

WYOMING STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
January 25, 2016
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Wyoming State Board of Education members present: Pete Gosar, Belenda Willson, Dicky Shanor, Proxy for Superintendent Balow, Nate Breen, Kathy Coon, Sue Belish, Kathryn Sessions, Scotty Ratliff, Ken Rathbun, Hugh Hageman, and Walt Wilcox

Absent: Jim Rose

Also present: Paige Fenton Hughes, SBE Coordinator; Chelsie Oaks, WDE; Brent Young, WDE; Mackenzie Williams, Attorney General's Office (AG)

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Pete Gosar called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Nate Breen moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Dicky Shanor, proxy for State Superintendent Balow, the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Nate Breen moved to approve the meeting minutes from the November 12, 2015 as presented in the board packet, seconded by Kathy Coon; the motion carried.

STATE SECRETARY MURRAY REPORTS ON ROUNDTABLE ON YOUTH AND VOTER TURNOUT

Secretary of State Ed Murray presented to the board on a roundtable he held regarding youth and voter turnout on January 14th. The roundtable consisted of 20 people from across Wyoming and from different age demographics. The Secretary of State, along with Kai Schon and Will Dinneen from the Secretary of State's office, discussed with the Board the purpose, the core questions, and what are the next step actions of the roundtable.

Secretary Murray expressed his appreciation for the ability to share this information with the board and that members are always welcome to stop by his office.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Pete Gosar, chairman, presented the Treasurer's Report, provided in the packet, on behalf of Ken Rathbun.

Sue Belish moved to approve the report as presented, seconded by Nate Breen; the motion carried.

STATE SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Dicky Shanor, proxy for Superintendent Balow, discussed the highlights of the S5S Conference that was hosted by the WDE and reviewed the memo provided by Superintendent Balow to the Board via email. Additionally, the WDE strategic plan information that was distributed at the S5S conference and feedback will be forwarded to the board once it is condensed into one document.

BOARD REPORTS FROM SBE COORDINATOR AND WDE

ESSA/NCLB Update

Brent Young, WDE Liaison, reported to the board that eight people from the WDE would be attending a conference with CCSSO in DC to get more information on the Every Student Succeeds Act. Additionally, staff will be staying an extra day to work exclusively with CCSSO. Board members were encouraged to send all questions on ESSA to Brent Young.

State System of Support (SSoS)

Dr. Joel Dvorak reviewed the SSoS collaborative council meeting outline provided in the packet and polled the board on if the formatting of the documents on Statewide System of Support worked for them. The comprehensive report will be delivered to the Board in the March SBE meeting.

The board is concerned about ongoing resources to sustain the model, and its responsibility within the model.

JAC Update

Paige Fenton Hughes, SBE Coordinator, reported that the Board's budget report during the Joint Appropriations Committee took about 7 minutes, and that the committee did not seem to be concerned with the budget.

NASBE Stipends

The SBE Coordinator notified the board that a stipend meeting was scheduled to take place on January 11th but that the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) has to reschedule with the passing of ESSA. The stipend participants are currently considering a meeting on March 9th, 2016.

Legislative Preview

Paige Fenton Hughes reviewed the memo provided in the board packet in the current draft bill for the 2016 Legislative Session. The Board had in-depth discussion on House Bill 19 on Student Assessment and on the External Cost Adjustment (ECA).

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Sue Belish reviewed the report she submitted to the Board via email on the contracts and deliverables the committee reviewed on November 25, 2015. Those contracts included: Dr. Michael Beck, Pascal Public Relations and Paige Fenton Hughes. Kathy Coon thanked the administration committee for their work on reviewing the contract deliverables on behalf of the board.

CHARTER SCHOOL APPEAL PROCESS

Pete Gosar, chairman, gave background information on why the Guild Charter School hearing was scheduled for February 21st.

Mackenzie Williams reviewed the process for charter schools hearings and the Board's authority within that process.

The Board rescheduled the hearing for February 20th at 1:00 p.m. to better accommodate members schedules and to avoid holding a hearing on a Sunday.

COMMUNICATIONS

Kelly Pascal Gould from Pascal Public Relations reviewed the communications packet with the Board that had been sent to them via email. She noted that they would not be approving the packet today but that she would be taking suggestions and that all edits would need to be submitted to her by January 29th.

Dicky Shanor, proxy for Superintendent Balow, moved to have Pascal Public Relations consider input and feedback from the board, redraft the communications overview, and get communications committee approval before distribution, Nate Breen seconded; the motion carried.

Dicky Shanor thanked Pascal PR and stated he thought it was a good document.

CHAPTER 31 RULES EXTENSION

Shelly Andrews, WDE, presented the history of the Chapter 31 rules, including the statutes, session laws and revised rules. She suggested that the board take into consideration repealing the chapter 31 rules all together.

The board supported Shelly's recommendation of repealing the Chapter 31 Rules. It was determined that meeting with the WDE, the Legislative Service Office and the Governor's office would be necessary/.

Kathryn Sessions noted that there are so many pieces in rules that could be moved out, but we just need to make sure that all bases are covered.

The Chapter 31 Rules Repeal will be on the February 2016 SBE meeting agenda.

No public comment was given

The State Board of Education meeting adjourned at 12:28 p.m.