

WYOMING STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

May 30, 2013

Hathaway Building, Room 126
2300 Capitol Ave, Cheyenne

Wyoming State Board of Education members present: Ron Micheli, Kathy Coon, Scotty Ratliff, Jim Rose, Sue Belish, Hugh Hageman, Christine Steele (proxy for Cindy Hill), Ken Rathbun, Joe Reichardt, Pete Gosar, Belenda Willson, and Walt Wilcox

Also present: Chelsie Bailey, WDE; Deb Lindsey, WDE; Jim Verley, WDE; Dianne Frazer, WDE; Paige Fenton-Hughes, SBE Coordinator; Kathy Scheurman, WEA; Carol Illian, WDE; Dianne Bailey, WDE; Annette Bohling, AdvancED; and Mackenzie Williams, Attorney General's Office (AG)

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ron Micheli called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Sue Belish moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Scotty Ratliff; the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the May 8, 2013, State Board of Education meeting were presented for approval.

Scotty Ratliff moved that the minutes be approved, seconded by Sue Belish; the motion carried.

SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE

Kathy Coon, chairman for the Supervisory Committee, presented the Board with information on an executive director permanent position for the Board. The Supervisory Committee agreed that there is value in having a permanent employee and reviewed the supportive documentation provided in the packet. The Board also reviewed the responsibilities and job tasks of the requested position.

Jim Rose notified the Board that this position would have to be included in the Wyoming Department of Education's budget and there might be some concerns with the additional funding required for the position.

WDE UPDATES

Jim Verley, liaison to the State Board of Education from the WDE, discussed with the Board that the Department has been working hard getting out memos to the districts and WDE employees are settling in after the office moves. The department is moving forward very effectively and coherently.

SBE UPDATE

Paige Fenton Hughes, SBE Coordinator, discussed her updated information memo that was provided in the Board packet.

She also notified the Board that information has been sent out to the Professional Judgment Panel and to possible ELL and Special Education representatives regarding their availability and willingness to participate on the panel. The Board's committee for the PJP will need to meet and make a few selections.

FISCAL INFORMATION

Dianne Bailey, WDE, presented the Board with a fiscal projection of the Board's current budget and shared with the Board treasurer that if the Board runs out of funds before the next biennium, the WDE would be able to cover the funds with a B-11 process.

The Board was also made aware that it needs to prepare a budget request for the 2015-2016 biennium, which will be due to the WDE by June 28. May Kay Hill, Governor's office, noted that she believes the Legislature will work with the Board on funding depending on what projects need to be done, but also, thought there would be some challenges with funding a permanent position and recurring projects.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer for the Board, Pete Gosar, reported to the Board that the newly established member salary and the director search cost have eaten up a lot of the budget; money has been moved into different series within the budget to cover those costs.

The Board reviewed its current budget authority process. Scotty Ratliff moved to continue with the budget approval as listed: The first level of \$750 would be at the Department's discretion to spend on behalf of the Board. The second level would require approval from the Board Officers to spend between \$750 and \$2,000. Any amount above \$2,000 would need approval from majority of the Board. Walt Wilcox seconded; the motion carried.

CONTINUATION OF SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE

Kathy Coon notified the Board that the Supervisory Committee had reviewed Paige Fenton Hughes contract and thanked Paige for all her assistance.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Sue Belish, chairwoman for the legislative committee, presented a draft legislative agenda. Sue would like additional groups to have input on the agenda as well, such as the governor and the new director.

The Board discussed the legislative priorities.

Sue Belish moved that the first legislative priority be amended to state, "Ensuring that all Wyoming children have quality early learning experiences, understanding that families are the first and most important teachers in a child's life." Seconded by Pete Gosar; the motion carried.

Jill Bramlet, the interim executive director of the P-16 Council, reported that the Council recently got together and developed goals and the Council will be working on early childhood. During its June meeting the Council will be meeting with the Early Childhood Council, and it is the goal of the P-16 Council to continue to partner with other councils and groups around the state.

Trustee Belish felt that the second legislative priority was more of a place holder and that the Board will have to adopt something in the future.

The third priority, "Establishing an Executive Director position for the State Board of Education" was removed from the list and the Supervisory Committee will be drafting a letter to WDE Director and the Governor.

The Board reviewed the fourth legislative priority.

The legislative priorities were moved forward by the Board.

INTERIM STUDY INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

Dave Nelson, Legislative Service Office, wanted to address the Board on its other duties besides the work on accountability. If the Board would ever like a spot on any legislative committee agendas, LSO would ensure the Board would be a part of the discussion.

The Board thanks Dave Nelson and LSO for working together with the Board.

Upcoming legislative committee meeting dates: July 15-16, 2013 in Riverton, October 22-25, 2013 in Cheyenne, possibly September 10 or 11, 2013 and December 10-11, 2013 in Cheyenne.

CONTINUATION OF COMMITTEE REPORTS

SEARCH COMMITTEE

The committee will release later today the agendas for the Executive Director interviews with the names of all the candidates. There were 84 applications for the position; there were 315 contacts with people by the search firm. The interview schedule will consist of four interviews on Friday and two on Saturday.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Sue Belish notified the Board that the Advisory Committee met on Tuesday. The Committee is really dealing with phase II of accountability work and the focus of the last meeting was about the state model for teacher evaluation. A teleconference is scheduled for June 28 for the Committee. The next piece the committee will be focusing on is leader evaluation.

