

WYOMING STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
September 20-21, 2018  
222 East 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
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Wyoming State Board of Education members present: Chairman Wilcox, Sue Belish, Max Mickelson, Megan Degenfelder (proxy for Superintendent Balow), Ken Rathbun, Ryan Fuhrman, Kathryn Sessions, Robin Schamber, Scotty Ratliff, Forrest Smith, Nate Breen, Dr. Sandra Caldwell, and Dean Ray Reutzel (via Zoom).

Members absent: Dan McGlade.

Also present: Kylie Taylor, WDE (via Zoom); Dr. Thomas Sachse (via Zoom); Kari Eakins, WDE (via Zoom); Julie Magee, WDE (via Zoom); and Mackenzie Williams, Attorney General's Office (AG).

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September 20, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Wilcox called the State Board of Education to order at 8:04 a.m.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Max Mickelson moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Ken Rathbun; the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the July 12, 2018 State Board of Education meeting were presented for approval.

Kathryn Sessions moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Ryan Fuhrman; 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. Max also presented a pie chart and spreadsheet that he and Trent Carroll from the WDE worked on for the SBE's 2019-20 budget.

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

**State Superintendent's Update**

Megan Degenfelder presented the State Superintendent's Update and highlighted the work currently going on at the WDE. The WY-TOPP fall interim window is open until September 28 and the WDE assessment team has worked to implement testing upgrades to meet the needs and concerns expressed by districts. The Boot Up Wyoming Team finished tours to all 48 school districts to gather information about computer science education. The WDE's first cohort of Professional Learning Communities schools have been working this summer to implement best practices and improve student learning.

## **Presentation from Jay Harnack, Sublette County School District #1 Superintendent**

### **Coordinator's Report**

Dr. Tom Sachse, SBE Coordinator, started his report with a legislative update and asked for the board's input on proposed modifications to the Wyoming Accountability in Education Act including clarifications regarding the SBE's role in conducting information hearings from districts that wish to challenge the school performance ratings reported by the WDE.

Tom Sachse and Julie Magee gave an update on recent accountability meetings and Julie reviewed a presentation on Wyoming's School Accountability System.

Tom gave an update on Professional Judgment Panel (PJP) planning and said the group is well prepared to conduct both panels in a way that will lead to thoughtful and rigorous recommendations for accountability targets for all schools. Max Mickelson volunteered to be on the PJP.

Tom and Ryan Fuhrman created a survey for Basket of Goods input, Tom will be using this survey to collect input from school board members, superintendents, curriculum directors, principals, teachers, and parents/community members. Tom said he will present his findings to the board in November and to the JEIC in late November.

Tom gave an overview of Board Docs and the benefits it would bring to the SBE with the features and accessibility. Kari Eakins from the WDE indicated there has been some legal hurdles the WDE and AG's office has had to jump through to move the contract forward. Mackenzie explained the legal language in contract is going to require more working before the contract for Board Docs is approved.

## **BOARD REPORTS AND UPDATES**

### **Accreditation Update**

Julie Magee provided an update on the accreditation task force efforts and process.

Sue Belish said she is happy this year is a pilot year for the new accreditation process, she also asked what assurance the board has with external reviews from third parties.

Julie said every district has to report **assurances** to the State every year and that would extend to the third parties as well.

### **NASBE Conference**

Kylie Taylor presented on the National Association of State Boards of Education annual conference that will be held in Denver, Colorado this year. Kylie provided details including price, dates, and location to the

board and asked Chairman Wilcox if he would like to give approval for SBE members to attend. Mackenzie Williams, Nate Breen, and Tom Sachse will be attending the conference on behalf of the SBE.

## **SBE COMMITTEE UPDATES**

### **Communications Committee**

Ryan Fuhrman said the communications committee has approved and posted two blog posts and the committee has decided there isn't a need for a communications contract and the committee will instead work directly with Kari and her team at the WDE for communications committee needs.

### **Administrative Committee**

Sue Belish said the biggest discussion item the admin committee wanted to address is the October date for the SBE meeting. In order to accommodate the PJP, the SBE will need to move their meeting from October 18-19 to October 11-12.

Kenny Rathbun moved to change the October SBE meeting to October 11-12 in Casper, seconded by Max Mickelson; the motion carried.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **Governance Policies**

Sections 19, 20, 21, and 29 of the Governance Policies were presented to the board to be approved. After discussion the board decided to table sections 21 and 29, these sections will be edited and voted on in October.

Sue Belish moved to approve section 19 of the governance policies with changes, seconded by Scotty Ratliff; the motion carried.

Max Mickelson moved to approve section 20 of the governance policies, seconded by Ryan Fuhrman; the motion carried.

The State Board of Education recessed at 3:12 p.m. to have first retreat discussion on stakeholder engagement.

### **September 21, 2018**

Chairman Wilcox reconvened the State Board of Education at 8:32 a.m.

Chairman Wilcox introduced Sarah Flitner, the facilitator for the equity portion of the SBE retreat. Sarah laid out the platform of which the board would be going off of the day.

The topics will include:

- Setting the stage for success
- Desired outcomes
- Identifying Issues: what are the questions about equity in education?
- Generate options/possible outcomes

- State Board leverage points
- Priority setting of issues for work plan
- Small groups for top three, create three action steps
- Report and summarize

Ryan Fuhrman said when it comes to the discussion of “gifted and talented” he would like equity to be defined as allowing kids to find what they are gifted in, whether that be music, vocational, academics, etc.

The board broke into small groups to discuss topics more in depth and came back as a whole to discuss what each group talked about.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Tina Forisno, said she will do her work to help communicate the work and topics that were discussed during the board meeting. She thanked the SBE for letting her be a part of the conversation.

Kathy Vetter; President of Wyoming Education Association, thanked the SBE for including and welcoming her, she said she appreciates the board letting her be a voice during the meeting so she can push this information out to all of the Wyoming Education Association members.

#### NEXT MEETING

The board's next meeting will take place in Casper on October 12, 2018

The State Board of Education adjourned at 12:20 p.m.