

WYOMING STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
December 8, 2011  
Teleconference

Wyoming State Board of Education members present: Dana Mann-Tavegia, Cindy Hill, Ron Micheli, Pete Gosar, Joe Reichardt, Larry McGarvin, Hugh Hageman, Scotty Ratliff, Kathy Coon, Sue Belish, and Walt Wilcox

Members absent: Matt Garland

Also present: Paul Williams, WDE; John Masters; WDE; Chelsie Bailey, WDE; and Mackenzie Williams, Attorney General's Office (AG)

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#### CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Joe Reichardt called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

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

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Sue Belish requested a report from the WDE on the progress of the Rules and Regulation for the Wyoming State Content Standards be added to the agenda. The item became number five on the agenda.

Dana Mann-Tavegia suggested that an executive session be added to the agenda as item number four.

Pete Gosar moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Dana Mann-Tavegia, the motion carried.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the November 17, 2011, State Board of Education meeting were presented for approval.

Sue Belish made a couple changes and clarifications in the minutes.

Scotty Ratliff moved that the amended minutes be approved, seconded by Kathy Coon, the motion carried.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Attorney for the State Board of Education, Mackenzie Williams, explained to the Board that an executive session was needed because all proposal information on the Statewide assessment needed to be kept confidential until a contract had been issued. An additional reason for the executive session was to address some issues with the rules and regulations on the Wyoming State Content Standards. It was the attorney's position that the information be presented to the Board in an executive session before action was taken in an open meeting.

Cindy Hill made a motion to enter into executive session, Pete Gosar seconded, the motion carried. The executive session started at 3:19 p.m.

Cindy Hill made a motion to come out of executive session, seconded by Dana Mann- Tavegia, the motion carried. Executive session concluded at 4:17 p.m.

## REPORT ON THE STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT PROPOSALS

Paul Williams reported that after a comprehensive evaluation process a company has emerged as the highest scoring company on the request for proposals. The company is Educational Testing Service. Paul presented ETS to the Board for its consideration.

Dana Mann-Tavegia moved that the Superintendent of Public Instruction through the Department of Education award a contract for statewide assessment to Education Testing Services Company for the state-wide assessment for Wyoming students to be conducted in school years 2012-2013 through 2013-2014, and that the attorney for the Superintendent and the attorney for the State Board of Education and the Department of Education be directed to negotiate a contract for the assessment, subject to approval by this board and appropriation and funding by the Wyoming Legislature.

Sue Belish seconded, the motion carried.

Dana Mann-Tavegia requested that a roll call be made to insure a quorum is present.

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

## RULES AND REGULATIONS UPDATE

Mackenzie Williams discussed the possibility of amending the proposed rules and regulations on the Wyoming State Content Standards that are currently under consideration. The amendment would consist of placing the rules in their own chapter instead of Chapter 31.

Chairman, Joe Reichardt, asked the members of the Board if anyone wished to entertain a motion on moving the rules into their own chapter. No motion is moved.

Mr. Williams informed the Board that the rules were currently before the Governor. If the Governor either approved the rules or took no action, a notice of intent to amend the rules and public comment period would be opened as of Monday December 12, 2011. The forty-five day comment period would end on January 26, 2012, and five public hearings would follow. There would also be one WEN hearing. After that time the comments would be compiled and the Board would formulate its responses and vote on adopting the rules in the April State Board of Education Meeting.

## FEBRUARY 2012 AGENDA ITEMS

Joe Reichardt would like to have a complete and full discussion in the February Board meeting of the State Board of Education and Wyoming Department of Education's duties and obligations. He requested that before February the members review the document in their packet and become familiar with it.

## LEGISLATIVE DIRECTION

Joe Reichardt requested the Board members give Mr. Micheli and his subcommittee legislative issues that they would like addressed. The members of the subcommittee include: Hugh Hageman, Scotty Ratliff and Ron Micheli

The next State Board of Education meeting will be on February 22 and 23, 2012 in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

The State Board of Education adjourned at 4:35 p.m.