

WYOMING STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
April 12, 2011
Holiday Inn Convention Center
Sheridan, Wyoming

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: Teresa Canjar, Wyoming Department of Education (WDE); Roger Clark, WDE; Jerry Zellars, WDE; Kevin Lewis, WDE; Fred Hansen, WDE; and John Shumway, Attorney General's Office (AG)

Press and public present: Carrie Hadenie, Sheridan Press

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Joe Reichardt called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Teresa Canjar conducted roll call and established that a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Changes to the agenda: Scotty Ratliff moved that the election of one of our members to legislative advisory committee be the first order of business, seconded by Hugh Hageman. Dana Mann-Tavegia moved to add changes to Policies of Governance to the agenda under Board Updates and Public Comment, seconded by Larry McGarvin, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the February 22, 2011 teleconference were presented for approval. Larry McGarvin moved that the minutes be approved, seconded by Sue Belish, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Larry McGarvin presented the treasurer's report ending March 31, 2011 with an ending balance of \$169,319.86. Scotty Ratliff moved to approve the treasurer's report as submitted, seconded by Sue Belish, motion carried.

BOARD UPDATES, PUBLIC COMMENT AND COMMITTEE WORK GROUP UPDATES

Larry McGarvin briefed the group on the Marine Corp Educators Workshop that he attended in San Diego, California (Pendleton) on February 22 through March 4. He was very impressed and highly recommended the experience.

Dana Mann-Tavaglia stated she was happy fifth grade band has been put back into her district's curriculum. She also said we should be proud of the children that sang at Carnegie hall.

Joe Reichardt briefed the group on the Legislative Conference he attended in March. He felt it was very beneficial because it was a joint session with CCSSO.

Members of the committee to make changes to the Policies of Governance are: Dana Mann-Tavegia, committee chair; Joe Reichardt; Larry McGarvin; and Matt Garland. This committee will recommend changes at the retreat. It was recommended we delete item 9 from Chapter 7, Method of Election of Officers.

Dana Mann-Tavegia moved to nominate Sue Belish as our representative for the Senate File 70 Advisory Committee, seconded by Kathy Coon. Scotty Ratliff moved to nominate Ron Micheli, seconded by Hugh Hageman. Ron Micheli declined the nomination. Larry McGarvin moved nomination ceased, seconded by Scotty Ratliff, motion carried. Sue Belish abstained. Congratulations Sue Belish!

STATE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Cindy Hill started the report by asking the group if they had any questions. Some topics of discussion were: PAWS, banking scores, pressures on teachers, lost teaching time because of assessments, PAWS testing for special education students, and assessment results being tied to the Hathaway scholarship. Cindy's focus is on instructional leadership. The board asked if they could take the PAWS test and Cindy said she would provide it for them.

VICE-CHAIR ELECTIONS

Joe Reichardt moved Dana Mann-Tavegia be nominated for Vice Chair, seconded by Sue Belish, motion carried. Joe Reichardt moved nominations cease, Pete Gosar seconded, motion carried. Dana Mann-Tavegia abstained. Congratulations Dana!

SET ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE

September 22-23, 2011 Vee Bar Guest Ranch (Laramie)
November 14-15, 2011 Casper
February 22-23, 2012 Cheyenne
April 25-26, 2012 (TOY)
June 11-12, 2012 Thermopolis

REVIEW/UPDATE STRATEGIC PLAN

Roger Clark discussed the strategic plan and reviewed the data reports that show our status. He feels it would be a good agenda item for the retreat because we will know more about the goals coming out of legislation and Superintendent Hill's initiatives. Joe Reichardt would like to establish a committee to work with the department to ensure both entities has ownership of the plan. Sue Belish would like the board to be more creative in what the goals will be in the future.

BOCES SERVICE AGREEMENTS

John Shumway reviewed the statute concerning BOCES/BOCHES agreements with the board. The six elements that must be present in a BOCES/BOCHES agreement are as follows:

- the length of term of the agreement;
- the rights, responsibilities and obligations of each participating district;

- the types of services to be rendered;
- the procedure for the establishment of additional services;
- the procedure for the inclusion of additional districts; and
- the method for the amendment and dissolution of the agreement with the consent of each participating district.

Dana Mann-Tavegia moved to approve the following BOCES/BOCHES agreements, Larry McGarvin seconded, motion carried.

- Oyster Ridge BOCES
- Powell Valley Community Education BOCES
- Western/Sublette No. 9 BOCES
- Uinta County School Dist #1 BOCES
- Uinta County School Districts 4 & 6 BOCES
- Central WY College BOCES/BOCHES
- Campbell County BOCES

LEGISLATIVE CHANGES

Fred Hansen, Roger, Clark and John Shumway reviewed the new legislation with the board.

Joe Reichardt would like to have a committee on the new legislation. He would like Sue Belish to be on the committee and have them report out at every meeting.

Joe Reichardt asked everyone to give some thought to the committees mentioned in the meeting and let him know which ones you would be interested in serving on.

The next Wyoming State Board of Education meeting will be June 16 and 17, 2011 in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

The State Board of Education adjourned at 2:30 p.m.