

WYOMING STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

April 27, 2012  
Holiday Inn Express  
Gillette, Wyoming

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

Also present: John Masters, WDE; Chelsie Bailey, WDE; Julie Magee, WDE; Mary Kay Hill, Governor's Office; Laurel Ballard, ETS; Ruth Sommers, LSO; Mike Flicek, LSO; Nancy Cerroni, Big Horn CSD #2; David Snyder, Fremont CSD #21; Dr. Richard McClements, Fremont CSD #21 and Mackenzie Williams, Attorney General's Office (AG)

Members of the Press and Public Present: Kathy Scheurman, WEA; Elysia Conner, Casper-Star Tribune; and Kerry and Clara Powers

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CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Joe Reichardt called the meeting to order at 10:38 a.m.

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

The Oath of Officers was given to Pete Gosar and Ron Micheli.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Scotty Ratliff moved to amend the presented agenda to move number eleven to after number seven, also to move number ten to follow eleven; seconded by Pete Gosar, the motion carried.

Sue Belish moved to add Out of State Placement at the end of agenda; Dana Mann-Tavegia seconded; the motion carried.

Cindy Hill moved that the State Superintendent's Report be after the number five agenda item and a discussion on elections for subcommittees be addressed during that time. Ron seconded; the motion carried.

Sue Belish moved to add approval of the strategic plan to the end of the agenda; Cindy Hill seconded; the motion carried.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the March 20, 2012, State Board of Education teleconference was presented for approval.

Sue Belish moved that the minutes be approved; seconded by Hugh Hageman; the motion carried.

## APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Pete Gosar presented the treasurer's report ending March 31, 2012, with an ending balance of \$89,179.85. Pete asked if any Board members had any questions on the budgets and to let him know and he would direct the questions to Teri Frazier at the WDE.

Cindy Hill moved to approve the treasurer's report as submitted; seconded by Scotty Ratliff; the motion carried.

Sue Belish requested for information about the 8% cuts and asked if they would be taken out of the State Boards budget. Cindy Hill said that she would have someone from the WDE get back to her.

## STATE SUPERINTEDENT REPORT/ SUBCOMMITTEES

Cindy Hill presented sample action plans to the Board. She commented that the first step is identifying the two subcommittee members and that the subcommittees should report out at the June meeting. The first subcommittee will be a legislative subcommittee, which will work on legislative topics and action steps. The second committee will be the action planning subcommittee. Cindy Hill called for subcommittee members:

Scotty Ratliff moved to form subcommittees on legislative topics and action steps and a State Board of Education action planning committee; seconded by Dana Mann-Tavegia; the motion carried.

Scotty Ratliff further moved that the motion be amended to include that Ron Micheli be the Chair of the legislative subcommittee and the legislative subcommittee include all the previous members; Matt Garland seconded; the motion carried.

Scotty Ratliff called for any other members who would like to serve on the legislative subcommittee, Walt Wilcox volunteered.

Sue Belish moved to form the action planning subcommittee; Cindy Hill seconded; the motion carried. Sue Belish recommended that Belenda Willson Chair the action

planning subcommittee. Pete Gosar and Sue Belish volunteer to be on the action planning subcommittee.

Cindy Hill presented information on the Professional Judgment Panel and urged the Board to create a subcommittee to select the members of the Professional Judgment Panel. She noted that there is a sense of urgency in selecting these panel members, and that the panel would need to meet in June/July.

Ron Micheli moved that Chairman of the Board, the Superintendent, members from the SBE subcommittee and the Wyoming Department of Education form the Professional Judgment Panel; seconded by Scotty Ratliff; the motion carried.

Sue Belish suggested asking specific organizations if they have members they would like to nominate for the panel or a self nominating system.

The State Board of Education's Professional Judgment Panel subcommittee will include: Joe Reichardt, Matt Garland, Dana Mann-Tavegia, Ron Micheli and Kathy Coon.

