

WYOMING STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
February 22, 2016
2300 Capitol Ave
Hathaway Building, Basement Conference Room

Wyoming State Board of Education members present: Pete Gosar, Ken Rathbun, Kathy Coon, Hugh Hageman, Jim Rose, Dicky Shanor, proxy for Jillian Balow, Sue Belish, Nate Breen, Scotty Ratliff, Kathryn Sessions, Walt Wilcox, and Belenda Willson

Members absent:

Also present: Chelsie Oaks, WDE; Brent Young, WDE; Paige Fenton Hughes, SBE Coordinator; Mackenzie Williams, Attorney General's Office (AG); Kristen Galloway, Wyoming Tribune Eagle; Kathy Scheurman, WEA; Charles Olivas, Laramie CSD #1.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Pete Gosar called the meeting to order at 10:16 a.m.

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

WYOMING STATE SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE

Dicky Shanor, proxy for Superintendent Balow, notified the Board that the Superintendent was unable to attend the meeting due to scheduling conflict with the University of Wyoming Board of Trustees meeting. Mr. Shanor offered to answer any questions on the Superintendent memo that was forwarded to the Board.

Board members expressed their concern that the Superintendent was not present and that her memo was not sent to them in a timely manner to review.

Additionally, Board members discussed their frustration with not being included in budget recommendations to the Joint Appropriations Committee concerning the State Board of Education's budgets and position. Board members asked that communication be given to them before hand and not after the fact.

EDUCATION NORTHWEST AND STATEWIDE SYSTEM OF SUPPORT

Caitlin Scott and Steve Underwood from Education Northwest presented to the board the information provided in the packet on the logic model of the Statewide System of Support (SSoS), the purpose of external evaluation, and plans for evaluating SSoS. Additionally, Joel Dvorak gave an update on where the SSoS is currently and that the comprehensive plan will be given in the March meeting.

BOARD REPORTS AND UPDATES

Legislative Update

Paige Fenton Hughes, SBE Coordinator, and Brent Young, SBE Liaison, reviewed the Wyoming Education Association's bill chart with the Board.

Native American Education

Rob Black, WDE, gave the board updates on what the department was working on for Native American education, the Native education conference. Paige Fenton Hughes mentioned that in the Joint Education Meeting in Jackson in December Native American education initiatives was brought up and I wanted to bring it to everyone's attention so they could be thinking about it before having a more full discussion in person in March

Paige Fenton Hughes passed out a draft memo on the interim topics from the Board to the Joint Education Committee Co-Chairs. She noted that the memo does not suggest actual studies but continuation of work during the interim. The memo highlighted on system of support, the alignment of polices and statutes with rigorous college and career ready standards, a permanent executive director and administrative support, and continues accountability and assessment work.

ESSA Update

Brent Young notified the Board that an Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Update will be on every State Board agenda and that in the March meeting a crosswalk between ESSA and WAEA will be presented.

Science Standards

Brent Young presented the materials provided in the board packet on the proposed timeline for the 2016 Science Standards review. Additionally, Brent notified the board that it will look at the actual standards in the next SBE meeting.

ELA Extended Standards

Brent Young explained that in 2015 the committee that worked on the 2014 Extended Language Arts standards expressed its concern that the standards that were adopted were not that standards that the committee had agreed upon. Brent emphasized that the error was only made in the extended standards.

The board discussed the process and implications of starting the promulgation process and requested that the department come back in March with more specifics on the errors and a timeline of how long this process would take to remedy the standards.

SBE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Communication Committee Report

Paige Fenton Hughes discussed the logos that have been proposed to the Board, and revealed the final logo chosen by the committee. Chairman Gosar thanked the communications committee for all their work on the logo. A hard copy of the SBE communications packet will be passed out in the March SBE meeting.

WSBA Meeting

Nate Breen gave highlights of the Wyoming School Boards Association conference and noted that a lot of legal updates were given on the conference.

CONVENING OF STATE BOARD OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

The board convened as the Wyoming State Board of Vocation Education at 3:45 p.m. and adjourned at 4:19 p.m.

CONVENING OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

The board convened as the Wyoming State Board of Education at 4:20 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Walt Wilcox moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Nate Breen; the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the January 25, 2016 State Board of Education meeting were presented for approval.

Scotty Ratliff moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Scotty Ratliff; the motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

SBE Treasurer, Ken Rathbun, presented to the Board a simplified report in the SBE Budgets. Ken requested that the Board adopt this simplified approach to the budget outlines. Scotty Ratliff moved to approve the treasurer's report and the simplified budget outline, seconded by Walt Wilcox; the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Charles Olivas gave public comment on the disconnect between local districts and their constituents.

STATE SUPERINTENDENT DUTIES AND STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION DUTIES

The board had requested in a previous meeting that Mackenzie Williams, board attorney re-do this list to reflect the current statutes. Sue Belish thanked Mackenzie for his work on the document. A final document will be forwarded to the board through Chelsie.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Scotty Ratliff moved that the officers of the State Board of Education remain the same, Kathryn Sessions seconded, the board approved unanimously.

Paige Fenton Hughes requested to discuss the next steps for Kelly at Pascal Public Relations. She asked that Kelly be permitted to work on content for the SBE website, that she be included in a communications committee meeting on the science standards roll out, have we work on issues that come up during the legislative session and ongoing communication strategic plan support. All these tasks align under the contract amendment for Pascal Public Relations as other tasks approved by the board.

Sue Belish requested that a list of legislative task be provided at the end of the session as well as the above additional duties.

ORDER ON GUILD CHARTER SCHOOL HEARING

Mackenzie Williams presented a draft order on the Guild Chart School hearing on February 20, 2016.

Walt Wilcox recused himself.

Scotty Ratliff moved to approve the order as presented, seconded by Nate Breen.

Board members further discuss the order and determine more time is needed to review the proposed order, the motion is tabled. State Board of Education members are to send all suggestions to Mackenzie Williams. A special meeting may be called for approval of the order.

NEXT MEETING

The Board's next meeting will take place in Hulett, Wyoming on March 17-18, 2016.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.