

WYOMING STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
July 16, 2012
Teleconference

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

Wyoming State Board of Education members absent: Matt Garland

Also present: Chelsie Bailey, WDE; Kevin Lewis, WDE; Christine Steele, WDE; Sheryl Lain, WDE; Sam Shumway, WDE; Fred Hansen, WDE; Elaine Marces, WDE; Mary Kay Hill, Governor's Office; Paige Fenton-Hughes, SBE; and Mackenzie Williams, Attorney General's Office (AG)

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Joe Reichardt called the meeting to order at 3:02 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 Pete Gosar; the motion carried.

Cindy Hill moved to amend the agenda, to move item number five before item number four. Joe Reichardt seconded; the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the June 12, 2012, State Board of Education meeting was presented for approval.

Scotty Ratliff moved that the minutes be approved; seconded by Dana Mann-Tavegia; the motion carried.

MOU WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING

Kevin Lewis from the Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) presented the Board with the potential Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Education

and the University of Wyoming. This MOU would be funded by monies that previously funded the Body of Evidence (BoE) requirements. The current amount for BoE\$400,000; the presented MOU is for \$316,800. The sum of the contract was determined through negotiations between the University and the Department of Education. The MOU has been discussed with both the Dean of the University of Wyoming and the Governor's office. Kevin Lewis states the purpose of the agreement is to look at strengthening district assessment systems and bringing districts together around strong assessments; part of this work is required by Enrolled Act 65. Kevin Lewis informed the Board that the term of the contract would be for two years, which was necessary to allow the Board to have guidance and direction on district assessment formats.

Scotty Ratliff requested to be notified of the progress and milestones reached within the MOU. John Masters will present this information quarterly to the Board. Joe Reichardt requested that the Department Liaison for the Board communicate with the State Board of Education Coordinator weekly on that progress.

POSSIBLE CONTRACTS FOR EA65

Paige Fenton Hughes, the State Board of Education Coordinator, presented the Board with two possible contracts with Alpine Testing Solutions and Dr. Michael D. Beck for the Board to comply with Enrolled Act 65. The contract with Dr. Michael Beck would be in the amount of \$35,850 and he would facilitate the Professional Judgment Panel for the Board. The proposed amount for the Alpine Testing Solutions contract is for \$48,400 and the contractor would assist with the End of Course assessments. Paige Fenton-Hughes notified that Board that there is money in the State Board of Education budget to fund these contracts if the WDE and SBE cannot agree on the funding stream.

Dana Mann-Tavegia moved the State Board of Education request the Wyoming Department of Education to execute a contract with Dr. Michael D. Beck to act as a consultant in leading the Professional Judgment Panel work in determining school performance levels. Seconded by Kathy Coon; the motion carried.

Sam Shumway, attorney at the Wyoming Department of Education, questioned if the procurement process were followed with the contracts. He discussed that the Wyoming Department of Education budgets and expenditures had been scrutinized and as the fiscal agent of the contracts the Department needed to be careful to administer the correct processes.

Sue Belish moved the State Board of Education request the Wyoming Department of Education to execute a contract with Alpine Testing Solutions Inc. to lead a study in end of course assessments as described in the Wyoming Accountability in Education act, EA65. Seconded by Dana Mann-Tavegia; the motion carried.

CHAPTER 18 REVISIONS

Elaine Marces from the WDE requested the State Board refer to correspondence dated May 17, 2012, regarding the Board allow the WDE to revise Chapter 18 Rules and Regulation for Private non-religious schools. Additionally, Elaine Marces requested the Board provide guidance and/or recommendations relative to the information the Board would like included in the private non-religious K-12 school annual reporting.

Sue Belish moved that the State Board of Education recommend annual reporting requirements and direct the Wyoming Department of Education to begin the formal rule promulgation process for permanent Chapter 18 Rules & Regulations Governing Private Non-Religious Elementary and Secondary Schools. Seconded by Kathy Coon; the motion carried.

The State Board of Education adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for a teleconference on August 6, 2012.