

WYOMING STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
May 19-20, 2016
University of Wyoming
College of Education, Room 117
Laramie, Wyoming

Wyoming State Board of Education members present: Pete Gosar, Kathy Coon, Ken Rathbun, Dicky Shanor proxy for Jillian Balow, Sue Belish, Nate Been (5/20)Scotty Ratliff, Robin Schamber, Kathryn Sessions, Walt Wilcox, Jim Rose and Belenda Willson (by phone)

Members absent: Nate Breen(5/19)

Also present: Chelsie Oaks, WDE; Brent Young, WDE; Brent Bacon, WDE; Lisa Weigel, WDE; Paige Fenton Hughes, SBE Coordinator; Mackenzie Williams, Attorney General's Office (AG); Tom Sachse

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CALL TO ORDER

Chairman, Pere Gosar, called the meeting to order at 12:26 p.m.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Sue Belish moved to amend the agenda by adding three action items for the recommendation of the SBE coordinator, the AWEC contract for the coordinator and professional services contracts. Walt Wilcox seconded.

The motion carried.

Chairman Gosar requested that the board enter executive session for a discussion on the recommendation of the SBE coordinator.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the April 28-29, 2016 State Board of Education (SBE) meetings were presented for approval.

Kathryn Sessions moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Ken Rathbun; the motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

SBE Treasurer, Ken Rathbun, presented the summary review and expenditures report for board's budgets. Additionally, Mr. Rathbun reported that in the previous meeting the board discussed contributing an amount

towards the AWEC contract and he has conservatively approved that \$32,000 be contributed towards the contract out of the 009 budget.

WYOMING STATE SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE

Dicky Shanor, Chief of Staff at the Wyoming Department of Education (WDE), introduced Lisa Weigel to the board. Lisa will be replacing Brent Young as the WDE Liaison starting July 1, 2016.

Lisa Wiegall reported to the board on her current division, Individual Learning. On August 1-4 her division will host a statewide special education conference in Cheyenne. This conference was formerly titled the Leadership Symposium, but this year it will be geared more towards practitioners.

Lisa is looking forward to working with the board as her new role of WDE Liaison.

BOARD REPORTS AND UPDATES

Legislative Tasks

Paige Fenton Hughes, SBE Coordinator, reviewed the memo she provided to the board in the meeting packet. The Joint Education Committee will be meeting in June, and she will report out on that in the next meeting. She also noted that the board will present at the Select Committee on Tribal relations on June 9th.

NASBE Grant

Paige Fenton Hughes said that the NASBE grant has tied up a lot of work, and that the board will be checking for alignment with the NASBE standards-based system framework as well as checking for internal alignment. Additionally, it will have to coordinate with WDE and LSO once we determine what needs to be done after the internal alignment is assessed.

Laurie and Brent are working with Mackenzie to determine a process for reviewing standards outside the nine-year cycle.

Paige reported that the last part of the NASBE grant work is completing the strategic plan and that a one-page overview of your vision, mission, and priorities was included in the packet. Additionally she included a very rough start on an action plan related to the board's goals.

Strategic Planning

SBE Coordinator, Paige Fenton Hughes continued to review the materials provided to the board on strategic planning. After some discussion the board decided to leave the SBE goals the way they are currently.

REVISED EXTENDED ELA K-1 STANDARDS

Laurie Hernandez, WDE Standards Supervisor, presented the information provided in the meeting packet on the revised extended ELA K-1 standards. She gave a brief summary of the recommended changes, a summary of the online public input comments, and requested that the board consider a non-content language change in the math extended standards for consistency.

The change would read: The Extended Standards Educator Committee determined there are no relevant applications for this standard that are appropriate for students with significant cognitive disabilities.

The board determined that it did not wish to include the non-content language into the math extended standards at this time.

PROPOSED 2016 SCIENCE STANDARDS

Laurie Hernandez and Barb Marquer, WDE Science Standards Consultant, presented to the board an overview of the proposed 2016 science standards. The overview included: a message from members of the science standards committee, input from the public hearings and online survey, the district needs survey results, a crosswalk and plans, and edits with supporting documents.

