

WYOMING STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

March 17- 18, 2015

Carbon CSD #2 Boardroom

315 North 1st Street, Saratoga

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

Members absent: Hugh Hageman, Nate Breen & Jillian Balow

Also present: Chelsie Oaks, WDE; Kathy Scheurman, WEA; Bill Pannell, WDE; Laurie Hernandez, WDE; Brent Young, WDE; Paige Fenton Hughes, SBE Coordinator; Mackenzie Williams, Attorney General's Office (AG)

WORK SESSION

Students from the Saratoga Middle School presented to the Board on the tech program they are involved in and how the program has had a positive effect on the whole community.

SCIENCE STANDARDS

The Board discussed the pros and cons of starting completely over with science standards.

Miss Carbon County, Jessica Dyk, gave public comment in support of the Board adopting the Next Generation Science Standards.

Belenda Willson moved to adopt the Next Generation Science Standards that were proposed to the Board in April 2014 and begin the public comment period. Kathryn Sessions seconded.

Kathryn Sessions requested an amendment to the motion. Trustee Willson denied any amendments to her motion.

The Board discussed the need for more transparency and input from the public on the standards and the standards process.

A roll call vote was taken

Pete Gosar- No
Kathy Coon- No
Ken Rathubun- No

Ron Micheli- No
Sue Belish- No
Scotty Ratliff- No
Kathryn Sessions- No
Walt Wilcox- No
Belenda Willson- Yes

The motion failed.

Walt Wilcox moved that a process be established that would reengage a science standards committee. The committee would use the work of the previous science standards committee and would add additional resources. Public input would be given before the standards recommendation goes to the Board. Additionally, the committee will expand to include additional membership to insure quality science standards.

Scotty Ratliff seconded, a roll call vote was taken:

Pete Gosar- Yes
Kathy Coon- Yes
Ken Rathubun- Yes
Ron Micheli- Yes
Sue Belish- Yes
Scotty Ratliff- Yes
Kathryn Sessions- Yes
Walt Wilcox- Yes
Belenda Willson- Yes

The motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Belish moved that the SBE direct the WDE to establish a narrative communication committee to support the science standards review committee in developing the narrative surrounding the support of implementing the standards, Ken Rathbun seconded; the motion carried.

BUSINESS SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Pete Gosar called the meeting to order at 5:14 p.m.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Kathy Coon moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Sue Belish; the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the October 9, 2014 & February 6, 2015 State Board of Education meetings were presented for approval.

Scotty Ratliff moved that the minutes be approved, seconded by Ron Micheli; the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer for the Board, Kenny Rathbun, reviewed the budgets with the Board and discussed a necessary budget revision of moving \$5,000 out of the 900 series and into the 100 series to cover the expense of Employer Paid Benefits.

Ron Micheli moved to approve the Treasurer's Report with the ending balance of \$547,358.02, Sue Belish seconded; the motion carried.

MINDMIXER

SBE Coordinator, Paige Fenton Hughes, reviewed the information provided in the packet on the cost of using MindMixer as an internet platform. The Board needs to decide if it is moving forward with this initiative. Sue Belish noted that she felt the program was a good way to engage people. Paige Fenton Hughes noted that the Board might have to put out a request for proposal for this specific contract.

It was determined that the Board is not able to take a vote on this agenda item. The decision was tabled for a later meeting.

PJP FACILITATOR

Paige Fenton Hughes reviewed with the Board the previous year's contract with Dr. Michael Beck to facilitate the Professional Judgment Panel (PJP).

Ron Micheli asked that since the PJP has done this work in the past, shouldn't the contract be less. Paige responded that it is the same amount of work for the facilitator.

Walt Wilcox moved to approve the contract for Dr. Michael Beck, seconded by Kathy Coon.

The motion carried; Scotty Ratliff opposed.

WYOMING SCHOOL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Bill Pannell, WDE, presented to the SBE earlier in the morning regarding the Wyoming School Comprehensive Plan

Kathryn Sessions moved to adopt the comprehensive plan that was proposed and developed by the Wyoming Department of Education and AdvancED as fulfillment of the statutory requirements in W.S. 21-2-204(f) for reduction of duplicative information and for administration and as a part of district accreditation. Seconded by Ken Rathbun; the motion carried.

HOT SPRINGS CSD #1 BOCES AGREEMENT

Mackenzie Williams, attorney for the Board, presented the proposed Hot Springs Early Childhood Board of Cooperative Educational Services agreement and expressed that he felt that the agreement meets the minimum statute requirements for a BOCES agreement.

Scotty Ratliff moved to approve the Hot Springs BOCES agreement presented to the Board, seconded by Belenda Willson; the motion carried.

NEXT MEETINGS

The Next State Board of Education meeting could be in June in Sheridan to coincide with the Joint Education Committee. The meeting date is not final but the SBE Coordinator will update the Board when it is.

Sue Belish noted that the Assessment Task Force selection committee will need to meet. March 30, 2015 was decided to be the best date to hold that committee meeting.

The Assessment Task Force committee is made up Kathryn Sessions, Sue Belish, Pete Gosar, Kathy Coon and Nate Breen.

Scotty Ratliff moved to give the committee full authority to make the selection of the Assessment Task Force on behalf of the Board. Sue Belish seconded; the motion carried.

The State Board of Education adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

MARCH 18 2015

The Wyoming State Board of Education convened at 8:20 a.m. and participated in the Collaborative Council. Superintendent Balow was in attendance.

SBE COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

The Board discussed the need for essential committees, but agreed that the Board should not to have more committees than necessary. The SBE Coordinator will assist in setting up the committee meetings. The committee chair will report out at each SBE meeting. The Board created the following committees with membership.

The Administrative Committee: Belenda Willson, WDE, Sue Belish, Ron Micheli, and Pete Gosar

Accountability Committee: Kathryn Session, Walt Wilcox, WDE and Kathy Coon

Communication/Standards Committee: Nate Breen, WDE, Scotty, Kenny, Michael Day and Jim Rose

Superintendent Balow informed the Board that there will be a new communications director at the Department and the WDE Leadership will be reorganizing the Communications Division. She extended an invitation to collaborate on some communication pieces so there is not duplication of work between the SBE and WDE.

It was determined that the Board will need to hold a teleconference to discuss more in depth about how the Assessment Task Force will run and what the goals are for that group. Dr. Scott Marion will be facilitating the task force and will need to be apart of the teleconference to give further information.

The meeting adjourned at 2:01 p.m.