

WYOMING STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

March 22, 2018
812 E. Murray Street
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Wyoming State Board of Education members present: Chairman Wilcox, Sue Belish, Ken Rathbun, Dicky Shanor (proxy for State Superintendent Balow), Ryan Fuhrman, Max Mickelson, Forrest Smith, Kathryn Sessions, Robin Schamber, and Nate Breen.

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

Also present: Kylie Taylor, WDE; Dr. Julie Magee, WDE; Kari Eakins, WDE; Mike O'Donnell, Attorney General's Office (AG); and Jim Peters, AG.

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CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Wilcox called the State Board of Education to order at 8:10 a.m.

New board member Forrest Smith took the oath of office.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Nate Breen moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Max, Dicky Shanor made a motion to move the Computer Science update above the Coordinator's Report of the agenda to accommodate WDE staff travel. Seconded by Kathryn Sessions; the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the February 15-16, 2018 State Board of Education meeting were presented for approval.

Ken Rathbun moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Nate Breen; the motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Kathryn Sessions moved to approve the presented Treasurer's Report, seconded by Robin Schamber; the motion carried.

State Superintendent's Update

Dicky Shanor gave Superintendent Balow's update on how the 2018 Legislative Budget Session went, the revised accreditation process that was shared with school districts earlier in the month. Dicky also updated the board on the Council of Chief State School Officers Legislative Conference that Superintendent Balow participated on a plenary panel.

Computer Science Update

Laurie Hernandez, WDE, informed the board that Governor Mead signed HEA 48 into law on March 14, 2018 which requires the addition of Computer Science Standards and a couple of changes to the Basket of Goods. The bill requires the SBE to promulgate uniform content and performance standards for computer science by January 1, 2022, to be effective beginning with the 2022-23 school year. Laurie presented the standards review plan to the board.

Coordinator's Report

Kylie Taylor presented the Coordinator's Report on behalf of SBE Coordinator Tom Sachse. Kylie indicated that she, Tom and Kelly Pascal have been working on the Policies of Governance and they are ready for the board's review. Kylie said there is still some changes that need to be made and Tom is hoping to have the board vote on the Policies in April or May.

Kylie updated the board on the legislative session and said that Management Council would be meeting in April to finalize what interim topics JEIC will discuss.

Dr. Julie Magee gave an update on where everything was at with the PJP consultant recommendation and indicated the committee for selecting a consultant came to an agreement and was ready for the board's vote.

Dr. Magee and Mike O'Donnell also updated the board on the first edition of the new Chapter 31 rules that she drafted. Within the rules she has included input from the Governor's Office, Wyoming Association of School Administrators, the Wyoming Curriculum Directors Association, the AG's Office, and respective board members. They indicated that the Chapter 31 rules would be ready to vote on by the board at their April meeting.

Chapter 6

Dr. Magee and Bill Pannell, WDE, presented an update on Chapter 6 Accreditation to the board. A task force comprised of educators from all five regions in the state has been created to make recommendations for the state-led process. Chapter 6 rules define the requirements and process for state-led Accreditation. They have not been revised since 2005 and are currently being updated. Dr. Magee informed the board the 2018-19 school year will be a pilot year for the new Accreditation process.

Sue Belish recommended that a Purpose Statement be added to section two of the rules. Sue also suggested that the section describing the external review be moved into a separate section.

Kathryn Session suggested the family engagement criteria be applied at all grade levels.

Max Mickelson raised the concern of small districts and large districts having the same Accreditation process.

Ryan Fuhrman suggested the Accreditation task force develop an evaluation tool for each district that participates in the pilot to determine what worked well and what needs to be revised.

Dr. Magee will present the Chapter 6 rules for promulgation at the board's April meeting.

Coordinator's Contract

The board discussed options for moving funds to help support the Coordinator's contract through the biennium.

SBE Committee Structure and Representation

Chairman Wilcox said with the change in board members the committees need to be readjusted to have equal representation on each. He said for any board members interested on serving on a specific committee to reach out to him and let him know. Each committee chair gave a brief overview of what their committee does and how often they meet.

Meeting Calendar

Sue Belish presented a draft meeting calendar of potential dates for the SBE to meet through the year and into 2019.

Chairman Wilcox indicated that before the board votes to finalize a meeting calendar, UW board of trustees meeting dates should be taken into consideration.

Dicky Shanor asked the board to consider meeting less often when looking at the future meeting calendar.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES

Administrative Committee

The administrative committee reviewed the draft March agenda, discussed the PJP consultant process, created a draft calendar for SBE meetings, and discussed interim Legislative topics for the JEIC.

Communications Committee

Ryan Fuhrman gave an overview of the last communications committee meeting including an update on the stakeholder communications, website updates, and communication topics the committee is working on.

ACTION ITEMS

Alternative Schedules

The following school districts have submitted all required materials and are requesting approval from the SBE to implement an alternative school schedule.

Ken Rathbun moved to approve the request for an alternative schedule for Carbon County School District #1, seconded by Nate Breen; the motion carried.

Sue Belish moved to approve the request for an alternative schedule for Crook County School District #1, seconded by Robin Schamber; the motion carried. Ken Rathbun abstained from the vote.

Ken Rathbun moved to approve the request for an alternative schedule for Converse County School District #2, seconded by Nate Breen; the motion carried.

Ken Rathbun moved to approve the request for an alternative schedule for Lincoln County School District #2, seconded by Nate Breen; the motion carried.

Sue Belish moved to approve the request for an alternative schedule for Sublette County School District #1, seconded by Max Mickelson; the motion carried. Robin Schamber abstained from the vote.

Selection of Professional Judgement Panel Consultant

Dicky Shanor motioned to go into executive session to discuss the PJP consultant process with SBE attorney. Seconded by Kathryn Sessions; the motion carried.

The board went into executive session at 2:44 p.m.

The board returned from executive session and Sue Belish motioned that the State Board of Education enter into contract negotiations with Beck Evaluations and Testing Associates, Inc. for the Professional Judgement Panel Consultant. Seconded by Dicky Shanor; the motion carried.

NEXT MEETING

The board's next meeting will take place in Gillette on April 19-20, 2018

The State Board of Education adjourned at 3:08 p.m.