

WYOMING STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
February 11, 2013
Teleconference

Wyoming State Board of Education members present: Dana Mann-Tavegia, Ron Micheli, Pete Gosar, Joe Reichardt, Belenda Willson, Hugh Hageman, Scotty Ratliff, Kathy Coon, Sue Belish, and Jim Rose

Members Absent: Matt Garland, Cindy Hill and Walt Wilcox

Also present: Paige Fenton Hughes, SBE Coordinator; Mary Kay Hill, Governor's Office; Chelsie Bailey, WDE; and Mackenzie Williams, Attorney General's Office (AG)

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ron Micheli called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

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

Ron Micheli informed the Board that Cindy Hill would not be able to join the call.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Joe Reichardt moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Scotty Ratliff; the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the January 9, 2013, State Board of Education meeting were presented for approval.

Dana Mann-Tavegia moved that the minutes be approved; seconded by Scotty Ratliff; the motion carried.

SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Sue Belish reported on behalf of the Supervisory Committee that the committee believes that Paige Fenton Hughes would be the best qualified person to do the RFP work for the Board. After reviewing Paige's current contract and its funding source, the committee concluded that Paige cannot perform these duties unless an additional contract is offered to her.

Trustee Belish moved that we offer a sole-source contract not to exceed \$10,000, based on her current hourly wage, to Paige Fenton Hughes to complete activities as

assigned by the State Board of Education, related to the search for a Director for the Department of Education. Seconded by Dana Mann-Tavegia.

Pete Gosar wanted to ensure that the Board would delineate the separate work. The Supervisory Committee will review Paige Fenton Hughes's time logs and sign off on the work

Kathy Coon inquired if the contract would include travel costs. This contract will include some travel, and the travel cost would be in addition to the contract.

The motion carried.

Jim Rose left the meeting at 3:14 p.m.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Trustee Belish announced that as a result of the meeting last week the Board assigned the Supervisory Committee to look at and provide the RFP to the Board with the help of Lori Galles from A&I. The packet included the first draft of the request for proposal. Sue reviewed the document and provided suggestions to the Board.

Sue Belish moved to approve the RFP for an executive search firm to assist the Wyoming State Board of Education with the search for the Director of the Wyoming Department of Education, seconded by Kathy Coon; the motion carried.

The Supervisory Committee will be meeting on March 5, 2013, in Casper to review the RFPs and come up with recommendations of firms to present at the March 11th meeting in Rock Springs. Sue Belish extended an offer for other members to join in that process.

LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

Paige Fenton Hughes, SBE Coordinator, reported to the Board on pending legislation in the senate and the house.

A bill to note was, House Bill 91 which would require the Board to hold five summits around the state. These summits would allow the Board the opportunity to talk about accountability, get input, and share information.

The bill requiring that half of the State Board of Education members to be elected did not pass.

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION CONTRACTS

Scotty Ratliff wanted to make the Board aware that there was a radio talk show in which State Board of Education contracts were discussed by Superintendent Hill. He believed that the Board needed to be forthright with each other.

Ron Micheli asked that the topic of the State Board of Education contracts be tabled until the March meeting.

Dana Mann-Tavegia inquired if Cindy Hill had discussed this issue with any Board members and suggested that the State Board members ask the Superintendent to get the information to them and have an additional conference call in 10-12 days.

Ron Micheli notified the Board that the audio from the radio talk show has been requested. Mrs. Hill has assured him that the comments made were not that serious.

Pete Gosar sent the "On Point Program" to all the Board members and wanted to make sure all members received it.

Belenda Willson requested that the Board look into changing the meeting dates and times in the next meeting.

Ron Micheli thanked the Board members for sacrificing their time to be on the call.

The State Board of Education adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

The next State Board of Education meeting will be on March 11th and 12th, 2013 in Rock Springs, Wyoming.