

WYOMING STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
October 13-14, 2016
Fremont CSD #1 Boardroom
Lander, Wyoming

Wyoming State Board of Education members present: Pete Gosar, Ken Rathbun, Dicky Shanor, proxy for Jillian Balow, Nate Breen, Scotty Ratliff, Jim Rose (by phone), Robin Schamber (by phone 10/14), Kathryn Sessions, Walt Wilcox and Belenda Willson (by phone 10/14)

Members absent: Kathy Coon, Sue Belish and Hugh Hageman

Also present: Chelsie Oaks, WDE; Lisa Weigel, WDE; Tom Sachse, SBE Coordinator; Katherine Leuschel, Attorney General's Office (AG); Shelly Andrews, WDE; Laurie Hernandez, WDE; Joel Dvorak, WDE; Jo Ann Numoto, WDE; and Kathy Scheurman, WEA

October 13, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Pete Gosar called the meeting to order at 12:20 p.m.

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

Superintendent of Fremont County School District #1, Dave Barker, presented highlights from his district to the board.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Proxy for Superintendent Balow, Dicky Shanor, moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Ken Rathbun; the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the August 18, 2016 and September 22-23, 2016 State Board of Education meetings were presented for approval.

Walt Wilcox moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Belenda Willson; the motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

SBE Treasurer, Ken Rathbun, presented the summary review and expenditures report for board's budgets, and went over the remaining balances and time left in the current biennium.

Walt Wilcox moved to approve the presented Treasurer's Report, Nate Breen seconded; the motion carried.

WYOMING STATE SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE

Dicky Shanor, proxy for State Superintendent, invited the SBE to attend a community round table on the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) on October 26 at Casper College. Also, Dicky added that WDE will be giving the board a dashboard presentation at the next SBE meeting or in January.

WDE DIVISION UPDATE AND HOMELESS EDUCATION IN ESSA

Kenya Haynes, WDE, updated the board on the School Support division at the WDE.

Additionally, Kenya gave a presentation on the general overview of the statutory requirements of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, the face of child and youth homelessness in Wyoming, and discussed the implementation of the homeless education amendments in the Every Student Succeeds Act.

Leslie Shakespeare, tribal liaison for the Shoshone tribe, was introduced to the Board by Scotty Ratliff. Mr. Shakespeare spoke with the board about issues that take place on the reservation.

BOARD REPORTS AND UPDATES

October 15th Report

SBE Coordinator Tom Sachse gave an overview of what the October 15th report contains and notified the board that the report will be submitted to the Legislative Services Office on October 17, 2016.

Draft Legislation

Tom Sachse updated the board that he is aware of three bills, that are about to come forward. The bills will pertain to Phase II in the Wyoming Accountability in Education Act and the SBE Coordinator position.

Pete Gosar, chairman for the board, wanted to stress that without the SBE Coordinator position he is not sure how this board would be able to complete the legislatively mandated work.

The board continued to discuss the need for the coordinator position and the possible changes to Phase II.

SBE Policies

SBE Coordinator, Tom Sachse, presented the recommended revisions to Sections 14, 17, and 18 of the Board's Policy and Governance Manual.

The board had a brief discussion around Section 14 on the budget guidelines and general policies for reimbursement, specifically around the budget authority aspect.

Next SBE Meeting

Lisa Weigel, WDE Liaison, notified the board that the next meeting on November 18-19, 2016 will be in conflict with a conference that all WDE leadership will be attending. Lisa suggested making the meeting a teleconference if there are no pressing topics for the board to address.

Nate Breen agreed that the board should consider a teleconference for the November meeting if the agenda will only contain housekeeping items.

Walt Wilcox noted that the board will need to be updated on the Joint Education Committee and Select Committee meeting in November and that update could be provided in a teleconference but that the board might need to come together in December.

ESSA Update

Lisa Weigel, discussed the upcoming listening tours that will offer another chance for meaningful input to be given on the development of Wyoming state plan for the implementation of ESSA. The dates and locations for the tour will be:

- November 3, 2016 at Central Wyoming College in Riverton, Wyo.
- November 10, 2016 at Gillette College in Gillette, Wyo.
- December 1, 2016 at Western Wyoming Community College in Rock Springs, Wyo.
- December 7, 2016 at Northwest College in Powell, Wyo.
- December 8, 2016 at Laramie County Community College in Cheyenne, Wyo.

Additionally, Lisa extended an invite to these listening tours and to the Community Round table at Casper College that Dicky mentioned earlier in the meeting.

Statewide Assessment

WDE Liaison, Lisa Weigel, introduced Laurie Hernandez as the interim director of the Assessment Division at the WDE. Lisa added that the department will be doing a national search for the assessment director position.

Laurie Hernandez gave an update on the status of the request for proposals (RFP) for the statewide assessments. She stated that the RFP was submitted to LSO on September 30th and that it will be going to the Attorney General's Office for review shortly. Laurie was hoping that the RFPs would be released in early December.

Laurie asked board members to consider sitting on the RFP review committees. The committees will have three meetings. If a member is interested in being on one of the two committees they need to contact Chelsie and to let her know as soon as possible. Also, if a member would like to review the RFP, which is confidential, they need to contact Chelsie.

Kathryn Sessions asked to be on one of the review committees.

Pete Gosar thanked Laurie for allowing the board to be a part of this very important process.

Mike Flicek, WDE, added that the Center for Assessment recommended that a crosswalk be completed between the Assessment Task Force Recommendations and the RFP. Mike

presented the crosswalk with the board, however, he noted that the crosswalk was completed by HumRO. Mike also added that he felt that the RFP was faithful to the recommendations of the Assessment Task Force.

Kathryn Sessions thanked the department and staff for being so diligent in protecting the confidential information.

