

WYOMING STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

September 4, 2014

Natrona CSD #1 McKinley Annex

1044 Foster Road

Casper, Wyoming

Wyoming State Board of Education members present: Belenda Willson, Cindy Hill, Kathy Coon, Jim Rose, Walt Wilcox, Kathryn Sessions, Scotty Ratliff, Ken Rathbun, Hugh Hageman, & Joe Reichardt

Absent: Ron Micheli, Pete Gosar and Sue Belish

Also present: Paige Fenton Hughes, SBE Coordinator; Chelsie Oaks, WDE; Mary Kay Hill, Governor's Office; Sam Shumway, WDE; Kathy Scheurman, WEA; Michael Day, UW; Tom Reeder, House 58; Jillian Balow, State Superintendent Candidate; Leah Todd, Casper Star Tribune and Mackenzie Williams, Attorney General's Office (AG)

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Scotty Ratliff called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the July 1, 2014, State Board of Education meeting were presented for approval.

Joe Reichardt moved that the minutes be approved; seconded by Ken Rathbun; the motion carried.

Paige Fenton Hughes, SBE Coordinator, introduced Michael Day, the Dean of Education at the University of Wyoming. The Board previously requested a staff member from the University attend its meetings; Michael Day will be present at the SBE meetings to fill that request.

STATEWIDE K-12 EDUCATION GOVERNANCE STRUCTURES

Paige Fenton Hughes gave a brief review on the K-12 Education Governance Study being conducted by Cross & Joftus at the direction of the Wyoming Joint Interim Education Committee (JEC). Mrs. Hughes then explained the interview protocol that would be used during the meeting and notified members that their responses would be presented to the JEC on September 10, 2014, along with other stakeholders' input from around the state.

Scotty Ratliff noted the importance of the study and why he felt this meeting was necessary.

The Board, with Paige Fenton Hughes facilitating, proceeded to discuss and answer each question.

POSSIBLE OUTREACH OPTIONS

Paige Fenton Hughes was asked by the SBE Supervisory Committee to prepare some outreach options around the standard setting process. Paige reviewed the memo she provided in the Board packet on the topic.

The Board briefly discussed each option listed in the memo. The Board agreed to have Paige prepare a document to go to school boards, superintendents, legislators and other stakeholders.

Sam Shumway, Chief of Operations for the WDE, talked to the Board about a new initiative at the WDE, Wyoming Measures Up, which will help improve with the communication between all education stakeholders.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jillian Balow commented one theme she liked is setting clear targets. If elected State Superintendent of Public Instruction, she will begin working with the SBE on many issues that the Board has been working on.

Michael Day thanked the Board for the invite and is excited to spend time with the Board

Larry McGarvin said that he is very impressed with Paige as a facilitator

The State Board of Education adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

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