

WYOMING STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
September 22-23, 2016
Eaton's Ranch
Wolf Wyoming

Wyoming State Board of Education members present: Pete Gosar, Kathy Coon, Ken Rathbun, Jillian Balow, Nate Breen, Scotty Ratliff, Robin Schamber, Walt Wilcox and Belenda Willson

Members absent: Hugh Hageman, Kathryn Sessions, Jim Rose, and Sue Belish

Also present: Chelsie Oaks, WDE; Lisa Weigel, WDE; Tom Sachse, SBE Coordinator; Mackenzie Williams, Attorney General's Office (AG); Katherine Leuschel, Attorney General's Office (AG); Sara McGinnis, Sheridan CSD # 1; Rob Dennis, ACT; and Kathy Scheurman, WEA

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The board held discussions around the integration and alignment of Chapters 6, 10, & 31. Tom Sachse, SBE Coordinator, lead a discussion around the implications of the rules for accreditation, standards, and district assessment system. Additionally, SBE committee reports were given, an update on the Statewide Systems of Support was heard and the board worked on its goals and education priorities. No action was taken.

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CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Pete Gosar called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m.

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

POLICY REVIEW OF 11, 12, 19, AND 22

The board discussed Section 22 of its policy manual around executive sessions of the board.

Kathy Coon moved to change the wording in paragraph one, second sentence to read: "An executive session is commonly attended by members of the board, board attorney and staff identified by the Chair". Walt Wilcox Seconded.

Jillian Balow suggested leaving in the WDE Liaison and board staff but taking out the board attorney and executive assistant and she suggested the board should be more inclusive or follow the law around executive sessions exactly.

Walt Wilcox wanted to keep the board attorney listed, because of past experiences he has had on boards.

Jillian Balow opposed; the motion carried.

Ken Rathbun moved to approve sections 11, 12, 19 of the SBE policy manual as provided in the packet and to adopt section 22 as amended. Kathy Coon seconded. Jillian Balow opposed; the motion carried.

SCIENCE STANDARDS

Laurie Hernandez, WDE, presented the Wyoming Content and Performance Science Standards that had been out for public comment which closed on August 12. She addressed the comments and same non-substantial edits that were made. Additionally, Laurie presented a three year timeline that would go into effect for school districts for full implementation of the science standards.

The board discussed at length what school year the full implementation date would be for school districts and if it was enough time for schools to align to the new science standards.

Ken Rathbun moved to adopt Chapter 10 Rules on Standards, the 2016 Wyoming Science Standards documents, which include appendices, and the ELA K-1 Extended Standards as proposed with the implementations date being the 2020-2021 school year. Jillian Balow seconded; the motion carried.

SPECIALTY ASSESSMENT TASK FORCES REPORTS

Deb Lindsey, WDE, presented the history and the final recommendations of the specialty assessment task forces. There were four specialty committees: Alternative Assessment, English Language Proficiency Assessment, Career and Technical Assessment, and Early Literacy/Kindergarten-Grade 2 Assessment. The North Central Comprehensive Center at McREL supported the facilitation and synthesis of consensus decisions made in each of the stakeholder groups.

Walt Wilcox moved to approve the recommendations of the Specialty Assessment Task Forces. Seconded by Scotty Ratliff; the motion carried.

THE ROLE OF THE SBE IN THE 2015 ESSA

Superintendent of Public Instruction, Jillian Balow, gave an in-depth presentation on the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and where Wyoming currently stands in the process. She presented information on where the state board will be need to be utilized in the plan and how Wyoming is already ahead of other states.

The State Superintendent further explained the timeline that has been created for the completion of the state plan and that an internal design group has been assembled at the WDE to keep the ball moving forward on writing the plan. The WDE has also hired a task manager, Public Knowledge, to assist the Department in adhering to the timeline.

Jillian stated that she will keep the board apprised of the timeline and that all state plans will be implanted in the 2017-2018 school year.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sara McGinnis, Sheridan CSD # 1, thanked the board for holding its meeting outside of normal meeting locations.

Rob Dennis, ACT, thanked Jillian Balow for thorough presentation on ESSA.

Kathy Scheurman, WEA, expressed her excitement for the passing of the Wyoming Content and Performance Science Standards.

NEXT MEETING

The Board's next meeting will take place October 13-14, 2016; meeting location to be determined.

The meeting adjourned at 12:22 p.m.