Statewide System of Support

Lisa Weigel, reviewed the memo provided in the SBE packet on the Statewide System of Support and the Collaborative Council meeting. Additionally, Lisa discussed the success of the data retreats.

Shelly Andrews, WDE, talked about the assessment literacy trainings that are taking place and that they are currently on the third tier.

Joel Dvorak, WDE, added more detail to the work that has been done by the Collaborative Council.

Accountability Update

Mile Flicek, WDE, presented the 2016 Wyoming School Accountability Report and noted one correction. On the tables where it says "Not Meeting" and it should say "Exceeds".

Dr. Flicek added that next year we will be able to compare data and then after that we will have a new baseline. Also he noted that there are a lot of things we can do for the transition of the new assessment, but we will need to comply with ESSA.

Kathryn Sessions said that she thinks we finally have a way to show growth and achievement of our students.

COMPLETE COLLEGE WYOMING

Jackie Freeze, Complete College Wyoming, gave information on Complete College America.

Representative John Freeman spoke to the success of Complete College Wyoming and some of the challenges that are faced as well.

Jackie also presented the College and Career Readiness Statement for Wyoming to the Board.

The board recessed at 4:46 p.m.

October 14, 2016

State Board of Education meeting resumed at 8:03 a.m.

SBE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration Committee

Walt Wilcox reported on the last Administration Committee meeting. They discussed SBE meeting prep and the next SBE meetings and how to streamline processes.

Communication Committee

Kelly Pascal Gould, Pascal PR, updated the board on the work that has been done with Tom Sachse and Kari Eakins at the WDE. Kelly will be assisting the board in creating the legislative packet. If any board members have questions on the communication aspects to please contact her.

Kenny Rathbun thanked Kelly for the update.

STRATEGIC PLAN SESSION UPDATE

Tom Sachse, presented a complete list of the Board's Goals and Aspirations that was compiled in the State Board of Education's September 2016 planning meeting.

Scotty Ratliff felt that the goals needed to mean something to the board, not just a piecemeal document.

The board discussed that all items listed were good, but that it needed to get the list down to top priorities.

Chairman, Pete Gosar, asked that each board member choose two goals and aspirations to send to Tom before the next meeting.

RULES DISCUSSION

Amy Starzynski, Foresight Law+ Policy, reviewed the PowerPoint provided in the packet and gave recommendations on the Chapter 31 Rules.

Walt Wilcox asked the board to consider moving forward with Amy's recommendations but that the work still continue on Chapter 6 and 10. Walt noted that he feels like these revisions will still be denied but that the board has to keep moving and he expressed his frustrations that we cannot hit a target.

SBE Coordinator, Tom Sachse, will try to set up a meeting with the co-chairs to find out the intent. If a meeting is not possible he will craft a memo.

RECOMMENDATION OF COURT ORDERED PLACEMENT OF STUDENTS

Jo Ann Numoto, WDE, presented the Compass Intervention Center, Hermitage Hall, Oak Plains Academy, and Pathway Family Services/Pathways Learning Center as approved facilities for court ordered placement of students.

Kenny Rathbun moved that the State Board of Education (SBE) designate Pathway Family Services/Pathways Learning Center as an approved facility for court ordered placement of students, medically necessary placed to PRTFs, and subsequent educational payments

pursuant to Section 4 and 5 of Chapter 14, SBE Emergency Rules and Regulations and completion of the review, seconded by Nate Breen. The motion carried.

Kathryn Sessions moved that the State Board of Education (SBE) designate Compass Intervention Center as an approved facility for court ordered placement of students, medically necessarily placed to PRTFs, and subsequent educational payments pursuant to Section 4 and 5 of Chapter 14, SBE Emergency Rules and Regulations and completion of the review. Seconded by Kenny Rathbun; the motion carried.

Walt Wilcox moved that the State Board of Education (SBE) designate Hermitage Hall as an approved facility for court ordered placement of students, medically necessarily placed to PRTFs, and subsequent educational payments pursuant to Section 4 and 5 of Chapter 14, SBE Emergency Rules and Regulations and completion of the review. Seconded by Dicky Shanor; the motion carried.

Kenny Rathbun moved that the State Board of Education (SBE) designate Oak Plains Academy as an approved facility for court ordered placement of students or students placed into approved PRTFs for medical necessity and subsequent educational payments pursuant to Section 4 and 5 of Chapter 14, SBE Emergency Rules and Regulations and completion of the review. Seconded by Kathryn Sessions; the motion carried.

SBE POLICIES

Kathryn Sessions moved to approve sections 14, 17, and 18 of the State Board Policy and Governance Manual as proposed in the meeting packet, Kenny Rathbun seconded.

Dicky Shanor, proxy for State Superintendent, stated that the budget policy in Section 14 was against the Governor's policy. The board does not have the authority to tell the department if it can and cannot use the budget.

Dicky Shanor opposed.

The motion carried.

OCTOBER 15TH REPORT

SBE Coordinator, Tom Sachse, stated that he felt that the report needed more work; indicating that all the components of the report would remain the same but some wording might change.

Walt Wilcox moved for the State Board to move forward with the report and to submit the report with Tom's changes to the Joint Education Committee. Scotty Ratliff seconded, proxy, Dicky Shanor opposed. The motion carried.

CHAPTER 31 RULES REVISIONS

Walt Wilcox moved to resubmit the Chapter 31 rules as presented in the meeting and that work will continue on Chapter 6 & 10; Scotty Ratliff seconded; the motion carried.

NEXT MEETING

Pete Gosar moved to move the next SBE Meeting to November 18, 2016 via teleconference, Scotty Ratliff seconded; the motion carried.

The Board's next meeting will take place via teleconference on November 18, 2016.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was given

The meeting adjourned at 10:23 a.m.