

WYOMING STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
September 23, 2011  
VeeBar Ranch  
Laramie, Wyoming

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

Members absent: Matt Garland and Kathy Coon

Also present: Teri Wigert, Wyoming Department of Education (WDE); Joe Baker, WDE; Linda Scott, WDE; Guy Jackson, WDE; Chelsie Bailey, WDE; Bill Pannell, WDE; Christine Steele, WDE; Sheryl Lain, WDE; and Marion Yoder, Attorney General's Office (AG)

Members of the Press and Public Present: Kathy Schewuman, Wyoming Education Association

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Joe Reichardt called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

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

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Joe Reichardt proposed that agenda item number 7, Review of Policy Manual and Recommendations be moved to the November meeting. Item number thirteen is proposed to be moved to item number 7. Item number 11 is proposed to be moved to take place after item 7.

Chairman called for approval of the amended agenda, Dana Mann-Tavegia moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Hugh Hageman, motion carried.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes from the July 29, 2011, State Board of Education meeting were presented for approval.

Sue Belish moved that the minutes be approved, seconded by Pete Gosar, motion carried.

### **APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Larry McGarvin presented the treasurer's report ending August 31, 2011 with an ending balance of \$120,896.77

Larry McGarvin proposed to the board that he or Joe Richardt have permission to make adjustments in the budget series. Scotty Ratliff proposed a motion to allow Joe Richardt and Larry McGarvin have the proper authority to make adjustments in the budget, Cindy Hill seconds motion, motion carried.

Ron Micheli moved to approve the treasurer's report as submitted and move the appropriate monies within the series, seconded by Sue Belish, motion carried.

## SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Cindy Hill discussed the Pearson settlement agreement and the technical difficulties with the administration of the tests. The previous administration put the settlement agreement together for \$5.1 million but waited until April to complete the agreement. All monies from settlement were given back to the legislature to distribute. Cindy stated she feels like she accomplished as much as she could with the contract. 2012 PAWS will be similar to 2011. RFP is moving forward for the 2013 assessment and reflects the EA 90 statute.

Cindy discussed the change in WDE monitoring of contracts and making sure that deliverables match the contract amount.

Cindy Hill explained the Teacher to Teacher and the 3+8 initiatives. She also discussed that the 2011 Summer Camp was put in place to keep the teachers in the classroom during the school year. The camp included a teacher and principle academy, and a technology portion.

## APPROVAL OF REVISED WYOMING CONTENT AND PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

Joe Reichardt proposes approval of the revised Wyoming Content and Performance Standards.

Dana Mann-Tavegia moves that given the Wyoming Department of Education has overseen a process for review of the Standards through multiple meetings, revisions, and public feedback, the 2011 Draft Revised Wyoming Content and Performance Standards be adopted by the State Board of Education. Scotty Ratliff seconds motion.

Sue Bellish requests that the motion be amended to include Health Education, Language Arts and Mathematics. Dana Mann- Tavegia moves and Scotty Ratliff seconded motion.

David Holbrook stated that the assessment has to be aligned to the standards. If the common core are adopted the assessment will have to be modified in some way to reflect the new standards. The current Assessment RFP addresses that any new standards adopted will have to be accounted for in the assessment.

Cindy assured the board that no matter what route is taken she would make sure the assessment questions are what is good for Wyoming students. We should have control and make these standards more rigorous. Wyoming should and can raise the bar for its students

Ron Micheli moved a motion that nothing in this action should be interpreted in any attempt to dictate curriculum other than by the State of Wyoming. Sue Belish adds that even if the Wyoming Content Standards are not adopted today that this statement should be included in other further standards adoptions.

Chairman brought motion forward from the table: Given the Wyoming Department of Education has overseen a process for review of the Standards through multiple meetings, revisions, and public feedback, the 2011 Draft Revised Wyoming Content and Performance Standards including Health Education, Language Arts and Mathematics be adopted by the State Board of Education. Motion is carried by board and Hugh Hageman opposes.

Ron Micheli moves a motion to include in following statement in the adoption of the 2011 Draft Revised Wyoming Content and Performance Standards; including Health Education, Language Arts, and Mathematics. That in no part of this action should it be interpreted as any attempt to dictate curriculum at the national or the state level. Motion is seconded by Sue Belish, motion is carried by the board.

Christine Steele and Marion Yoder notify the board that they will work together to prepare the appropriate documents for public comment.

#### **FINAL ORDER FOR THE WYOMING MILITARY ACADEMY**

Chairman stated that some minor changes have been made to the Final Order on the Wyoming Military Academy; all the changes that were made were regarding grammar and punctuation not content. The revised order has been signed and submitted. The board is notified by Marion Yoder that the academy is not going to appeal.

#### **ASSESSMENT RFP**

David Holbrook presented on the Wyoming Assessment RFP. March 2012 the contract ends for PAWS and PAWS ALT. David explained the timeline of the new RFP and what steps will be taken and what steps have been taken.

#### **BOCES/BOCHES AGREEMENTS**

The following agreement was presented by Joe Reichardt and was determined to contain the six elements required by statute by Robin Cooley at the Attorney General's Office.

Sue Belish moved to approve the following BOCES/BOCHES agreements, Larry McGarvin seconded, motion carried.

- Eastern Wyoming College

#### **BOARD UPDATES AND PUBLIC COMMENT**

Pete Gosar debriefed the group on the NASBE New Board Member Institute that he attended in Washington, D.C. Pete noted that it was very nice to meet people in similar situations as himself as a new board member.

Dana Mann-Tavegia debriefed the group on the NASBE Common Core conference she attended with Joe Reichardt in Las Vegas, Nevada. Dana feels like we are during our best and that while there Wyoming received kudos on the approach of the Common Core to the state.

The State Board of Education adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

The next State Board of Education meeting will take place in Cheyenne, Wyoming on November 17, 2011