

WYOMING STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
June 16, 2010
Fremont County School District #25 Board Room
Riverton, Wyoming

Wyoming State Board members present: Phil Orton, Bill Anthony, Norine Kasperik, Jan Torres, Sandra Barton, Mike Hejmanek, Dana Mann-Tavegia, Mary Kay Hill, WDE (designee for Jim McBride), and Joe Reichardt

Wyoming State Board members absent: Matt Garland, Larry McGarvin, and Jim McBride

Also present: Joe Simpson, Wyoming Department of Education (WDE); Teresa Canjar, WDE; Alan Moore, WDE; Margie Simineo, WDE; Dianne Frazer WDE; Teri Wigert, WDE; Tom Martin, WDE; Joy Mockelmann, WDE; Tim Lockwood, WDE; and John Shumway, Attorney General's Office (AG)

Members of the Press and Public Present: Mike Bowman, Albany County School District #1; Sarah King, Occupational Therapy Association; Kathy Scheurman, Wyoming Education Association; Jean Peterson, Washakie County School District #2; Larry Reznicek, Campbell County School District #1; Teresa Chaulk, Lincoln County School District #1; Pam Shea, Teton County School District #1; Shawn Powell, Wyoming School Psychology Association; Dr. Bob Bayuk, Wyoming School Psychology Association; Joe Palladino, Wyoming School Psychology Association; Kathleen McKinley, Governor's Office; Michelle Hoffman, Fremont County School District #14; Gene Meier, Ft. Washakie Charter High School; Shad Hamilton, Ft. Washakie Charter High School; June Shakespeare, Fremont County School District #38 School Board; Rick Landblad, Fremont County School District #38; and Barney Lacock, Fremont County School District #38.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Sandra Barton called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Teresa Canjar conducted roll call and established that a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mike Hejmanek moved that the minutes from the April 16, 2010 meeting held at the Goshen County School District #1 Board Room in Torrington be approved as presented, seconded by Jan Torres, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Jan Torres presented the treasurer's report ending May 31, 2010 with an ending balance of \$54,761.31.

Jan Torres moved that the Treasurer's Report be approved as presented, seconded by Bill Anthony, motion carried.

BOARD UPDATES

Task Force on Rural and Frontier Education Issues – Norine Kasperik

I have been attending the NASBE Task Force on Rural and Frontier Education Issues and looking at the school improvement options for the states. This concern came to our attention at the NASBE Legislative Conference in Washington. There seems to be a lot of discussion about rural states that really didn't address the concerns and issues of frontier states such as Wyoming, Montana, South Dakota, Idaho and several others. Senators Enzi and Baucus are very concerned that frontier states be addressed in any legislation. There have been three conference calls and we are very close to a final draft of our product. As soon as it is available, I will send it to all Board members. Concerns identified were the different models for school improvements that are proposed by the Department of Education. There are little options for rural/frontier schools related to recruitment and employment of qualified teachers/principals. There needs to be more leeway at looking at ways to turn schools around. They are collecting best practices from different states and if we want to send anything in; let her know.

Dana Mann-Tavegia wants it reflected in the minutes that this group originated from Norine and the Wyoming State Board. We should be very proud. There are many western states that are thrilled we are doing this.

For the Common Good Study Group – Dana Mann-Tavegia

Our final report will be done soon. It will be presented at the October National Conference. Our policy recommendations include data management and assessments, counselor and educator training and education programming, certification and course credits. She encouraged everyone to look at www.march2success.com. We will be hearing more about a study called TAPUS from the US Army Research Institute and Behavioral and Social Sciences.

Governmental Affairs Committee – Joe Reichardt

There were two things on the forefront: 1) the possibility of re-authorization of the ESEA and what happens if it doesn't get authorized. There is no legislation in place at this point so this will be the main focus on figuring out how to continue with federal funding under the guidelines that exist. If federal funding does continue legislative changes need to be made which allows for waivers; and 2) the common core standards assessment is a concern for all states. Most states are happy with the standards, they are better than most state's present standards. There are some major concerns about their passage which generally focus around what the federal government will do with the standards once they are passed. There will have to be a method in place in assessing how the states are doing with the standards.

