

WYOMING STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
March 12, 2013
Sweetwater County School District #1 Board Room
Rock Springs, Wyoming

Wyoming State Board of Education members present: Ron Micheli, Kathy Coon, Lori Millin, Scotty Ratliff, Jim Rose, Sue Belish, Ken Rathbun, Pete Gosar, Belenda Willson, and Walt Wilcox

Members absent: Huge Hageman, Joe Reichardt and Cindy Hill

Also present:; Chelsie Bailey, WDE; Julie Magee, WDE; Shelly Andrews, WDE; Deb Lindsey, WDE; Senator Paul Barnard, Representative John Freeman, Paige Fenton-Hughes, SBE Coordinator; Kathy Scheurman, WEA; Joel Gallob, Rocket Miner; Kris Cundall, WAEMSP; John Masters, Superintendent's Office, Mackenzie Williams, Attorney General's Office (AG)

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ron Micheli called the meeting to order at 9:26 a.m.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Kathy Coon moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Lori Millin.

Pete Gosar moved to amend the agenda by moving the Hiring Firm Decision to take place right after the Treasurer's Report.

The motion to approve the amended agenda carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the February 4, 2013, State Board of Education meeting were presented for approval.

Scotty Ratliff moved that the minutes be approved, seconded by Sue Belish, Lori Millin and Ken Rathbun abstained, the motion carried.

Minutes from the February 11, 2013, State Board of Education teleconference were presented for approval.

Scotty Ratliff moved that the minutes be approved, seconded by Pete Gosar, Lori Millin and Ken Rathbun abstained, the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer for the Board, Pete Gosar, discussed with the Board a budget review handout. Pete noted that the cost for the search firm was not included in the Board's budget and discussed the other accounts and the remaining balances. He will include the information on those accounts in the next packet.

Pete Gosar moved to approve the Treasurer's Report with the ending balance of \$150,481.08 Belenda Willson seconded; the motion carried.

HIRING FIRM DECISION

Sue Belish moved that the State Board of Education accept Ray and Associates, Inc. as the firm to assist the Board in the search for the Wyoming Department of Education Director, Scotty Ratliff seconded, the motion carried unanimously.

Pete Gosar suggested that the Board select an alternate firm in case Ray and Associates is unable to accept the contract. The Board determined the alternate firm would be Dakota Consulting.

SBE CONTRACTS

John Masters, from the Superintendent's Office, presented to the Board via telephone regarding the Superintendent's concerns with the State Board of Education's contracts with Michael Beck and Alpine and the contractors not meeting the deliverables. The State Superintendent provided recommendations for better communication in a handout.

STATEWIDE ACCOUNTABILITY UPDATE

Jim Rose, interim director at WDE, introduced Dr. Jim Verley as the liaison to the State Board of Education from the Wyoming Department of Education. Jim Verley gave some information about himself to the Board.

Paige Fenton Hughes, SBE Coordinator, notified the Board that Ray and Associates Inc. will accept the contract from the State Board and the other firms have been notified they were not selected.

Paige Fenton Hughes reviewed legislation that was passed in the 2013 legislative session concerning the Board, specifically House Bill 72 and House Bill 91 which most affected the Board's work, Phase I and Phase II of Accountability.

Phase I of Accountability has the SBE working with the WDE to accomplish the tasks. A work plan will to be put together to include the SBE, WDE, LSO and the Governor's office. It was suggested that the Select Committee and the State Board work together to coordinate meetings around the same time so they can meet together.

Senator Paul Barnard added that the Legislature is confident the Board can handle the work.

SBE REGIONAL SUMMITS

Trustee Belish provided the Board information in their packets on regional summits. The purposes of these meetings are to measure how ready the districts are for the implementation of the Common Core Standards. She believes these meetings need to be limited to four or five themes and seven locations around the state to invite and encourage people to participate.

Jim Rose and Paige Fenton Hughes will create a plan with other outlines and submit them to the Board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

No committees had reports to share. Ron Micheli called for reassignments and formation of new committees.

CTE Committee: Hugh Hageman (chair) & Ron Micheli

Legislative Committee: Sue Belish (chair), Ken Rathbun, Lori Millin, Joe Reichardt & Scotty Ratliff

Search Committee: Sue Belish (chair) & Ron Micheli

Supervisory Committee: Kathy Coon (chair), Walt Wilcox, Pete Gosar, Scotty Ratliff & Sue Belish

Professional Judgment Panel: Sue Belish, Walt Wilcox & Kathy Coon

Advisory Committee: Sue Belish

P-16: Belenda Willson

NASBE: All members of the Board

CHAPTER 31 RULES

Julie Magee, WDE, reviewed the packet materials with the Board and provided them with two different options they could take to move forward with the rules promulgation. To either adopt the Chapter 31 Rules proposed on November 2, 2013, or to adopt the Rules she proposed that day, both options may be delayed due to legislative changes.

Shelly Andrews, WDE, updated the Board on the progress of the MOU with the University of Wyoming.

Julie Magee notified the Board that in the fall there will be another revision on Chapter 31 Rules to incorporate the remaining content standards.

Walt Wilcox moved that the State Board of Education give direction to the Wyoming Department of Education to further revise the Chapter 31 and Chapter 6 rules and to have the Department come back to the Board with specific suggestions on how to continue with the rules

promulgation, and have the Department provide guidance to the districts on the foreign language and fine and performing arts standards during the continuum. Seconded by Scotty Ratliff; the motion carried.

Julie Magee will come back to the Board with revisions on the Chapter 31 Rules during either its April or May meeting.

EXTENSION OF ETS CONTRACT

Deb Lindsey, WDE, updated the Board with information on the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) and gave a background overview for the new members.

Enterprise Technology Services is confident that by 2015 the Wyoming Equality Network (WEN) will become equal across all districts in the state.

The WDE is going to proceed with continued investigation and heightened involvement with SBAC. This will not be a simple process because statutes will have to be changed, but the results could streamline the effort and expenses would be substantially less.

HIRING FIRM DECISION

Ken Rathbun moved that the State Board of Education give authorization to Paige Fenton Hughes and Mackenzie Williams to negotiate a contract with Ray and Associates, Inc. with a \$35,000 base ceiling and a ceiling of \$30,000 for reimbursement of travel to assist the State Board in the search for a new director of the Wyoming Department of Education. Sue Belish seconded, the motion carried.

OTHER ISSUES, CONCERNS, DISCUSSION AND PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Rose updated the Board on the accountability work in the department and that they will be reporting to the Select Committee in May. A waiver request has been submitted on No Child Left Behind, 34 states have received a waiver, another 10 states have waivers submitted, and 6 states have not submitted a waiver, which are due April 15. Wyoming and Texas have received an extension.

Dr. Rose noted the WDE is moving forward and work is getting done, he is concerned, although, with being able to collect and report data. A data audit will be done by a third party to formulate a plan on how to manage the requirements that WDE requires from the districts.

CALENDAR ISSUES

Mackenzie Williams notified the Board that it is only required to meet quarterly by statute. The procedural manual created by the Board sets out the meeting scheduled, suggested to either continue with the set schedule or to revise the policy manual.

The Board agreed to move the May meeting to May 16-17, 2013 in Casper. For the April 8th teleconference the WEN will be scheduled for use by the Board members.

No public comment was given.

Ron Micheli moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ken Rathbun; the motion carried.

The State Board of Education adjourned at 3:31 p.m.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for a teleconference on April 8, 2013