

WYOMING STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
August 11, 2017
Teleconference

Wyoming State Board of Education members present via Zoom: Walt Wilcox, Ken Rathbun, State Superintendent Jillian Balow, Sue Belish, Scotty Ratliff, Kathryn Sessions, Max Mickelson, Belenda Willson, Ryan Fuhrman, Nate Breen, and Robin Schamber.

Members absent: Dan McGlade, Jim Rose, and Dean Ray Reutzel

Also present: Kylie Taylor, WDE; Julie Magee, SBE Liaison; Thomas Sachse, SBE Coordinator; Katherine Leuschel, Attorney General's Office (AG), Megan Degenfelder, WDE Chief Policy Officer; and Scott Marion, Executive Director Center for Assessment.

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CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Walt Wilcox called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Kylie Taylor conducted roll call and established that a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Kenny Rathbun moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Nate Breen; the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the July 20, 2017 State Board of Education meeting were presented for approval.

Sue Belish moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Kenny Rathbun; the motion carried.

BOARD REPORTS, UPDATES & COMMENTS

Advisory Committee Update

Julie Magee, SBE Liaison, discussed the recent Advisory Committee meeting that was held on August 1, 2017 to deliberate options for the college preparatory curriculum. After an examination of performance data from each level of the Hathaway Scholarship, the Advisory Committee voted 7 to 1 to keep the original recommendation of using Opportunity level of the curriculum for the post-secondary readiness indicator.

August 15 Draft Report

Tom Sachse, SBE Coordinator, presented the draft report to the Legislative Services Office. The report included the message and process recommended to determine post-secondary readiness as required under W.S.21-2-204(c)(iv) as amended. The report also included identification of any enabling legislation that may be necessary.

Sue Belish moved that the board approve the draft report to be sent to the LSO, Robin Schamber seconded, the motion carried.

Letter Requesting Opinion on Graduation Requirements

Tom Sachse presented the letter addressed to the Attorney General requesting opinions on the board's efforts to promulgate Chapter 31. The letter requested a formal legal opinion regarding the extent to which the Constitution of the State of Wyoming mandates that the Legislature or SBE provide a system that assures that each high school diploma issued by a local board of trustees is equitable across the state.

Sue Belish moved that the board approve the letter to the Attorney General, Kenny Rathbun seconded, the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Rob Dennis, Account Manager for ACT, offered assistance to the board from his company on any data and research relating to the ACT.

NEXT MEETING

The Board's next meeting will take place September 21-22, 2017 in Green River.

The meeting adjourned at 10:37 p.m.