

Minutes
Northeastern Utah Educational Services
Board Meeting
Tuesday, September 26, 2023, 9:30 am
35 South Main
Heber City, UT 84032

Present:

Superintendents Jill Gildea, Andy Jensen, Dale Lamborn, Greg Maughan, Bruce Northcott, Paul Sweat, Rick Woodford, Jason Young, Kyle Greene with Squire, Executive Director Piper Riddle and Secretary Amy Davis. Board Members absent include Supt. Jerre Holmes, Soldier Hollow Charter School Executive Director David Phillips, Terra Academy Executive Director Bill Zenner, Uintah River High School Principal Brittany Luck, Weilenmann School of Discovery Executive Director Steve Williams and Winter Sports School Executive Director Tess Miner-Farra.

Welcome:

Supt. Maughan, Board Chair of the NUES Board opened the meeting of the Northeastern Utah Educational Services Board Meeting, Tuesday, September 26, 2023 at 9:55 am. Supt. Maughan welcomed everyone.

Action FY23 Audit Report: Squire & Company, PC

Mr. Greene from Squire & Company presented the FY23 Audit Report. He referred board members to the independent report stating a clean opinion with sufficient documentation, proper support, and reporting. He then referred board members to the balance sheet showing the general fund balance with the majority of the fund balance being unrestricted. He then reviewed the comparison report showing the original, actual, and variances in the final budget. Mr. Greene was dismissed from the meeting. Supt. Northcott made the motion to accept the NUES FY23 Audit Report. Motion seconded by Supt. Woodford. Motion passed unanimously.

Reporting: AESA Executive in Residence Report & School Safety Conference Report: Holly Todd

Ms. Todd joined the meeting and reported on attending the AESA Executive in Residence. Ms. Todd stated that her biggest take away from the Executive in Residence was figuring out who she is as a leader and the role she wants to play as a leader. There are many opportunities to be a leader and this program helped to narrow her goals personally and professionally as to what she can contribute in her role at NUES. Ms. Todd will be implementing a mental health awareness recognition for providers in May. She will be seeking nominations from each district. She briefly reviewed the various services provided by regional services centers at the on-site visitations through the program. Ms. Todd then reported on the School Safety Conference she attended. There are many safety protocols in place; however, shortcuts and work arounds are present causing unsafe conditions. Base levels can be improved to do better along with strategies to assist staff in making sound decisions in the moment. Ms. Todd briefly discussed student alert systems. She then reminded board members that she can provide the CSTAG training required through HB61. Board members discussed school safety specialists and training in the region with Ms. Todd. Ms. Todd was dismissed from the meeting.

Action Consent Calendar:

Motion to approve the consent calendar as presented made by Supt. Woodford. Motion seconded by Supt. Sweat. Motion passed unanimously.

Action Open Meetings Training:

Ms. Riddle reminded board members of the required annual Open Meetings Training. Supt. Sweat made the motion to complete the Open Meetings Training with individual LEA Boards and send the certificate to Ms. Davis. Motion seconded by Supt. Northcott. Motion passed unanimously.

Action NUES Retirement Policy:

Supt. Maughan reminded board members of the recent changes in the NUES Early Retirement Policy. Supt. Young made the motion to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel and negotiations. Motion seconded by Supt. Jensen. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to leave Executive Session made by Supt. Northcott. Motion seconded by Supt. Sweat. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion: Region Items (action may be pending):

Supt. Maughan expressed appreciation for the legislative steak fry. Board members discussed the connections made during the evening. Topics of discussion with legislators included additional incentives to teachers, required trainings for educators, funding and the RESA business case. Supt. Woodford reported that Mr. Moss visited Uintah School District as a result of the evening. Board members agreed to hold the event annually.

Ms. Riddle stated that Ms. Brown, NUES BTS Art Specialist is working on locations and dates for the FY24 NUES Region Art Show. Ms. Brown reached out to Wasatch School District about holding the event at the Wasatch High School Library rather than UVU. Supt. Sweat expressed support in holding the event at Wasatch High School Library.

Ms. Riddle stated that NUES staff members are spread thin especially with the Behavior Specialists. The NUES role is to build capacity with the adults in the region rather than work directly with students. NUES will continue in that role by primarily providing coaching, training, and modeling to build the capacity within the LEA's rather than being service providers. Board members discussed services provided by NUES employees along with building capacity within the region.

Ms. Riddle reported that North Summit School District teachers requested a Spanish course for educators where they can earn university credit. She reached out to SUU and they are excited to add that to their course listings. The challenge is finding a Spanish speaking teacher willing to teach the course and requested suggestions from board members.

Discussion Roundtable:

Supt. Lamborn inquired about the creation of a rubric by USBE that matches language arts programs, especially elementary programs so that only one program that matches the rubric. This would create the necessity to switch programs. He expressed concern for a rubric created that would force a change in language arts programs. Board members discussed the USBE rubric, reading programs used in the region, RISE scores and curriculum standards. Supt. Lamborn suggested discussing the rubric and curriculum standards during the USSA meeting on Monday.

Ms. Riddle reported that Ms. Miner-Farra requested a change in the NUES Charter Director voting position. Ms. Riddle will include the item on the October board meeting agenda.

Information:

Next NUES Board Meeting - Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2023, 9:30 at South Summit School District

Sterling Scholar: March 12, 2024 at UVU Orem, UT

NUES Region Art Show Week #1: April 22-26, 2024 in Heber at Wasatch High Library?

NUES Region Art Show Week #2: April 29-May 3, 2024

URSA Conference – July 15-17, 2023 at Richfield, UT

FY24 NUES Board Meeting Schedule

Meeting adjourned.