

WYOMING STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
May 17, 2012  
Teleconference

Wyoming State Board of Education members present: Dana Mann-Tavegia, Ron Micheli, Pete Gosar, Matt Garland, Hugh Hageman, Scotty Ratliff, Joe Reichardt, Belenda Willson, Kathy Coon, Cindy Hill, represented by John Masters, and Sue Belish

Members Absent: Walt Wilcox

Also present: John Masters; WDE; Chelsie Bailey, WDE; Paul Williams, WDE; Sam Shumway, WDE; Kathy Scheurman; WEA, Mike Flicek, LSO; and Mackenzie Williams, Attorney General's Office (AG)

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#### CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Joe Reichardt called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

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

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dana Mann-Tavegia moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Sue Belish; the motion carried.

Hugh Hageman moved to amend the agenda by moving agenda item number 7 between agenda items 3 and 4. Sue Belish seconded; the motion carried.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the April 27, 2012, State Board of Education meeting were presented for approval.

Sue Belish moved that the minutes be approved, seconded by Kathy Coon, the motion carried.

Sue Belish requested that the WDE present a strategic plan to support instruction and assessment in alignment with the state accountability system at the Board's June meeting, .

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mackenzie Williams notified that Board that state statue permits the Board to enter into executive session when discussing the appointment of personnel, if the Board so chooses to do so.

Sue Belish made a motion for the Board to go into executive session to discuss the employment of personnel, Dana Mann-Tavegia seconded; the motion carried.

The Board entered executive session at 1:39 p.m.

Dana Mann- Tavegia moved to exit executive session, seconded by Sue Belish; the motion carried.

The Board exited executive session at 2:02 p.m.

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

#### SBE HIRING DECISION

John Masters was appointed by Cindy Hill to represent her during this meeting.

Sue Belish moved that after reviewing more than thirty applications and interviewing five candidates the hiring subcommittee, Pete Gosar, Scotty Ratliff, and Sue Belish recommend Dr. Paige Fenton-Hughes for the position of the State Board of Education Coordinator. Pete Gosar seconded. Dana Mann- Tavegia requested a roll call vote be taken.

Joe Reichardt- Yes

Ron Micheli- Yes

Pete Gosar- Yes

Matt Garland- Yes

Sue Belish- Yes

Kathy Coon- Yes

Belenda Willson- Yes

Hugh Hageman- No

Dana Mann-Tavegia- Yes

Scotty Ratliff-Yes

John Masters on the behalf of Cindy Hill- No

The motion carried.

Sue Belish suggested that a subcommittee be appointed for supervision. Chairman for the Board, Joe Reichardt, is going to take the suggestion under advisement and requested that several members be on the committee. If any Board member wished to be on the supervision subcommittee he/she should send Joe Reichardt an email and he would let the Board know in a couple days who will be on the subcommittee.

Sue Belish noted that the start date is contingent on the contract being offered and signed. This process would take a week or more, she said. The SBE hiring committee is responsible for seeing that process through.

#### CONTRACT AMENDMENT PREPERATION FOR THE ETS CONTRACT

John Masters reviewed the packet materials with the Board.

John Masters, on behalf of Cindy Hill, moved that the Wyoming Department of Education engage in negotiations with Educational Testing Service (ETS) to amend the existing contract for purposes of increasing the scope of work to include a re-evaluation of performance standards for all grades consistent with the adoption of new content and performance standards by the Wyoming Board of Education. Sue Belish seconded; the motion carried.

John Masters, on behalf of Cindy Hill, moved that the Wyoming Department of Education engage in negotiations with Educational Testing Service (ETS) to amend the existing contract for purposes of increasing the scope of work to include a review and development if necessary of item types and test blueprint for the Proficiency Assessments for Wyoming Students. Sue Belish seconded; the motion carried.

Sue Belish moved that the State Board of Education direct the Wyoming Department of Education to amend the contract with ACT prior to its expiration on June 30, 2012, to provide services that fulfill the requirements as statutory language in SF00057 pursuant to the college readiness and entrance exams. Scotty Ratliff seconded.