State BOE Committee – Sandra Barton

Alan Moore has put together a study group to go over BOE. It has been interesting compiling the history. Alan and the committee are putting together recommendations that will come before the State Board at the retreat in September. Tomorrow is the next meeting at Sinks Canyon. Scott Marion will be available via telephone at July meeting. Do the two consultants on this committee come to the meetings? Mike Hejtmanek feels it would be beneficial to have them involved. It would be up to the committee, if they choose to do that; Alan will invite them.

Drop Out Media Campaign – Mike Hejtmanek, Phil Orton, and Joe Reichardt

The contract is at the Attorney General's Office for approval. The next step would be to line out exactly what the committee will do for this at the retreat.

Skills and Standards Team – Bill Anthony

Bill participated in a meeting where recommendations/ideas on updating the common core of skills were discussed. Curriculum coordinators from around the state were involved. The Framework for 21st Century Learning was discussed. This would be a good basis for rewriting the skills. Bill recommended the Board agree to direct WDE to begin working on a proposal to update these skills. He emphasized that the curriculum coordinators be involved in the rewrite. Alan's intention is to move forward, but will we have legislation ready for this year or next. We will discuss further at the retreat.

At-Risk Legislation – Jan Torres

Met informally with Representative Craft regarding the re-introduction of the At-Risk Legislation. Joe Simpson has been very helpful with the items that concerned the Legislators. Senator Sessions is willing to co-sponsor; she is waiting for direction from us as to specific language changes. We are moving forward slowly.

Perkins Program Monitoring Team – Sandra Barton, Dana Mann-Tavegia, and Mike Hejmanek
We have met on this and have put together some recommendations. Sandy will get them out to the Board for review. We will look at them in detail at the retreat.

Recalibration – Mary Kay Hill

Mary Kay brought the Board up to speed on the Legislators Recalibration activities. Every five years the Legislators look at recalibration. Legislators are concerned about why we are not seeing the results at our schools at the levels we want to see them. In one major arena they are looking at various components of the model. This effort is secondary to what is emerging which is accountability efforts on the part of the committee. She is very eager for the Board to be aware of what is going on. She senses the committee is moving into an area where the Legislature wants to be in setting benchmarks (like the strategic plan). They will want to hear from the Board on the accountability efforts you are undertaking in regard to common core standards, accreditation, and accountability; please put this on your radar. It is possible to move money around to pay for travel expenses. The next meeting is June 24 in Casper and there is a meeting July 21 and 22 in Lander.

PUBLIC COMMENT – CHAPTER 29 RULES

The Board opened the floor for public comment. Each person was given the opportunity to speak for 3-5 minutes regarding Chapter 29 Rules.

Mike Bowman, Assistant Superintendent, Albany County School District #1

Sarah King, President, Occupational Therapy Association

Kathy Scheurman, Director of Professional Issues, Wyoming Education Association

ACCREDITATION

Joe Simpson stated each year at this time the Department prepares recommendations for accreditation. Chapter 6 addresses the work the Board does relative to accreditation. There are 5 levels of accreditation: full accreditation, accreditation will follow-up, accreditation with deficiencies, conditional accreditation, and non-accreditation. Each district and institutional program was given the opportunity to speak for 3-5 minutes regarding their accreditation status.

Bill Anthony moved the following school districts receive full accreditation, seconded by Dana Mann-Tavegia, Mike Hejmanek abstained, motion carried.

Albany CSD #1	Fremont CSD #14	Lincoln CSD #2	Sheridan CSD #2
Big Horn CSD #1	Fremont CSD #21	Natrona CSD #1	Sheridan CSD #3
Big Horn CSD #2	Fremont CSD #24	Park CSD #1	Uinta CSD #1
Big Horn CSD #3	Goshen CSD #1	Park CSD #6	Uinta CSD #4
Converse CSD #2	Hot Springs CSD #1	Park CSD #16	Washakie CSD #1
Crook CSD #1	Johnson CSD #1	Platte CSD #1	Weston CSD #1
Fremont CSD #1	Laramie CSD #1	Platte CSD #2	Weston CSD #7
Fremont CSD #6	Laramie CSD #2	Sheridan CSD #1	

Jan Torres moved the following school districts receive accreditation with follow up, seconded by Norine Kasperik, motion carried.

