

WYOMING STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
August 29, 2012
Teleconference

Wyoming State Board of Education members present: Joe Reichardt, Scotty Ratliff, Kathy Coon, Cindy Hill, Sue Belish, Matt Garland, Dana Mann-Tavegia and Walt Wilcox

Wyoming State Board of Education members absent: Ron Micheli, Pete Gosar, Belenda Willson and Hugh Hageman

Also present: Chelsie Bailey, WDE; Drew Dilly, WDE; Christine Steele, WDE; Sam Shumway, WDE; Julie Magee, WDE; Megan Miesen, WDE; Paige Fenton-Hughes, SBE; and Mackenzie Williams, Attorney General's Office (AG)

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Joe Reichardt called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Walt Wilcox moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Cindy Hill; the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the July 16, 2012, State Board of Education meeting was presented for approval.

Dana Mann-Tavegia moved that the minutes be approved, seconded by Matt Garland; the motion carried

Minutes from the August 6, 2012, State Board of Education meeting was presented for approval.

Dana Mann-Tavegia moved that the minutes be approved, seconded by Matt Garland; the motion carried

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION COORDINATOR REPORT

Paige Fenton Hughes, State Board of Education Coordinator, thanked Rebecca Glasgow and Chelsie Bailey for their assistance in the set up of the End Of Course

study group (EOC) and the Professional Judgment Panel (PJP) meetings. For the end of course assessment study, Alpine Testing Solutions has set up a work plan. The work will be divided into two phases and an outline on what they intend the report to look like has been prepared. The End of Course study group has been assembled, which consist of 15 people who will be meeting with Alpine Testing Solutions on September 5-6, 2012 and October 11-12, 2012. The group consists of education people from across the state, and includes: local school board members, teachers, instructional coaches, and administrators.

Paige Fenton-Hughes notified the Board that the meeting dates for the Professional Judgment Panel are October 2-4, 2012 in Casper. In the Board's scheduled teleconference on October 9, 2012, Paige Fenton-Hughes will present the final report to the Board for approval.

PROFESSIONAL JUDGMENT PANEL AND EOC TRAVEL

Paige Fenton-Hughes asked the Board to approve the travel memorandum of agreements (MOA's) for the members of the PJP and EOC that require reimbursement of travel expenses. She also requested the Board to approve the funding of the MOAs and the meeting costs to come out of the 7(d) funds.

Sue Belish moved to approve the appropriate MOAs for members of the Professional Judgment Panel for travel reimbursement and to approve the expenditure of funds to cover incidental meeting costs for the EOC and PJP meetings with all funds to be allocated from the WAEA Section 7(d) funds, seconded by Dana Mann-Tavegia; the motion carried.

AWEC CONTRACT FOR ASSISTANCE TO THE ACCOUNTABILITY PROJECT

John Masters discussed the current At Will Employee Contract for Rebecca Glasgow, which had been acquired by the Department before there was the Select Committee clarification on the 7(d) funds. John Masters stated that the Department felt the AWEC employee could continue to be of service to the State Board and would like to propose to the Board to continue her contract through October 15, 2012, with the revision of the scope of work within her contract to reflect the change in the relationship.

Dana Mann-Tavegia moved that the State Board of Education approve an amendment by substitution of the revised Attachment B for the existing Attachment B of the AWEC contract, seconded by Kathy Coon.

Sue Belish, chair of the Supervisory Committee, expressed that Rebecca Glasgow's work in accountability was very helpful and necessary for the Board and the WDE, especially in how it relates to data and the Professional Judgment Panel.

The motion carried.

DATA GATHERING FOR THE PROFESSIONAL JUDGMENT PANEL

Rebecca Glasgow, from the Wyoming Department of Education, presented to the Board her new roles and responsibilities. She will assist Paige Fenton-Hughes and Dr. Michael Beck with gathering data and information for the Professional Judgment Panel. The data that will be collected pertains to achievement, growth, college and career readiness and any business rules, calculations, and reporting procedures and definitions. Additional efforts provided by Rebecca Glasgow will be assisting in the preparation of PJP documents, memorandum of agreements, and will provide any other information or assistance that is needed by the State Board of Education, Paige Fenton-Hughes, Dr. Michael Beck, or Chelsie Bailey.

DISITRICT ASSESSMENT SYSTEMS

Cindy Hill discussed with the Board the Chapter 31 line veto that removed the wording "Body of Evidence". The WDE has invoked some responses from the districts as to what that entails. Mackenzie Williams and Samuel Shumway have been working on Chapter 31 and the veto, along with Julie Magee, and they have prepared a Superintendents Memo that will be released as soon as possible. During the retreat the Department will have more specifics on the district assessments, the language that has been removed from Chapter 31 and how the Department is working alongside the districts responding to this change.

The State Board of Education received a letter from the Wyoming Curriculum Directors with questions regarding the change in wording; Paige Fenton-Hughes will draft a response to that letter with an invitation to the meeting in September. Cindy Hill and Sue Belish would like to respond to the letter together.

Sam Shumway noted that Mackenzie Williams, WDE staff and himself have thought about the possible need for emergency rules to address the line item veto and it does not appear at this time that there is any substantial affect from the veto that might require emergency rules.

Cindy Hill stated she will keep the Board notified on what the WDE is doing and invited the members to participate in the process. If Board members are interested in participating, please contact Julie Magee or Mackenzie Williams.

Chairman for the Board, Joe Reichardt, called for motion to adjourn the meeting. Sue Belish moved, seconded by Dana Mann-Tavegia; the motion carried.

The State Board of Education meeting adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for September 26-27, 2012 in Jackson, Wyoming