

WYOMING STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
March 24, 2014
Teleconference

Wyoming State Board of Education members present: Ron Micheli, Pete Gosar, Belenda Willson, Cindy Hill, Kathy Coon, Sue Belish, Walt Wilcox, Kathryn Sessions, Scotty Ratliff, Richard Crandall, Ken Rathbun, Hugh Hageman, & Joe Reichardt

Also present: Paige Fenton Hughes, SBE Coordinator; Chelsie Oaks, WDE; Laurie Hernandez, WDE; Jim Verley, WDE; Mary Kay Hill, Governor's Office; Jillian Balow; Kate Kabbit; Marguerite Herman; and Mackenzie Williams, Attorney General's Office (AG)

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ron Micheli called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ken Rathbun moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Kathy Coon; the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the January 24, 2014, State Board of Education meeting were presented for approval.

Joe Reichardt moved that the minutes be approved; seconded by Kathryn Sessions; the motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT

Pete Gosar, Treasurer for the Board, reviewed the Board's budgets. Walt Wilcox moved to approve the Treasurer's report, seconded by Joe Reichardt; the motion carried,

STATE BOARD AND LEGISLATIVE SESSION UPDATES

Paige Fenton Hughes, SBE Coordinator, reviewed a memo provided in the packet regarding the legislative session and discussed interim topics with the Board.

Sue Belish suggested the Board could create a policy statement or a whitepaper to have a unified position.

LEGISLATIVE CLARIFICATION

Mackenzie Williams, attorney for SBE, noted that the Board could go into executive session for the discussion. The Board declined and Mr. Williams reviewed the letter provided to the Board regarding what the 2014 legislative footnote means and what funds are affected by the budget footnote on the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS).

Joe Reichardt asked what the consequences would be if the Board took a formal vote on the NGSS. Mackenzie Williams responded that there were no explicit consequences.

Ron Micheli believed a vote would hinder the Board.

Kathryn Sessions moved that the Board lay the current work on science standards aside and go forward with creating the strongest standards for Wyoming K-12 students, to be called the Wyoming State Science Standards. Ken Rathbun seconded motion.

Hugh Hageman disagreed with the word “strongest” in the motion.

Sue Belish did not think that a motion was needed.

A roll call vote is taken.

Ron Micheli- Yes
Scotty Ratliff- No
Pete Gosar- No
Sue Belish- No
Kathy Coon-Yes
Hugh Hageman- Yes
Ken Rathbun-Yes
Joe Reichardt- No
Kathryn Sessions- Yes
Walt Wilcox- No
Belenda Willson- No

The motion did not carry.

Trustee Gosar requested this discussion take place in person.

Joe Reichardt moved to accept as proposed the standards for Career and Vocational Education, Physical Education and Social Studies.

Hugh Hageman was uncomfortable making the vote on the telephone.

Belenda Willson seconded the motion.

Mary Kay Hill recommended the Board talk with Mackenzie Williams about taking a vote without it being publicized on the agenda.

A roll call vote is taken.

Ron Micheli- No
Scotty Ratliff-Yes
Pete Gosar- Yes
Sue Belish- No
Kathy Coon- No
Hugh Hageman- No
Ken Rathbun- No
Joe Reichardt – Yes
Kathryn Sessions- Yes
Walt Wilcox- No
Belenda Willson- Yes

The motion does not carry.

Jim Verley, WDE, respectfully requested that the Board move forward with the standards aside from the science standards.

UPDATE ON STANDARDS AND CHAPTER 10 RULES

Laurie Hernandez reviewed the survey results provided in the packet.

Hugh Hageman is concerned that the survey results weighed heavily to educators.

Mrs. Hernandez noted that all the surveys were open to the public.

Sue Belish thanked Laurie Hernandez and her standards team for compiling all the information.

Laurie Hernandez reviewed the Chapter 10 Rules information from the packet and reminded the Board that this would be the proposed language if/when the Board moved forward with the Standards.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE SELECTION

Trustee Coon notified the Board that the Supervisory Committee had reviewed the applications for the open position on the Advisory Committee to the Select Committee on Statewide Education Accountability and moved the Board approve candidate,

Christina Mills, for the appointment to the Advisory Committee as the replacement for Jack Patrick. Scotty Ratliff seconded; the motion carried.

SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE

Kathy Coon, Chairwoman for the Supervisory Committee, moved that the Board accept the contract for Paige Fenton Hughes as the State Board of Education Coordinator, seconded by Joe Reichardt; the motion carried unanimously.

NEXT MEETING

Walt Wilcox proposed the next meeting be in two to three weeks.

Sue Belish requested that a Doodle Poll be sent out.

The Board determined the meeting will be held in Casper.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Marguerite Herman- talked about her concerns with the legislative footnote on the NGSS and discussed the petition she had forwarded to the Board.

Kate Kabbit- reiterated Marguerite's concerns.

The State Board of Education adjourned at 3:03 p.m.

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