Members from the science committee testified that they were very excited about these standards, that they feel teachers are ready to get going with them, and that they hope the Department and the University of Wyoming will be able to partner to help districts get prepared for implementing the standards.

The board thanked Laurie and Barb for their hard work.

CHAPTER 10 RULES

Laurie Hernandez, reviewed the proposed changes to the Chapter 10 Rules on Wyoming Content and Performance Standards and what the promulgation process and timeline would look like if adopted.

The Wyoming State Board of Education recessed at 5:36 p.m.

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The Wyoming State Board of Education reconvened at 9:07 a.m.

SBE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Communication Committee

Kelly Pascal Gould presented the new State Board of Education website. She noted that the site is not live but that it will be completed in a couple weeks.

Pete Gosar suggested that links to early childhood education be added.

Sue Belish added that the one pager on priorities should be linked and she did not feel that alternative schedules should be under policy but be placed under responsibility.

Kelly Pascal Gould requested that if members had more suggestions to forward them to her.

Administrative Committee

Sue Belish moved that the Board go into executive session to discuss personnel matters regarding the current AWEC position, Kathy Coon seconded; the motion carried.

The board went into executive session at 9:57 a.m. Executive session ended at 10:56 a.m.

DIGITAL LEARNING/NGA POLICY ACADEMY

Laurel Ballard, WDE, presented on the Wyoming Connectivity Report and the mission is to upgrade the Internet access in every public school classroom in America so that all students can take advantage of the promise of digital learning. She provided information on the Statewide Digital Learning Plan Advisory Panel Members and the themes that were gathered from the listening tour sessions.

Additional materials were provided in the packet on the North Carolina Digital Learning plan for the board to review.

CONINUTATION OF BOARD REPORTS AND UPDATES

SBE Policies

Paige Fenton Hughes referred to the approval process in the meeting packet. The policies that are being presented at this meeting will be added to the June meeting for final approval. Requested the board to review the policies in the meantime and be prepared to bring suggestions or revisions to the June meeting.

Board Budget Review

Brent Young notified the board that this agenda item will be presented in the June meeting instead.

ESSA Update

Brent Young reported that he Advisory Committee to the Selection Committee on Statewide Education Accountability has been tasked with the alignment and requirements of the Every Student Succeeds Act and the Wyoming Accountability in Education Act.

Chapter 31 Rules Update

Brent Young let the board know that an updated timeline with the end date of August 11th would be forwarded to them right after this meeting on the Chapter 31 Rules. The department has hired Amy Starzynski as a consultant to work on these rules. She is currently working with the District Assessment System group and will be in attendance for the June meeting.

Walt Wilcox wanted an update on the work that Mackenzie Williams, SBE Attorney, and the Legislative Service Office (LSO) have been doing on the rules as well.

Amy Starzynski is currently getting up to speed on the intent of the LSO and the Governor's office. Mackenzie will be in contact with her once she is up to speed.

Additionally, Brent reported that The Human Resources Research Organization (HumRRO) has been hired by the department to develop a Request for Proposal (RFP) for an assessment vendor. The department has had an initial meeting with HumRRO but Brent would like to schedule a meeting for the board and HumRRO to meet, also.

Jim Rose is concerned that that post-secondary education is being forgotten in this process and wishes to participate in this conversation.

The SBE accountability committee will schedule a time to meet with HumRRO. Additionally, Sue Belish and Jim Rose requested to participate in the meeting.

ALERNATIVE SCHEDULES

Julie Magee, Division Director, WDE, reviewed the information provided in the meeting packet regarding alternative schedule requests from school districts.

The following school districts have submitted all required materials and are requesting approval from the State Board of Education to implement an alternative school schedule:

School District	School Name	Alternative Schedule	Applicable School Year(s)
Carbon 1	Little Snake River Valley Cooperative High School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4-day school week, with Fridays available for students with low grades 150 Contact Days 155 Contract Days 	2016-17 2017-18
Converse 1	Dry Creek Moss Agate Shawnee White Walker Creek	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4-day school week 152 Contact Days 162 Contract Days 	2016-17 2017-18
Fremont 2	All Schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some Fridays reserved for "High Impact" days dedicated to meeting school- and district-wide goals 155.5 Contact Days 170 Contract Days 	2016-17
Fremont 6	All Schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4-day school week 165 Contact Days 175 Contract Days 	2016-17 2017-18
Fremont 24	All Schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allows for later start date, earlier end date Year 1 Elementary Contact Days: 169 Year 1 Secondary Contact Days: 173 Year 1 Contract Days: 183 Year 2 Elementary Contact Days: 168 	2016-17 2017-18

