

State Board of Education Minutes  
February 26, 2010  
Cheyenne, Wyoming

State Board members present: Phil Orton, Matt Garland, Pam Anderson, Norine Kasperik, Jan Torres, Sandra Barton, Mike Hejtmanek, Dana Mann-Tavegia, Joe Reichardt, and Jim McBride

State Board members absent: Bill Anthony and Larry McGarvin

Also present: Mary Kay Hill, Wyoming Department of Education (WDE); Joe Simpson, WDE; Teresa Canjar, WDE; and John Shumway, Attorney General's Office (AG)

Members of the Press and Public Present: Kathy Scheurmann, Wyoming Education Association and Kari Cline, Wyoming Association of Public Charter Schools

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CALL TO ORDER

Chairwomen Sandra Barton called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m.

Sandra Barton stated the first thing on the agenda was to amend the agenda by adding the following two items:

1. NASBE Obesity Prevention would be an action item for request for proposals for grants up to \$15,000 to state boards of education as part of its State Innovation in education Policy and Implementation to Address Childhood Obesity Initiative, supported by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation through its Leadership for Health communities national program. Norine Kasperik moved to add the NASE grant to the agenda, seconded by Dana Mann-Tavegia, motion carried unanimously.
2. Moving the writing part of the assessment to discussion and possible action, and our point of view for the Legislation. Jim moved to add the writing assessment discussion and possible action to the agenda, seconded by Pamela Anderson.

Motion failed with 5 yes votes and 5 opposed votes.

Teresa Canjar conducted roll call and established that a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jan Torres moved that the minutes from the November 19, 2009 meeting and January 14, 2010 teleconference be approved as presented, seconded by Mike Hejtmanek.

Dana Mann-Tavegia noted corrections on the November 19, 2009 meeting; page 2, seventh paragraph: correct spelling of Dana's name and change Jackson to Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

Motion carried with corrections.

## APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Jan Torres presented the treasurer's report ending January 31, 2010 with an ending balance of \$73,443.76.

Jan Torres moved that the Treasurer's Report be approved as presented, Matt Garland seconded, motion carried unanimously.

## BOARD UPDATES AND PUBLIC COMMENT

Dana Mann-Tavegia was unable to go to Washington in January for the Common Good Study Group, but did receive all the materials. If anyone is interested, all the study group materials for NASBE are available on online.

Sandra Barton updated the Board about the upcoming NASBE Legislative Conference in March. There are four members attending: Norine Kasperik, Joe Reichardt, Sandra Barton, and Dana Mann-Tavegia.

Joe Reichardt attended the Governmental Affairs meeting in February. Joe will send out materials he receives to board members.

Jan Torres wanted to thank Wyoming Workforce Development Council for dinner last night. It was a really enjoyable evening and she thought it was great to network with another agency. She also stated she is excited about P16.

## STATE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Jim McBride outlined the letter and attachment sent to The Honorable Michael Enzi and The Honorable Arne Duncan stating Wyoming's collective inputs for the reauthorization of public law 107-110, the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. This information will be published on our website and will also be sent to the Board members by email.

## PRESENTATION

Jim presented Sandra Barton with a Superintendent's Award to recognize her leadership and steadfast commitment to establishing Wyoming's first Job Corps Center in Fremont County.

## NASBE OBESITY PREVENTION PROJECT

Sandra Barton provided Leeds a brief overview of the grant. D. Leeds Pickering, Unit Director for the Health, Safety, and Nutrition Unit gave a brief overview of nutrition (meals/food) in our schools. Wyoming's obesity rate is the second lowest in the nation.

Mike Hejtmanek moved that we apply for this grant, seconded by Pam Anderson. Motion failed.

## SUBSTITUTE TEACHER STANDARDS

This information was provided in response to an inquiry from the November meeting. Norine asked what the standards are for Substitute Teachers during a discussion about the Chapter 29 Rules, the Teacher Performance Evaluation Rules.

## DROP OUT MEDIA CAMPAIGN TOOL KIT

Phil Orton moved to enter into negotiations with a vendor not to exceed \$20,000 for a drop out media campaign tool kit and training, seconded by Joe Reichardt, motion carried unanimously.

## OTHER BUSINESS

The next meeting is April 15 and 16 in Torrington, Wyoming. The evening of April 15 will be the Teacher of the Year Banquet where we will honor Christina Mills.

It was the general consensus of the group that a one day meeting in Riverton was not enough. It was determined it would be changed to a two day meeting. The Riverton Meeting will be June 15 and 16, 2010. It was also decided, we need to make the meeting two full days.

## ADJOURNMENT

Chairwoman Sandra Barton adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.