

WYOMING STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
January 14, 2011
Herschler Building, Room 1699
Cheyenne, Wyoming

Wyoming State Board of Education members present: Phil Orton, Bill Anthony, Jan Torres, Sandra Barton, Mike Hejtmanek, Dana Mann-Tavegia, Matt Garland, Larry McGarvin, Roger Clark, WDE (designee for Cindy Hill), and Joe Reichardt

Also present: Teri Wigert, Wyoming Department of Education (WDE); Guy Jackson, WDE; Joe Baker, WDE; Linda Scott, WDE; Teresa Canjar, WDE; Tom Martin, WDE; Bill Pannell, WDE; Cindy Hill, WDE; Carol Illian, WDE; Elaine Marces, WDE; Christine Steele, WDE; Annie Akerley, WDE; and John Shumway, Attorney General's Office (AG)

Members of the Press and Public Present: Kathy Scheurman, Wyoming Education Association; Jack M. Cozort, Laramie County School District #2; Bob Moen, Associated Press; and Kenya Haynes

CALL TO ORDER

Chairwomen Sandra Barton called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mike Hejtmanek moved to approve the agenda as presented seconded Phil Orton, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the November 18, 2010, State Board of Education meeting held at the Holiday Inn in Casper were presented for approval.

Jan Torres moved that the minutes be approved, seconded by Joe Reichardt, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Jan Torres presented the treasurer's report ending December 31, 2010 with an ending balance of \$184,821.44.

Jan Torres moved to approve the report as submitted, seconded by Joe Reichardt, motion carried.

BOARD UPDATES, PUBLIC COMMENT AND COMMITTEE WORK GROUP UPDATES

Drop Out Media Campaign – Phil Orton reported that prospective dates for the trainings have been selected. They are February 7 in Cheyenne, April 6 in Gillette, and April 13 in Riverton. Phil provided a brief background on this Campaign. Bill Anthony commended the subgroup for all their hard work.

NASBE Governmental Affairs – Joe Reichardt reported that he would be going to Washington DC next month to attend the Legislative Governmental Affairs meeting. If anyone has any questions you would like him to pass on; let him know.

Natrona County School District In-Service Training – Bill Anthony attended this excellent training by Ray McNulte, President of The International Center for Leadership. B. Anthony had five things from the training he wanted to share with the group: 1) Having the word strategic in your plan doesn't mean you have a strategy, 2) Changes are visible in the classroom long before you pick up the results in assessments that measure changes taking place, 3) It was stated we needed to develop better problem solvers and someone said it's not problem solvers I'm looking for, I'm looking for people who will recognize something that might become a problem and take care of it before it happens, 4) Too many of the school plans for reform that are studied end up working towards building a better 20th century school rather than working for students in the 21st century, and 5) Educators tend to cooperate rather than collaborate.

Dana Mann-Tavegia – Reported there were not enough board members from around the United States to meet the grant requirements to do the technology study group with NASBE; it has been cancelled. At this time, she recognized the outgoing board members.

Larry McGarvin – Will be attending the Marine Corp Educators Workshop in San Diego, California (Pendleton) on February 22 through March 4. He will report out at the April meeting.

STATE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Roger Clark gave the Superintendent of Instruction report. R. Clark reported that the Wyoming Department of Education is working the following:

1. WDE is currently working on the PAWS administration for 2011. Organizations were contacted for input and received feedback on changes that would benefit students in 2011. A task force was convened to work out remedies for the 2011 administration that meet the needs of the organizations that provided input. The basic remedies are: Paws is no longer going to be timed for this year, the writing prompt issues have been corrected, schools/districts will be allowed to modify the sequence in which the various elements of PAWS are delivered. There is a video that goes with these remedies.

WDE staff was in San Antonio this week working on the PAWS 2012 administration. The intent was to see what they could do to further shorten the 2012 administration and not have any psychometric issues. We are starting our discussion on PAWS 2013.

2. WDE is looking at data collection within the department. Most of our data collections are guided by either State or Federal regulations. We have asked the Superintendent's Association for recommendations. We've met with four districts in the last six days and have presented ideas about event based data collection (real time data collection). Currently data is collected from a school and student information systems. It is scrubbed in-house within a district then passed through the department to a third party vendor to be scrubbed and sent back to us. We clean up the errors, but because of the amount of errors this could be a difficult process. We would like to change the process to streamline the flow and correct errors in real time.

3. We have moved our Laramie colleagues back to Cheyenne. The administration felt this was necessary to improve the collegiality and the communication. Roger reiterated that there is no intention at this point to move any other outreach offices.
4. We are actively involved in all legislative bills and representing education forthright as we move forward.
5. We are working on a settlement agreement on the PAWS administration from last year. No other details are available at this time.
6. We have a new website that will be posted soon. It has a new look and will be easier to navigate.

BOCES REQUEST FOR CONTRACT AGREEMENTS

Sandy Barton and John Shumway have drafted a letter to be sent to all BOCES requesting their contract agreements. The six components as proposed yesterday by Bill Anthony will be incorporated into the letter. These agreements will be kept at the Department and with the Board Attorney.

BOCHES/CARBON COUNTY HIGHER EDUCATION/SERVICES AGREEMENT/WWCC & CARBON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Bill Anthony made a motion to approve Amendment Number 3 of the Carbon County Board of Co-Operative Higher Education Services Agreement as submitted, seconded by Mike Hejtmanek. Jan Torres abstained from the vote. Motion carried.

POLICIES OF GOVERNANCE

Bill Anthony asked that the tracking of the BOCES agreements be added to the timetable.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The appointed nominating committee members are Mike Hejtmanek, Chair; Larry McGarvin, and Matt Garland. The offices to be filled are Chair, Vice-Chair, and Treasurer.

Chairman Barton asked the nominating committee for their nomination for Treasurer. Larry McGarvin was nominated for Treasurer. Bill Anthony moved for nominations to cease, seconded by Matt Garland, motion carried.

Chairman Barton asked the nominating committee for their nomination for Vice-Chair. There were no nominations for Vice Chair. The committee thought if there were two nominations for the Chair maybe one would be Vice Chair or we would wait for the new members to be appointed. The office of Vice Chair will remain unfilled and will be addressed at the April meeting.

Chairman Barton asked the nominating committee for their nomination for Chair. Joe Reichardt was nominated for Chair. Phil Orton moved for nominations to cease, seconded by Bill Anthony. Roger Clark was opposed, Dana Mann-Tavegia abstained, motion carried.

The next Wyoming State Board of Education meeting will be February 22, 2011 via telephone conference.

The State Board of Education adjourned at 1:40 p.m.