EXISTING RULES

Trustee Belish explained that Governor Mead has requested that all agencies look at their existing rules and re-evaluate their relevance. Mackenzie Williams, attorney for the Board, provided an outline of how the committee would like to proceed in the packet. This is a two-step process; determine what rules are required by statute to be rules and what rules may need to be revised. The committee would like to have the preparation done by the middle of August and then ideally have a larger group of members assist in making a recommendation to the Board.

Sue Belish believed that the Department's input on these rules is crucial and would also like to include input from superintendents. Also, Trustee Belish requested that Ken Rathbun and Walt Wilcox join the Rules Committee.

Mackenzie Williams believes that this process will result in cleaner and more efficient rules.

SMARTER BALANCED ASSESSMENT CONSORTIUM

Deb Lindsey, WDE, referred to the Action Summary Sheet suggesting the Board move to establish Wyoming as a governing state in the Smarter Balanced Consortium and briefly reviewed the background with the Board.

Deb Lindsey notified the Board that becoming a governing state would allow Wyoming to be a voting member of the consortium and will also allow Wyoming teachers the opportunity to attend conferences. Also, there is no financial obligation in becoming a governing member.

Kathy Coon moved that the Wyoming Department of Education, on behalf of the State Board of Education, proceed with establishing Wyoming as a Governing State in the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium, seconded by Joe Reichardt; the motion carried.

CERTIFIED PERSONNEL EVALUATION SYSTEMS

Carol Illian, WDE, reminded the Board that State statute requires that all certified personnel evaluation systems be approved by the Board, and recommended that the Board approve the remaining eight districts.

Sue Belish moved that the State Board of Education approve the complete Certified Personnel Evaluation Systems for Albany CSD #1, Big Horn CSD #1, Crook CSD #1, Fremont CSD #25, Fremont CSD #38, Laramie CSD #2, Lincoln CSD #2, and Weston CSD #7. Seconded by Pete Gosar.

Ken Rathbun abstained from voting.

The motion carried.

ALPINE TESTING SOLUTIONS AND MIKE BECK CONTRACTS

Paige Fenton Hughes requested the Board approve the motion provided in the packet.

Ken Rathbun moved to approve the contracts with Dr. Michael Beck and Alpine Testing Solutions, Inc, seconded by Sue Belish; the motion carried.

ADVANCED

Annette Bohling, chief accreditation officer at AdvancEd, presented to the Board information on AdvancEd accreditation worldwide and within the state of Wyoming.

ACCREDITATION

Dianne Frazer, WDE, discussed with the Board the accreditation process and reviewed information provided in the Board packet. The WDE has reviewed all the districts and she suggested accreditation recommendations for each district.

Scotty Ratliff moved that the following Wyoming school districts be granted full accreditation:

Albany CSD #1	Fremont CSD #1	Laramie CSD #2	Platte CSD #2	Uinta CSD #6
Big Horn CSD #1	Fremont CSD #2	Lincoln CSD #1	Sheridan CSD #2	Washakie CSD #1
Big Horn CSD #2	Fremont CSD #6	Lincoln CSD #2	Sublette CSD #1	Washakie CSD #2
Big Horn CSD #3	Fremont CSD #14	Natrona CSD #1	Sublette CSD #9	Weston CSD #1
Big Horn CSD #4	Fremont CSD #24	Niobrara CSD #1	Sweetwater CSD #1	
Campbell CSD #1	Fremont CSD #25	Park CSD #1	Sweetwater CSD #2	
Carbon CSD #2	Goshen CSD #1	Park CSD #6	Teton CSD #1	
Converse CSD #1	Hot Springs CSD #1	Park CSD #16	Uinta CSD #1	
Converse CSD #2	Johnson CSD #1	Platte CSD #1	Uinta CSD #4	

Seconded by Pete Gosar; the motion carried.

Scotty Ratliff moved that the following Wyoming school districts be granted accreditation with follow-up:

Carbon CSD #1	Sheridan CSD #1
Crook CSD #1	Sheridan CSD #3
Fremont CSD #21	Weston CSD #7
Fremont CSD #38	

Seconded by Pete Gosar, Ken Rathbun abstained; the motion carried.

Dianne Frazer gave background on the institutional schools accreditation and presented suggested accreditation for each institutional school.

Scotty Ratliff moved that the following Wyoming institutional schools be granted full accreditation:

Big Horn Basin Children's Center (Northwest BOCES)
Colter High School (Wyoming Boys' School)
C-V Ranch (Region V BOCES)
Mae Olson Education Center (Cathedral Home for Children) Normative Services
Powder River Basin Children's Center (Northeast BOCES)
Red Top Meadows
St. Joseph's Children's Home
Southeast Wyoming Juvenile Center (formerly Jeffrey C. Wardle Academy) Wyoming
Behavioral Institute
Wyoming Girls' School
Youth Emergency Services, Inc.

Seconded by Ken Rathbun; the motion carried.

OTHER ISSUES, CONCERNS, DISCUSSION AND PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was given.

The next State Board of Education meeting will be called after a candidate is selected for the WDE executive director position. The June 10 teleconference is cancelled.

The State Board of Education adjourned at 3:39 p.m.