

WYOMING STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

March 31st
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Wyoming State Board of Education members present: Pete Gosar, Kathy Coon, Ken Rathbun, Jillian Balow, Sue Belish, Scotty Ratliff, Jim Rose, Robin Schamber, Walt Wilcox and Belenda Willson

Absent: Nate Breen, Hugh Hageman, and Kathryn Sessions

Also present: Paige Fenton Hughes, SBE Coordinator; Chelsie Oaks, WDE; Mackenzie Williams, Attorney General's Office (AG); Kevin Mitchell, Park County School District #1; Gerry Chase, Johnson County School District #1

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Pete Gosar called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Belenda Willson moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Sue Belish, the motion carried.

REVISION OF THE WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S CHAPTER 31 RULES ON GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Shelly Andrews, WDE, reviewed the memo on Chapter 31 Rules provided in the board packet from WDE Liaison, Brent Young.

Kevin Mitchell, Superintendent of Park County School District #1, gave public comment on his support of all the work that has been done with the revisions of the rules.

Gerry Chase, Superintendent of Johnson County School District #1, gave public comment on his support of the revised rules and the alignment and coherence within them.

Sue Belish noted that the SBE Administration Committee really thought about the districts and wanted them to have enough guidance and consistency in the revised rules.

Scotty Ratliff moved to adopt Emergency Rules, Revised Chapter 31, Graduation Requirements, as proposed, and approval to move forward with regular rules promulgation to revise Chapter 31. Seconded by Belenda Willson; the motion carried unanimously.

Representative Albert Sommers thanked the Board for its work on the rules and commented that if there is pushback he will support the Board.

Dicky Shanor, Chief of Operations, WDE, gave a brief update on the SBE Coordinator position and asked the Board for input on a preference of contracts and if the Board would be willing to contribute to funding the position.

After a brief discussion, Chairman Gosar, requested that the conversation be continued in the April meeting, and that the Board was currently in a special meeting and needed to stick to the agenda.

The State Board of Education meeting adjourned at 8:29 a.m.