

**WYOMING STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES**  
**Teleconference**  
**January 14, 2010**

State Board Members Present: Sandra Barton, Pam Anderson, Bill Anthony, Mike Hejtmanek, Jim McBride, Larry McGarvin, Norine Kasperik, Joe Reichardt, Jan Torres, and Dana Mann-Tavegia

State Board Members Absent: Matt Garland and Phil Orton

Also present: Teresa Canjar, WDE

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Anthony called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

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

**NOMINATION OF OFFICERS**

Chairman Anthony deferred the meeting to Dana Mann-Tavegia. Dana went over the nomination of officers:

- ✓ Chairman – Sandra Barton
- ✓ Vice Chairman – Dana Mann-Tavegia
- ✓ Secretary/Treasurer – Jan Torres

Chairman Anthony asked for any other nominations from the floor for the office of Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary/Treasurer. There were no additional nominations.

**ELECTIONS**

Motion was made by Bill Anthony and seconded by Larry McGarvin to accept the above stated ballot. Motion carried unanimously.

Congratulations Sandy, Dana, and Jan.

Bill Anthony thanked all the members for their support, hard work, and dedication over the past 11 months. He said it is has been a pleasure to serve as Chairman.

Bill Anthony turned the meeting over to Chairwoman Sandra Barton.

## **BOARD DISCUSSION**

Drop Out Media Campaign - Mike Hejtmanek stated the group will be meeting with Ernie Over from Wyoming.com in Riverton on January 26, 2010 to discuss the project. Mike indicated they would like to develop a tool kit then offer training to the districts and communities sometime this summer.

Weston County School District #1 Support Letter – Dana stated the local school boards are realizing the seriousness of the following issues: a (youth) work force that is ill-prepared and an increasing drop-out rate.

Chairwoman Barton stated she has been working closely with Jim McBride and Joe Simpson on these issues and she also mentioned some errors in the letter.

Jim McBride stated there is legislation to change the drop out age from 16 to 18. He also said we need to focus on concepts to keep kids from dropping out of school and have reasons in place to keep them in school.

Chairwoman Barton offered to present on this issue for Dana's group.

Legislature – Dana wanted to know if they would be provided information on the upcoming Legislative Session. Teresa will email the group draft House Bills for this session. Dana also wanted to know if something should come up that might require phone calls from the State Board; that they are notified.

WDE Grant Update – Jim McBride stated the Race to the Top Grant application is complete and will be sent tomorrow morning. The grant award would be \$162 million with \$81 million for school districts. Right before Christmas, the Department applied for a data grant for \$11 million. He feels our chances for receiving either of these grant awards are excellent.

February Meeting – The Board would like to invite the Governor to speak at the State Board Meeting in February. Jim McBride volunteered to extend the invitation to the Governor.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairwoman Sandra Barton adjourned the meeting at 4:58 p.m.