

WYOMING STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
March 17-18, 2016
Hulett Community Center
401 Sager Street
Hulett, Wyoming

Wyoming State Board of Education members present: Pete Gosar, Kathy Coon, Ken Rathbun, Jillian Balow, Sue Belish, Nate Breen, Scotty Ratliff, Robin Schamber, Kathy Sessions, Walt Wilcox and Belenda Willson (by phone)

Members absent: Hugh Hageman and Jim Rose

Also present: Chelsie Oaks, WDE; Brent Young, WDE; Paige Fenton Hughes, SBE Coordinator; Mackenzie Williams, Attorney General's Office (AG); Shelly Andrews, WDE; Laurie Hernandez, WDE; Monica Mosier, WDE; Joel Dvorak, WDE; Brent Bacon, WDE; and Kathy Scheurman, WEA

March 17th, 2016

ORDER ON GUILD CHARTER SCHOOL HEARING

Scotty Ratliff moved to approve the order as submitted to the board from board attorney, Mackenzie Williams, Nate Breen seconded.

Walt Wilcox and Robin Schamber recused themselves from the vote.

The motion carried.

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CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Pete Gosar called the meeting to order at 8:07 a.m.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ken Rathbun moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Sue Belish.

Sue Belish requested the agenda be revised to include the Wyoming Statewide System of Support after the Treasurer's report.

The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the February 22, 2016 State Board of Education meeting were presented for approval.

Kathy Coon moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Nate Breen; the motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

SBE Treasurer, Ken Rathbun, presented the summary review and expenditures report for board's budgets, and went over the remaining balances and time left in the current biennium.

Scotty Ratliff moved to approve the presented Treasurer's Report, Walt Wilcox seconded; the motion carried.

WYOMING STATEWIDE SYSTEM OF SUPPORT

Dr. Joel Dvorak reviewed the Comprehensive Framework for a Statewide System of Support for Wyoming provided in the board meeting packet.

The board discussed the system of support needed to be an infrastructure and not just services to districts. Additional feedback was requested for assessing the system, work on the development of specific adult behaviors, training for the WDE staff and further refining the deployment of the system.

Dr. Dvorak will return to the board in April to present a final plan.

SBE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Communication Committee

Paige Fenton Hughes, SBE Coordinator, provided the board with a copy of the 2016 Wyoming State Board of Education Legislative Priorities Communications Packet and gave a brief update from the last committee meeting.

Administration Committee

Paige Fenton Hughes reported on the last Administration Committee meeting where they discussed assessment committees and the SBE Coordinator position. The committee agreed to advertise the position and that Paige would complete all the necessary paperwork to post the position for interviews.

The board additionally, discussed deliverables of the position and the timeline to get the position filled. Scotty Ratliff moved that the SBE Administration Committee have the authority to move forward on filling the SBE position, seconded by Kathy Coon; the motion carried.

The committee hoped that they would be able to present a candidate at the April meeting for the Board's vote.

RESTRUCTURING PLANS UPDATE

Brent Bacon, Chief of Academics, WDE, gave an update on the current status of restructuring plans and that they are no longer required under the Every Student Succeeds Act. The department is still determining the next steps and are seeking answers from United States Department of Education before any final decisions will be made. Brent Bacon will keep the board updated on what is determined for this year.

RECOMMENDATION OF COURT ORDERED PLACEMENT OF STUDENTS

Jo Ann Numoto, WDE, presented the Devereux-FL, Viera Campus as an approved facility for court ordered placement of students.

Jillian Balow moved to designate Devereux-FL, Viera Campus as an approved facility for court ordered placement of students and subsequent educational payments pursuant to Section 9 and 10 of Chapter 14, SBE Rules and Regulations and completion of the review. Seconded by Kathryn Sessions, the motion carried.

SCIENCE STANDARDS

Scotty Ratliff moved to approve the process to open the Science Standards documents for public input, Jillian Balow seconded; the motion carried.

ELA EXTENDED STANDARDS

Sue Belish moved to approve the process to open only the K-1 ELA Extended Standards for public input, seconded by Nate Breen.

The board discussed the need to re-release of these standards and what implications could result from re-releasing.

Sue Belish revised her motion to state, I move to approve the process to open only the K-1 ELA Extended Standards for public input due to a technical error in the promulgation of the rules, Nate Breen seconded; the motion carried

Walt Wilcox moved to add the extended standards to the official standards review calendar as presented and that the definition be included. Ken Rathbun second, the motion carried.

CHAPTER 31 RULES REVISIONS

Shelly Andrews, WDE, reviewed the Chapter 31 rules revisions on graduation requirements materials in the packet. She discussed with the board where these rules are at in the process, options that the board has, and background on what has already happened.

Sue Belish clarified with Shelly Andrews that the only option the board has left it is to fully revise Chapter 31 Rules. Sue then proposed a recommendation that she believed would best accomplish the necessary rule revisions. The board reviewed her recommendation at length.

Shelly told the board that she did not need a final decision today, but the board would need to by April 1, 2016. The board suggested that Shelly work with the Administration Committee on the final draft of the rules and a special meeting will be held March 31st, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. for a final vote.

NEXT MEETING

Pete Gosar asked that members be thinking of about meeting schedules for the coming year.

The Board's next meeting will take place in Worland, April 28-29, 2016

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.