

WYOMING STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
May 8, 2013
Wyoming Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
2211 King Blvd, Casper

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

Members absent: Huge Hageman and Cindy Hill

Also present:; Chelsie Bailey, WDE; Julie Magee, WDE; Mike Flicek, WDE; Deb Lindsey, WDE; Jim Verley, WDE; Dianne Frazer, WDE; Paige Fenton-Hughes, SBE Coordinator; Kathy Scheurman, WEA; Carol Illian, WDE; Michael Bond, Natrona CSD #1; Diana Clapp, Fremont CSD #6, Sam Shumway, Superintendent's Office, Mackenzie Williams, Attorney General's Office (AG)

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ron Micheli called the meeting to order at 8:10 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 Kathy Coon; the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the April 25, 2013, State Board of Education teleconference were presented for approval.

Sue Belish moved that the minutes be approved, seconded by Ken Rathbun; the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer for the Board, Pete Gosar, discussed with the Board a budget review handout.

Jim Rose, interim director at WDE, asked that the Board provide guidance on budget revisions and budget requests before the end of July when the WDE has to submit all requests.

Ron Micheli believed that the Legislature would expect a request to increase the Board's budget.

Scotty Ratliff moved to approve the Treasurer's Report with the ending balance of \$142,261.42 Jo Reichardt seconded; the motion carried.

Jim Rose will have Dianne Bailey at the WDE prepare a formal report on its fiscal information at the next meeting.

WYOMING ACCOUNTABILITY IN EDUCATION ACT PROGRESS AND UPDATES

ACCOUNTABILTY MODEL

Mike Flicek presented to the Board the handout he provided in the packet on the Wyoming Accountability in Education Act school performance rating model which included indicators by grade and indicators scores.

PROFESSIONAL JUDGMENT PANEL

Paige Fenton Hughes, SBE Coordinator, presented to the Board on the Professional Judgment Panel (PJP). The Board needs to determine when the PJP will meet and check with all the members on the PJP last year to see if they would still like to participate.

The Board will not have to do some of the things that it had to do last year. Paige Fenton Hughes proposed to the Board to ask Dr. Michael Beck to come back and facilitate the meetings. He already knows what is going on and has developed a rapport with the PJP members. She believes this will be a smaller contract but would like to add travel for him to come to Wyoming to report to the Board and Select Committee in person.

Paige Fenton Hughes would like the authorization from the Board to amend the contract and scope of work.

Joe Reichardt moved to direct Paige Fenton Hughes and Mackenzie Williams to finalize a contract with Mike Beck for the facilitation of the Professional Judgment Panel in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00, Walt Wilcox seconded.

Ron Micheli wanted to insure that there would be negotiations in place even though the Board agreed to a maximum of \$40,000.00.

The motion carried.

Jim Rose noted that the panel should also include this year a special education and ELL representative. Paige Fenton Hughes is going to work with Trustee Kathy Coon on setting up all the PJP details.

Kathy Coon asked the PJP committee members from the Board, Ron Micheli, Joe Reichardt and Walt Wilcox to discuss this committee in Cheyenne at the end of the month.

ASSESSMENT

Deb Lindsey presented information provided in the packet and gave the Board a handout on the state assessment and the possible transition to Smarter Balanced Assessments.

This information will be presented to the Select Committee in the next two days. The WDE is going to suggest that Wyoming become a governing state in Smarter Balanced and will notify the committee that there is no fiscal cost to the state.

Sue Belish wanted to remind the Board that the standards are the things that are going to be consistent among states. Curriculum is left up to the districts, and instruction is left up to the teachers. In the past the states have been the same, ACT for example.

MULTIPLE MEASURES

Kathy Coon was excused from the meeting.

Paige Fenton Hughes reviewed the information provided and noted that multiple measures is essentially the same work as Body of Evidence; it has all the same requirements. She thinks this is going to be complicated work and requested to develop a new scope of work and amend the contract with Alpine Testing Solutions, Inc. to assist the Board.

Scotty Ratliff moved to finalize a contract with Chad Buckendahl (Alpine Testing Solutions, Inc.) to develop a recommended set of guidelines for measures or multiple measures for the completion of high school graduation requirements in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00, Ken Rathbun seconded.

Specifically, this is a contract to have Chad Buckendahl facilitate the discussion on what the multiple measures will be and to present a system to the Board and the Select Committee for approval. This work will go into next summer.

Ron Micheli noted that the Board does not want more testing.

The motion carried.

SYSTEMS OF SUPPORT

Jim Rose reviewed materials in the packet.

Sue appreciated the attempt of getting all the information in the same packet.

OUTREACH

Paige Fenton Hughes reviewed the one page overview with the Board.

