

WYOMING STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
February 21-22, 2019
2300 Capitol Ave.
Basement Conference Room
Cheyenne

Wyoming State Board of Education members present: Chairman Wilcox, Sue Belish, Superintendent Balow, Robin Schamber (via Zoom), Nate Breen, Ryan Fuhrman, Ken Rathbun, Kathryn Sessions, and Forrest Smith, Max Mickelson, Dr. Sandy Caldwell, Scotty Ratliff, and Dan McGlade (via Zoom).

Members absent: Dr. Dean Ray Reutzel.

Also present: Kylie Taylor, WDE; Dr. Thomas Sachse; Michelle Panos, WDE; Julie Magee, WDE; Mackenzie Williams, AG; and Randall Lockyear, AG.

February 21, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Wilcox called the State Board of Vocational Education to order at 1:14 p.m.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

John Bole from the WDE updated the board on the state reports and Perkins V Transition Plan, John indicated he would bring the full transition plan back to the board in March for their review and action.

Sue Belish moved to approve the 2018-19 state reports, seconded by Forrest Smith; the motion carried.

The State Board of Vocational Education adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Chairman Wilcox called the State Board of Education to order at 2:05 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Sue Belish moved to approve the treasurer's report with the correction of the remaining balances that Kylie indicated was a typo, seconded by Forrest Smith; the motion carried.

Superintendent Balow moved to approve the January 2019 minutes, seconded by Kenny Rathbun; the motion carried.

Presentation from Milken Award winner Chris Bessonette

State Superintendent's Update

Superintendent Balow included two memos with her update for February, the first memo was an update that included information on the work commenced to develop K-12 content and performance standards that address the cultural heritage, history, and contemporary contributions of American Indian tribes of the region, including Eastern Shoshone and Northern Arapaho. Superintendent Balow also updated on WDE staff preparing for the statewide assessment system peer review process as required under the Every Student Succeeds Act.

The second memo Superintendent Balow included for her update was regarding civics education. Superintendent Balow encouraged the SBE to join her in the effort to examine civics education and develop solutions and recommendations that achieve the goal of making Wyoming civics education nothing less than exemplar for the nation.

Coordinator's Report

SBE Coordinator, Tom Sachse, began his report with an update on the Legislative Session. Tom reviewed bills that would have directly impacted the SBE and education. Tom continued his report with an update on the Basket of Goods survey results that may be of value to the state board and/or legislature as each group thinks about the policy implications of the current basket of goods.

Accreditation for Wyoming Cowboy Challenge Academy

Julie Magee, WDE, informed the board that the Wyoming Cowboy Challenge Academy (WCCA) is a program sponsored by the National Guard, the mission of the WCCA is to provide a safe, disciplined, and professional learning environment that empowers non-traditional learners to improve their education level and employment potential and become responsible productive citizens. In January 2019, the WCCA received its educational accreditation from AdvancED. The WCCA is requesting the SBE to approve the AdvancED accreditation designation for this program.

Biennium Budget Request Process

Trent Carroll, WDE, reviewed the biennium budget request process for SBE funds and discussed the roles and responsibilities, budget narratives, and budget summary sheet. Trent reviewed the current funds the SBE has and how to relocate funds if needed.

Sue Belish asked if it would be possible to relocate funds to a different budget if the board wanted to give their Coordinator a raise, Trent indicated that would be possible to do.

That State Board of Education recessed at 5:24 p.m.

February 22, 2019

The State Board of Education reconvened at 8:08 a.m.

Certified Personnel Evaluation Systems

Laurel Ballard, WDE, updated the board on the districts that were required to complete a survey with information about whether their district plans to adopt or implement a state-defined or locally-designed leader evaluation system for their district and school leaders.

Eighteen districts indicated they plan to include other district leaders in their leader evaluation systems defined through Chapter 29 Rules. Fourteen of these evaluation systems will align to the state-defined leader evaluation system. The remaining four will use a locally-designed evaluation system.