Big Horn CSD #4	Sublette CSD #9
Carbon CSD #2	Sweetwater CSD #1
Fremont CSD #2	Sweetwater CSD #2
Fremont CSD #38	Teton CSD #1
Lincoln CSD #1	Uinta CSD #6
Sublette CSD #1	Washakie CSD #2

Mike Hejmanek moved the following schools districts receive accreditation with deficiencies, seconded by Bill Anthony, motion carried.

Campbell CSD #1
Carbon CSD #1
Converse CSD #1
Fremont CSD #25
Niobrara CSD #1

Institutional Programs

Jan Torres moved the following institutions receive full accreditation, seconded by Mike Hejmanek, motion carried.

Attention Homes, Inc.
Big Horn Basin Children's Center (Northwest BOCES)
Colter High School (Wyoming Boys' School)
Mae Olson Education Center (Cathedral Home for Children)
Powder River Basin Children's Center (Northeast BOCES)
Red Top Meadows
St. Joseph's Children's Home
Wyoming Girls' School

Norine Kasperik moved the following institutions receive accreditation with follow-up, seconded by Joe Reichardt, motion carried.

C-V Ranch (Region V BOCES)
Normative Services
Wyoming Behavioral Institute
Youth Emergency Services, Inc.

Bill Anthony moved the following institutions receive conditional accreditation, seconded by Joe Reichardt, motion carried.

Jeffrey C. Wardle Academy (Cornerstone Programs)

EDUCATIONAL COMMENDATIONS

Joe Simpson thanked the Board for starting this commendation process. These districts have demonstrated they have met these standards with high commitment and drive. Sandra Barton awarded certificates to districts that were present. Dana Mann-Tavegia moved to commend the following districts on their accreditation status, seconded by Norine Kasperik, Mike Hejtmanek abstained, motion carried.

<u>Staffing</u>	<u>Body of Evidence</u>
Carbon CSD #2	Big Horn CSD #1
Fremont CSD #1	Fremont CSD #1
Fremont CSD #24	Fremont CSD #38
Goshen CSD #1	Laramie CSD #1
Laramie CSD #2	Sublette CSD #1
Platte CSD #2	Sweetwater CSD #1
Sheridan CSD #2	
Washakie CSD #1	
Weston CSD #7	

Bill Anthony moved to amend the agenda by moving Alternative School Schedules and Approval of Restructuring Plans, seconded by Dana Mann-Tavegia, motion carried.

ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL SCHEDULES

Dianne Frazer, WDE, presented the requests for alternative school schedules. The schools must meet the minimum statutory requirements for student/teacher time. The plans are presented to the public, WDE, and the State Board for approval.

Eleven districts are requesting alternative schedules and ten are requesting continuation of their approved plans from last year. Currently we have 21 out of 48 districts on alternative schedules.

Mike Hejtmanek moved that alternative school schedules be approved for the schools listed for the 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 school years, seconded by Joe Reichardt, motion carried.

The following school districts have provided letters stating they intend to continue with their approved Alternative Schedules for the 2011-2012 school year:

Campbell CSD #1	Park CSD #16
Carbon CSD #2	Sheridan CSD #1
Johnson CSD #1	Sheridan CSD #3
Lincoln CSD #2	Sweetwater CSD #1
Natrona CSD #1	Weston CSD #7

SCHOOL DISTRICT	ALTERNATIVE SCHEDULE SUMMARY	YEARS APPROVED
1) Carbon CSD #1 (Rawlins – Little Snake River Valley School and Cooperative High School)	150 day schedule for Little Snake River Valley School and Cooperative High School (4 day week)	2010-2011 2011-2012
2) Converse CSD #1 (Douglas – four Rural Schools)	153 day schedule for four Rural Schools (White, Moss Agate, Shawnee, and Dry Creek Rural Schools)(4 day week)	2010-2011 2011-2012
3) Crook CSD #1 (Sundance)	167 day schedule	2010-2011 2011-2012
4) Fremont CSD #2 (Dubois)	159 day schedule for Dubois High School and 172 day schedule for Dubois Elementary/Middle School	2010-2011 2011-2012
5) Fremont CSD #6 (Pavillion)	155 day schedule (4 day week)	2010-2011 2011-2012
6) Fremont CSD #14 (Ethete)	174 day schedule	2010-2011 2011-2012
7) Fremont CSD #24 (Shoshoni)	172 day schedule for grades 7-12 169 day schedule for grades K-6	2010-2011 2011-2012
8) Laramie CSD #2 (Pine Bluffs)	169 day schedule	2010-2011
9) Lincoln CSD #1 (Diamondville)	163 day schedule	2010-2011 2011-2012
10) Uinta CSD #4 (Mountain View)	165 day schedule	2010-2011 2011-2012
11) Uinta CSD #6 (Lyman)	148 day schedule (4 day week)	2010-2011 2011-2012