Jim Rose expressed that he thought it was very important for policy makers and other people to see that the WDE and SBE are not at odds and are working together. Both Paige and Jim are on the Select Committee agenda together, demonstrating that this is a joint effort to inform the public and solicit their input.

WDE UPDATES

Jim Verley, liaison to the State Board of Education from the WDE, reviewed the handout prepared by Jim Rose, interim director at WDE, provided in the packet.

The Department has been busy transferring duties over to the Office of the Superintendent, recently including Teacher of the Year and an anti-bullying grant. Jim Verley feels like the transitions have been successful.

SBE AND DIRECTOR SEARCH UPDATE

Paige Fenton Hughes was requested by Trustee Ratliff to contact Montana on its State System of Support, and a call has been scheduled with the Montana office, she will report back to the Board and WDE on the outcome.

Paige brought to the Board's attention that on June 4, 2013, the Joint Education Committee will be meeting on Early Childhood Education in Casper and she felt that was a discussion the Board might want to participate in.

The new Board member orientation has been put on hold until the Board is appointed a new member by the Governor to replace Lori Millin.

Paige thanked the members for their participation at the April 25 meeting that assisted in creation of the interview questions and the criteria sheet. Gary Ray, from Ray and Associates, has a consensus building process that he will use with the Board.

The search firm has followed up with all candidate suggestions that were presented but will not know the candidate pool until after May 10, 2013.

NEXT STATE BOARD MEETING

The next Board meeting will be May 29, 2013, for screening the WDE Director applications in Cheyenne, and will follow with a regular Board business meeting on May 30, 2013. On May 31 and June 1, the Board will conduct interviews for the WDE Director position.

Ron Micheli notified the Board that he will not be able to attend the interviews on May 31 and June 1, but will be in attendance for May 29 and 30 meetings.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE

Will be reviewing Paige Fenton Hughes' contract and her performance and will bring any changes to the Board on May 30.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Sue Belish, chairwoman for the legislative committee, reviewed the Board's legislative agenda from the previous year and established that they agreed on the three different sections of the agenda. The Board also agreed that a permanent position is needed for the SBE.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Sue Belish notified the Board that the Advisory Committee will be meeting in Cheyenne on May 28 and then again in June, July and September. Its focus is teacher and leader performance evaluations.

P-16

Belenda Willson stated that she had not had a chance to meet with the P-16 council yet, but that a teleconference is scheduled for May 13, 2013.

CHAPTER 31 RULES

Julie Magee, WDE, reviewed the packet materials with the Board.

Sue Belish noted that whatever system is put into place it needs to be one that can be used to judge summative assessments.

Ken Rathbun moved to proceed with the rules promulgation, seconded by Scotty Ratliff. Sue Belish and Pete Gosar objected; the motion carried.

The Board thanks Julie Magee for all of her work.

FRONTIER MIDDLE SCHOOL RESTRUCTURING PLAN

Mark Mathern and Angela Hensley from Natrona County School District #1, along with Tammy Ray from Frontier Middle School requested that the restructuring plan for Frontier Middle School be approved by the Board.

Sue Belish moved to approve Frontier Middle Schools restructuring plan, seconded by Pete Gosar; the motion carried.

ALTERNATIVE SCHEDULES

Dianne Frazer reviewed the documents provided in the Board packet, and noted that this information was prepared by Brain Aragon from the WDE.

Diana Clapp, Superintendent of Fremont County School District #6, noted that her district works on a four-day school schedule and it works for the district and has the support of the community.

Scotty Ratliff moved that the alternative schedules for Carbon#1, Converse #1, Crook #1, Fremont #2, Fremont #6, Fremont #24, Lincoln #1, Uinta #4, and Uinta #6 schools be approved for the 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 school years, seconded by Sue Belish; the motion carried.

CHAPTER 21-22 REVISIONS

Mackenzie Williams, attorney for the Board, referred to the letter that was received by the Board from the Governor requesting all Boards review their existing rules and determine if their rules are still applicable. He suggested that a small subcommittee be formed and these rules be reviewed under the Governors request, and suggested that the committee review the Chapter 21-22 rules first.

Sue Belish and Ron Micheli will serve on that committee.

TRAVEL REGULATIONS

Chelsie Bailey, Executive Secretary for the Board, reviewed the Wyoming Legislature travel regulations document provided in the packet and discussed the changes to the Board's per diem, salary and mileage reimbursement.

Scotty Ratliff moved to adopt the Wyoming Legislature Travel Regulations as the State Board of Education travel regulations, seconded by Joe Reichardt; the motion carried.

OTHER ISSUES, CONCERNS, DISCUSSION AND PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was given.

The State Board of Education adjourned at 3:33 p.m.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for May 29, 2013 in Cheyenne.