

WYOMING STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
November 17, 2011
Hathaway Building, Room 126
Cheyenne, Wyoming

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

Members absent: Dana Mann-Tavegia

Also present: Teri Wigert, Wyoming Department of Education (WDE); John Masters, WDE; Paul Williams, WDE; Chelsie Bailey, WDE; Bobby Jones, WDE; Paula Smith, WDE; Scott Bullock, WDE; Lachelle Brant, WDE; Julie Magee, WDE; Sheryl Lain, WDE; Christine Steele, and MacKenzie Williams, Attorney General's Office (AG)

Members of the Press and Public Present: Brent Bacon, Laramie County School District #2; Kari Cline, WAPCS; Bob Brechtel, Wyoming House Representative of District 38; Linda Bergeron, The 5000 Year Leap Study Class, Brad Harrington, Liberty Torch; Kathy Scheurman, WEA; Martin Nash, LRNCO LCC; Marlin Walter; Kerry Powers; Doreen Kaiser; Bruce Hayes; Kathryn Valido, WEA; Amy Edmonds, Wyoming House Representative of 12; and Kelly Pellisser- WY P-16.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Joe Reichardt called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Chairman moved that some slight changes be made to the agenda including; that the Board vote on the Technology Presentation after the approval of the treasurer's report; that the State Assessment System from the work session be continued in a Executive session following the technology vote; and that the attorney for the Board, MacKenzie Williams, make a few comments before the Board continues with number 5, Board Updates, Public Comment and Committee Work Group Updates.

Ron Micheli moved to approve the revised agenda, seconded by Larry McGarvin, the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the September 23, 2011, State Board of Education meeting were presented for approval.

Ron Micheli moved that the minutes be approved, seconded by Scotty Ratliff, the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Larry McGarvin presented the treasurer's report ending October 31, 2011, with an ending balance of \$107,836.63. Scotty Ratliff moved to approve the treasurer's report as submitted, seconded by Pete Gosar, motion carried.

TECHNOLOGY PRESENTATION

Scotty Ratliff made a motion that access is allowed to the Fusion site for the next Board meeting and that the Board receives cost information and what is appropriate for the board from the WDE. Matt Garland seconded motion, the motion carried.

STATE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

Chair called for a motion for the Board to convene under Executive session. Sue Belish moved, motion seconded by Ron Micheli, the motion carried.

Larry McGarvin made a motion to come out of executive session, seconded by Pete Gosar; the motion carried, Executive session concluded at 1:44 p.m.

Paul Williams and John Masters reported on the status of the PAWS Response for Proposals, and that the RFP has been successful in receiving responses. They reported that all those responses are being evaluated by a team at the WDE, and four people outside the agency. There is a matrix for scoring; three vendors have been brought to the WDE for oral presentations. As part of the process, the State Superintendent will review the reports and then forward the reports to the Board, and the Board will be asked to authorize the RFP. Cindy Hill thanked Paul Williams for his help with the RFP process. Sue Belish requested that Mr. Williams stay for her legislative report out.

BOARD UPDATES, PUBLIC COMMENT AND COMMITTEE WORK GROUP UPDATES

Legislative Update

Sue Belish reported out on Legislative Updates. She discussed her handout and the presentation she gave to the Select Committee on November 16. She asked Mr. Williams to give more information on the Benchmark adaptive test.

Public Comment on Wyoming Content and Performance Standards

The Board opened the floor for public comment. Each person was given the opportunity to speak regarding the Wyoming Content and Performance Standards. Attorney for the Board, MacKenzie Williams, gave some background information on the rule making process..

Bob Brechtel, Wyoming State House of Representatives, District #38
Linda Bergeron, teacher, The 5000 Year Leap Study Classes
Kerry Powers,
Martin Nash, LRNCO LCC
Amy Edmonds, Wyoming State House of Representatives, District #12.
Bruce Hayes

Hugh Hageman addressed the public and thanked them for their passion and the comments that were given, he asked them to stay involved.

NCSBEE Annual Conference

Chelsie Bailey thanked the Board for allowing her to attend the NCSBEE conference. She reported that it was nice to be with people in similar situations and have an opportunity to learn from them. She was also elected the Secretary for the NCSBEE group.

P-16

Kathy Coon reported that the energy of the P-16 council has gone more towards education. She reviewed her handouts with the Board.

NASBE Annual Conference

Joe Reichardt reported out on the behalf on Dana Mann-Tavegia. He reported that it was good to be with people who are in the same situation, but have different perspectives, but even so all and all, every Board member is in the same boat across the nation.

REVIEW OF POLICY MANUAL AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Joe Reichardt moved for the following changes in the manual;

Tab 7, number 1, underline "nominations",

Tab 7, number 3, would like the nomination committee to interview everyone and get an opinion from the whole board. Nomination committee will thoroughly interview any member who shows interest in any of the three offices.

Tab 7, number 5, underline "shall open the floor for additional nominations"

Tab 7, number 9, change "one year" to an eligible member should have currently served at four quarterly meetings.

Joe Reichardt called for a motion, Larry McGarvin moves motion, and seconded by Matt Garland. The motion passed.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Ron Micheli stated that he feels that the Board needs to have a good working relationship with the Legislature and the Board needs to be more active, which means time and commitment. The Board should hone in on key issues and he believes that the Board's input would be very much appreciated by the Legislature.

Chair called for a motion to create a subcommittee with Ron Micheli as chair, motion moved by Cindy Hill, seconded by Larry McGarvin, the motion carried.

Any Board member who has an interest in serving on the Legislative subcommittee should let Joe and Ron know. Sue Belish requested data from the WDE on the number of career technical courses education courses that were taken by graduates and enrollment statistics in CTE courses, that data could be found in transcripts from seniors who have graduated in the last couple years and would like the CTE financial end reporting.

UPDATE ON STATUS AND THE NEXT STEPS OF WYOMING CONTENT AND PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

MacKenzie Williams, attorney for the Board, reported that even if the Board does not adopt the Common Core, the rules will still need to be updated. He believes that a meeting is needed with the Secretary of the State to have the rules defined. In the future he recommended that the standards be placed in a different area of the rules. LSO has looked into making these changes, because currently they are not proper. He would like to clarify the process of promulgating rules.

MacKenzie Williams gave information on dividing the Board's manual into a formal set of rules. He will provide more information in a more formal way, with all the pluses and minus involved. Sue Belish would like something written for next meeting before the Board makes a motion. Ron Micheli agreed.

Sue Belish asked that the Board discuss the locations of the public hearings and would like to have evening and day meetings available.

Ron made a motion to have five public hearings, northeast, northwest, southeast, southwest and center. Also include the WEN at the community colleges, and that the SBE attend as many as they can. Hugh Hageman seconded the motion, motion carried.

Cindy Hill assured the Board that she will provide a facilitator and the WDE will respond to whatever the Board suggests.

Pete Gosar requested a quick fact sheet to be available on the website and at the public meeting concerning the Wyoming Content and Performance Standards. Cindy Hill suggested that Paul Williams, John Shumway and John Masters, from the WDE, work together to provide this fact sheet.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

Scotty Ratliff volunteered to be on the nominating committee along with Matt Garland, and Walt Wilcox. Joe Reichardt appointed Matt Garland as the Chair of the Nominating Committee. Joe Reichardt notified the Board that even if a person is not nominated, he/she may nominate themselves.

The State Board of Education adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Teleconference is scheduled for December 8, 2011 to discuss the Response for Proposal