannot be treated in Wyoming or the treatment was not effective.

Carol Illian completed a site visit and had no reservations.

Jan Torres moved that Alabama Clinical School Education Program be approved as a court ordered placement provider for the State of Wyoming, Mike Hejtmanek seconded the motion, motion carried unanimously.

CHAPTER 32 - CHARTER SCHOOL RULES

Mary Kay Hill, WDE, presented the current copy of the revised rules which reflect the comments received during the comment period and the hearing. Mary Kay went over the comments and if it resulted in a change in the rules. The termination of a charter school has not been addressed yet. The appeal process needs to be defined. There was also some concerns on the reporting process; language needs to be added that the school is “required” to send a draft report to the district and the district can fill in any additional information. It was mentioned that most of the information can be obtained from the application. Mary Kay will provide more information on revocation process of rules at next meeting.

Bill Anthony moved these rules be allowed to move forward in the rulemaking process, Mike Hejtmanek seconded the motion, motion carried unanimously.

ELECTIONS

Bill Anthony made a motion that a teleconference for elections be scheduled on January 14, 2010 at 4:30 p.m., Dana Mann-Tavegia moved, Jan Torres seconded, motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Anthony adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.