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 2 Secondary Contact Days: 172 • Year 2 Contract Days: 182 	
Natrona	Midwest School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4-day school week, with 22 Focus Fridays • 148 Contact Days • 170 Contract Days 	2016-17 2017-18
Uinta 4	All Schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extending length of school day in favor of no school on specific Fridays due to certain events/activities that result in high absenteeism • 165 Contact Days • 180 Contact Days 	2016-17 2017-18
Uinta 6	All Schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4-day school week • 145 Contact Days • 155 Contract Days 	2016-17 2017-18

Sue Belish moved that the new requests for alternative schedules be approved for the 2016-17 and 2017-18 school years, seconded by Scotty Ratliff; the motion carried.

REVISED EXTENDED ELA STANDARDS

Sue Belish moved to adopt the revised 2014 Wyoming ELA Extended Content and Performance Standards to include the recommended statement: The Extended Standards Educator Committee determined that there are no relevant applications for this standard that are appropriate for students with significant cognitive disabilities.

Scotty Ratliff seconded; the motion carried.

SCIENCE STANDARDS

Ken Rathbun moved to adopt Chapter 10 Rules and the proposed 2016 Wyoming Science Content and Performance Standards documents. Nate Breen seconded.

Dicky Shanor, proxy for State Superintendent, thanked Laurie Hernandez and her team at the WDE on the great work. He noted that these are a unique Wyoming product and he is very happy at where they have arrived.

Chairman Gosar thanked Laurie for everything and her professionalism.

The motion carried.

SBE MEETING SCHEDULE

The board reviewed the schedule provided in the packet.

Kathy Coon requested that the board leave the September 2016 meeting location to be determined to allow Chelsie, SBE executive assistant, to find the best location for the best deal.

Sue Belish moved to move the November SBE Meeting to November 18-19, 2016. Walt Wilcox seconded.

Dicky Shanor, proxy for State Superintendent, requested that the board reconsider having all its meetings in person and for two days at a time.

Sue Belish commented that if the meeting is not needed they could be cancelled but she felt that it was very important to at least hold the dates at this time.

Dicky Shanor, proxy, voted no.

The motion carried.

RECOMMENDATION ON SBE COORDINATOR

Walt Wilcox moved that Tom Sachse be hired for the State Board of Education Coordinator position. Tom has served as the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Assessment in Sheridan, Wyoming for the past sixteen years. In addition, he has worked as a curriculum consultant for school improvement, an executive director for professional development, and led work for the California Department of Education. Tom has worked extensively in the world of accountability, assessment, learning, instruction and content standards. He also has immersed experiences in preparing, revising and presenting reports and plans. Tom's roles in leadership have a track record of positive relationships, successful communication and integrity when working with local school boards, Wyoming legislative representatives and other agencies. The administrative committee endorses the hire of Tom for the coordinator position. Sue Belish seconded.

Dicky Shanor, proxy for State Superintendent, thanked the SBE administrative committee for its recommendation and added that his vote is not a reflection on the candidate but is an acknowledgement of the current fiscal constraints.

Dicky Shanor, proxy, vote no.

The motion carried.

Tom Sachse is pleased to be hired by the State Board of Education. He recognizes that he has big shoes to fill and is looking forward to the work.

SERVICE CONTRACTS

Sue Belish presented two service contracts for Tom Sachse and Paige Fenton Hughes. The two contracts will assist in the transition by allowing the consultants to work together.

Sue Belish moved to approve the service contracts for Tom Sachse and Paige Fenton Hughes, Walt Wilcox seconded.

Dicky Shanor, proxy, voted no.

The motion carried.

Pete Gosar thanked Paige for all her work with the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was given.

NEXT MEETING

The board's next meeting will take place in Douglas June 23-24, 2016

The meeting adjourned at 12:19 p.m.