Laurel will bring this topic back to the board in March to vote on.

SBE COMMITTEE UPDATES

Communications Committee

Ryan Fuhrman informed the board that the committee is still working on guest blog posts and said the blog post from Dana Wyatt should be posted by the end of this month.

Administrative Committee

Sue Belish indicated a location was chosen for the March board meeting by the committee and said there will be a new board member orientation the day before the March meeting.

BOARD REPORTS AND UPDATES

Trigger Mechanism for Opening Standards

Julie Magee, WDE, and Mackenzie Williams, AG, presented the mechanisms for opening standards, after the WDE and AG's Office consulted with each other, they created a petition document for the SBE's review. The process for petitioning rules, including a request to review the state standards outside of the normal review cycle, will be included in the new iteration of the Chapter 3 Education Rules.

Computer Science Request for Impact Study

Julie Magee reviewed the educator input collection to identify possible impacts of the proposed 2019 Wyoming Computer Science Content and Performance Standards on curriculum and instruction. Julie also reviewed the public input collection that was being taken through an online survey and through public meetings.

Laurie Hernandez and her team will present the results from the public input at the board's March meeting.

Statewide System of Support Guidebook

Julie Magee along with Mark Bowers presented the Statewide System of Support Guidebook on behalf of Shelly Andrews. The current SSOS Model was developed by the SSOS Team in collaboration with Education Northwest. The screening protocol used to identify each school's level of support need incorporates data from state, federal, and special education accountability systems. A separate screening protocol will be utilized for alternative schools beginning with the 2018-19 school year. Small schools will be supported based on identified needs.

The pillars of support were expanded from four to five and represent the key components necessary for a high performing school:

1. Cultivating exceptional leadership.
2. Improving teaching and learning.
3. Developing a high-performance culture.
4. Establishing effective structures and processes.
5. Engaging families and the community.

Accreditation Stickers

Julie Magee presented the draft accreditation stickers for high school diplomas, the board agreed on two designs in case the Secretary of State's Office doesn't let the board use the Wyoming State Seal.

Administrative Procedures

SBE Coordinator, Tom Sachse, reviewed the Administrative Procedures part one of the SBE's policies and procedures. Tom will bring them back to the board in March for their action to approve.

ACTION ITEMS

SBE Communication Policies

Tom Sachse presented the Communication Policies sections 21 and 29 and explained the revisions that were made to the policies from the January board meeting.

Sue Belish moved to approve the communication policies, seconded by Ken Rathbun; the motion carried.

Early Learning Resolution

The board discussed the Early Learning Resolution that was presented during the January meeting, changes were made to the resolution to remove the language of "universal." The correct resolution was not included in the packet so the board will take formal action in March.

State Board of Education Election of Officers

Dicky Shanor moved to keep the elected positions the same as they are currently, Walt Wilcox as Chairman, Sue Belish as Vice Chair, and Max Mickelson as Treasure, seconded by Scotty Ratliff; the motion carried.

Approval of Meeting Dates/Locations

Sue Belish moved to approve the meeting dates and locations as presented in the meeting packet, seconded by Kathryn Sessions; the motion carried.

NASBE Legislative Conference in Washington DC

Kylie Taylor gave an overview of the conference in Washington DC and indicated the board has enough funds to send three board members. Kathryn Sessions, Max Mickelson, and Nate Breen expressed interest in attending.

Accreditation for Wyoming Cowboy Challenge Academy

Kenny Rathbun moved to approve accreditation for Wyoming Cowboy Challenge Academy, seconded by Ryan Fuhrman; the motion carried.

The board recognized Ken Rathbun and Scotty Ratliff for their dedication and service to the State Board of Education.

NEXT MEETING

The board's next meeting will take place in Casper on March 21, 2019

The State Board of Education adjourned at 11:33 a.m.