APPROVAL OF RESTRUCTURING PLANS

Fremont County School District #14 and Fremont County School District #38 are being recommended for approval of their restructuring plans. Both schools have appeared before the board at all of their meetings over the last year to present what they are doing to improve.

Bill Anthony moved that Fremont County School District #14 restructuring plan be approved as presented, seconded by Dana Mann-Tavegia, motion carried.

Phil Orton moved that Fremont County School District #38 restructuring plan be approved as presented, seconded by Joe Reichardt, motion carried.

COMMON CORE STANDARDS

Dana Mann-Tavegia moved the Board approve the adoption of the common core state standards in English Language Arts and Mathematics in the next revision of the Wyoming Content Performance Standards to be completed by December, 2011. The common core state standards will comprise at least 85% of the revised Wyoming Content Performance Standards in each of these two content areas, seconded by Mike Hejtmanek, motion carried.

Dana Mann-Tavegia amended the motion to state: The Board approves the adoption of 100% of the common core state standards in English Language Arts and Mathematics in the next revision of the Wyoming Content Performance Standards to be completed by December, 2011. The common core state standards will comprise at least 85% of the revised Wyoming Content Performance Standards in each of these two content areas, seconded by Mike Hejmanek, motion carried.

CHAPTER 29 RULES – CERTIFIED EVALUATION SYSTEMS

Shawn Powell, Wyoming School Psychology Association commented on the Chapter 29 Rules. The Association would like to be a part of the ongoing efforts in the fall.

Margie Simineo is very cognizant of some of the concerns that have been raised about Chapter 29. She asked the Board to remember their charge was for all certified staff to look at data as part of their evaluation.

Margie recommended the following changes:

Section 5, Item g: Includes student performance growth data specific to each employee's position and how it is used by the certified staff member to improve teaching and learning.

Section 6, Item g: Identification of the types of student performance growth data specific to each employee's position that is used in the evaluation process.

Sandy Barton suggested we table the Chapter 29 Rules and direct Margie to adjust the language specific to the individual positions; then open the public comment period again to work on those details. This would be a way to change things to meet the concerns.

Jan Torres moved that we table the Chapter 29 Rules as originally presented, make the language changes and re-address in September. She believes there needs to be more clarification and that everyone in a school is accountable for student success.

Mary Kay Hill moved that we amend Chapter 29 Rules to include the language as recommended by the Department; that we give the Department further authority to provide clarifying language if necessary and move the rules back out for public comment; then bring them back at the next meeting.

Mary Kay Hill amended the motion to say: we amend Chapter 29 rules to reflect the additional language proposed by Margie and to give the Department additional authority related to clarification around the evaluation of certified personnel who are not teachers or Administrators and that the Department put the rules back out for public comment and return back to this Board at the end of the comment period, Jan Torres accepted the amendment to the motion, seconded by Bill Anthony, motion carried with one opposed.

Norine Kasperik moved that the Board adopt the timeline of May 2012 for final submission of revised evaluation systems by the district, seconded by Jan Torres, motion carried.

FREMONT COUNTY DISTRICT BOUNDARY BOARD

Jan Torres moved the Board approve the recommended redistricting request proposed by Fremont County District Boundary Board for an overlapping area in Fremont County School District #2 and Fremont County School District #6, seconded by Bill Anthony, motion carried.

Jan Torres asked that Board Packets be available to the public. Board Packets will be posted on the website. It was recommended this be mentioned on the agenda and in the press release.

The Board observed a moment of silence for Larry McGarvin's grandson.

Dana Mann-Tavegia moved to adjourn as the State Board of Education, seconded by Norine Kasperik, motion carried.

Adjourned as State Board of Education at 12:40 p.m.