Sue Belish outlined her reasoning for her proposed motion. John Masters discussed the possible paths of an RFP or an amendment to the ACT contract. Paul Williams noted that he believed the way to get the best instrument was to do a request for proposal. Sue Belish would like to continue with the ACT for the upcoming year and then do a request for proposal.

The motion was amended to include a one year extension for the ACT. Seconded by Dana Mann-Tavegia; the motion carried.

John Masters, on behalf of Cindy Hill, moved that consistent with Chapter 101, Session laws 2012 (Enrolled Act 65), the Wyoming Department of Education engage in negotiations with Educational Testing Service (ETS) to amend the existing contract for purposes of increasing the scope of work to create an assessment tool consistent with law, including without limitation, the development of the State-wide Assessment of Student Writing (SAWS) consistent with Wyoming content and performance standards, the development of multiple measures and item types, the assessment of writing and language, the creation of trend data, the establishment of standards for the single-prompt writing assessment, and the redesign of score reports. Dana Mann-Tavegia seconded; the motion carried.

John Masters, on behalf of Cindy Hill, moved that consistent with Section 3 of Chapter 101, Session laws 2012 (Enrolled Act 65), once a college entrance examination vendor is identified and under contract, then the Wyoming Department of Education take such steps as are required by the United States Department of Education to amend its accountability workbook, including peer review process and, if required, negotiation and contracting with content a validity specialist to analyze, determine and report on whether the college entrance examination procured by the state aligns with the content and performance standards of the State Board, and to identify and formulate a recommendation for addressing gaps between the assessment tool and the standards. Further, that the Wyoming Department of Education continue to administer the 11<sup>th</sup> grade portion of PAWS until the accountability workbook is approved without that test. Sue Belish seconded.

Sue Belish moved to amend the motion. Sue Belish moved that consistent with Section 3 of Chapter 101, Session laws 2012 (Enrolled Act 65) The WDE take such steps as required by the United States Department of Education to amend its accountability workbook, including peer review process and engage a content validity specialist to analyze, determine and report on whether the ACT examination aligns with the content and performance standards of State Board, and to identify and a formulate recommendation for addressing gaps between the

assessment tool and the standards. Further, that the Wyoming Department of Education continue to administer the 11<sup>th</sup> grade portion of PAWS until the accountability workbook is approved without that test. Kathy Coon seconded; the motion carried.

John Masters, on behalf of Cindy Hill, moved that consistent with Section 3 of Chapter 101, Session laws 2012 (Enrolled Act 65), and upon completion of the content validity analysis, and if necessary, then the Wyoming Department of Education engage in negotiations with Educational Testing Service (ETS) to amend the existing contract for purposes of increasing the scope of work to include a Wyoming assessment supplement to be administered with the college entrance examination to augment the standardized examination so that Wyoming will remain in compliance with federal law. Dana Mann-Tavegia seconded; the motion carried.

John Masters, on behalf of Cindy Hill, moved that the Wyoming Department of Education, if recommended by the Wyoming Attorney General for compliance with law, engage in negotiations with Educational Testing Service (ETS) to amend the existing contract for purposes of increasing the scope of work to include development of a general and a writing assessment consistent with requirements of federal law for assessing the alternative population of Wyoming students. Pete Gosar seconded, Scotty Ratliff opposed; the motion carried.

#### REQUEST FROM SBE TO AG REGARDING GUIDANCE ON ALTERNATIVE ASSESSMENT REQUIRMENTS

Joe Reichardt proposed to approve authorization requesting the Wyoming Department of Education to seek advice on the Alternative Assessment requirements and contract (s) from the Attorney General and request the Wyoming Department of Education to develop a plan of action based on the recommendation from the Attorney General. Sue Belish moved the motion, Pete Gosar seconded; the motion carried.

#### COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMINATION RFP

John Masters stated the agenda item was no longer necessary because of a previous motion and vote in agenda item number 4.

The State Board of Education adjourned at 3:11 p.m.

The next State Board of Education meeting will be on June 11 and 12, 2012 in Thermopolis, Wyoming.