The money that was appropriated by the legislation was created to give reimbursement to the panel members.

Scotty Ratliff suggested that if an organization is willing to reimburse Panel members to let them, but if not, the State Board agrees to reimburse expenses.

## REVISED WYOMING CONTENT STANDARDS

Julie Magee reviewed attachments in packets which included: suggested responses and information on the rules promulgation process. She did want to point out there have been some non substantive changes, four changes in total. All are not content based. Julie reviewed possible motion options for the vote on the Wyoming Content Standards.

Walt Wilcox moved to adopt the proposed standards and direct the Wyoming Department of Education to continue their work in identifying and working towards a strategic plan to support instruction and assessment in alignment with our statewide accountability system. Sue Belish seconded. Matt Garland requested that a roll call vote be taken.

A roll call vote was taken:

Scotty Ratliff-Yes  
Pete Gosar-Yes  
Matt Garland-No  
Belenda Willson- Yes  
Ron Micheli- No

Cindy Hill- No  
Joe Reichardt-Yes  
Sue Belish- Yes  
Hugh Hageman- No  
Kathy Coon- Yes  
Walt Wilcox- Yes  
Dana Mann-Tavegia- Yes

The motion is carried.

#### SBE AWEC EMPLOYEE

Sue Belish reported out on the status of the hiring committee for the State Board of Education Coordinator position. She notified the Board that a special meeting would need to take place around May 16, 2012 and that the subcommittee would like to have interviews on May 9, 2012. Cindy Hill acknowledged the hard work of the subcommittee. Sue Belish requested a link be added on the Wyoming Department of Education's website that links to the job description. Sue Belish invites other members of the Board, up to a quorum, to be in the interviews.

#### BOARD UPDATES AND PUBLIC COMMENT

Kathy Coon reported out on P-16 and reviewed her handouts with the Board.

No public comment was given.

#### ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE

Sue Belish would like to have more meetings during the year and would like to create a uniformed time that those meetings are scheduled; more meetings are needed due to an increase in responsibilities of the State Board of Education.

Sue Belish moved that the Chairman, Joe Reichardt, be responsible for setting up a meeting schedule for the fourth week of each month. April, June, September, November and January will be face to face meetings and the other months (besides December and July) will be teleconference calls. Cindy seconded.

Sue Belish withdrew her motion and Cindy Hill withdrew her seconded.

Sue Belish moved that in addition to what is already in State Board of Education rules that in May, August, October and March the Board will hold additional regular board meetings. Cindy Hill seconded, the motion carried.

The Board Chairman, Joe Reichardt, and Cindy Hill will meet and create the annual meeting schedule for the Board.

#### FREMONT CSD #21 UNIFICATION PETITION

Dr. Richard McClements presented to the Board on the Fremont County School District #21 unification petition. Dr. McClements gave a statement to what the unification would mean to the school district, the students and the staff members. A student from the Fort Washakie Charter High School gave a testimony on the positive impact the unification would bring. The Charter school president and principal gave testimony on the effects if the unification was passed.

Dana Mann-Tavegia moved that the State Board of Education approve the Fremont County School District #21 unification proposal submitted by the Fremont County Boundary Board; Cindy Hill seconded; the motion carried.

Board members expressed their gratitude to representatives from Fremont County School District #21 and the Fort Washakie Charter High School.

#### OUT OF STATE COURT ORDER PLACED STUDENTS

Sue Belish moved to approve the Synergy Family of Colorado as an approved facility for Court Ordered placement of students pursuant to section nine and ten of Chapter 14 in Rules and Regulations. Hugh Hageman seconded motion, the motion carried.

#### STRATEGIC PLAN

Pete moved to approve the State Board of Education's strategic plan as presented, seconded by Ron Micheli, the motion carried.

The State Board of Education adjourned at 2:36 p.m.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for June 11-12 in Thermopolis.