

WYOMING STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
January 10, 2012
Teleconference

Wyoming State Board of Education members present: Dana Mann-Tavegia, Cindy Hill, Ron Micheli, Pete Gosar, Joe Reichardt, Larry McGarvin, Hugh Hageman, Scotty Ratliff, Kathy Coon, Sue Belish, and Walt Wilcox

Members absent: Matt Garland

Also present: Paul Williams, WDE; John Masters; WDE; Chelsie Bailey, WDE; Sheryl Lain, WDE; Christine Steele, WDE; and Mackenzie Williams, Attorney General's Office (AG)

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Joe Reichardt called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Pete Gosar moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Cindy Hill, the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the December 8, 2011, State Board of Education teleconference meeting were presented for approval.

Hugh Hageman moved that the minutes be approved, seconded by Pete Gosar, the motion carried.

REVISED EDUCATION ACCOUNTABILITY BILL

Dr. Paul Williams presented three papers on the new proposed legislation on education accountability. The first paper regarded the benchmark adaptive testing. The second paper regarded the future of writing. The third paper was written on the Board's request regarding the amendment to draft legislation on the use of the ACT in place of 11th grade PAWS. Since Dr. Williams has prepared this document another version of the bill has been released.

Joe Reichardt suggested that the Board informally speak with the Select Committee on Statewide Education Accountability, it is suggested that the Board submit a written comment or could speak during the public comment section of the Select Committee meeting on January 16, 2012.

Dr. Williams has been working on putting together a comprehensive display of all of the requirements of the pending legislation for the WDE and the Board. Due to the amount of additional work that will fall on the Board, Dr. Williams asks that the board become familiar with the Scott Marion's document "The Wyoming Comprehensive Accountability Framework" that was included in their packet.

Trustee Belish requested an estimated cost of the 11th grade ACT. Sean Moore gave an estimate that the total cost per year would be \$840,000.00 to add the ACT to the 12th grade and include writing on the ACT testing for the 11th grade, along with other assessment requirements.

Sue Belish asked that when speaking in the public comment on January 16th, she would like to bring up the purpose of the assessment, the design of the assessment as well as cost. Sue Belish agreed to write a summary to the Select Committee.

The Chairman noted that the Board needs to be able to articulate to the legislative subcommittee its desires and its ideas on what needs to be addressed by the legislators. It is agreed that teleconferences are welcomed to keep the Board informed.

LETTER FROM THE GOVERNOR MEAD 12/14/2011

The letter received from the Governor has been responded to, both by the Board and the WDE. In a very brief email from Chairman, Joe Reichardt, the Governor was thanked and invited to join the February State Board of Education Meeting if he or his are available.

The next State Board of Education meeting will be on February 22 and 23, 2012 in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

The State Board of Education adjourned at 10:10 a.m.