

CUES Board Meeting  
February 7, 2019 12:00 PM  
Kletting Room East Senate Building

**Board Minutes**

- A. Board Chair Rick Robins welcomed everyone to the CUES board meeting held at the State Capital. Those in attendance were Shane Erickson, Kent Larsen, John Fahey, Rick Robins, Cade Dougla, Sam Ray and Kodey Hughes
- B. The next Board meeting will be held March 8, 2019 at 9:30 AM at the CUES office
- C. Motion to approve the minutes from the December 7, 2018 meeting was made by John Fahey, seconded by Shane Erickson. Motion passed with all voting in favor.
- D. Motion to adopt the Agenda for this meeting with an amendment was made by Kent Larsen, seconded by John Fahey. Motion passed unanimously.
- E. Jason reviewed the Financial Report and payments made for December and January. Motion to approve the payments was made by Kodey Hughes, seconded by Kent Larsen with all voting in favor.
- F. Motion to approve Jason's contract and have the evaluation separated from the contract discussion and held in an executive session during another meeting was made by Sam Ray seconded by Shane Erickson with all voting in favor.
- G. CUES was nominated and was awarded the CoSN Digital Equity Award in the State and a runner up Honorable Mention for the National award that will be awarded in April. Cory Stokes has been asked to accept the award for the CUES office. Board members asked Jason to make sure that a press release be put in local newspapers and also sent to each of the districts for them to put in their newspapers.
- H. CUES Teacher of the Year is Angie Hall with the Juab SD. A video with interviews with the Superintendent and Principal. CUES will need to get permissions from parents to have Angie's classroom filmed. This video will be assembled and shown when Angie is honored at the luncheon on Thursday afternoon during the URSA conference in July.
- I. Jason shared data regarding the APT Survey. Discussion that only hired teachers are eligible to take the APT classes. The registration process will be changed on the CUES website. 52 participants in the APT classes at this time. Jason is working with Travis Rawlings. Part of the process will be to have District's HR directors, Principal or Superintendent sign off on teachers that are hired and are eligible to take the APT classes. Suggestion to show teachers about the re-licensure process every 5 years.
- J. Jason also shared the results of the STEM Survey. Always looking at Data and trying to improve. Needs accountability. Have a Continuing Ed piece. Look at micro-credentialing that could be used.

**Regional Projects:**

- A. Stakeholder Survey discussion regarding the tiny URL and that U of U lost access to the tiny URL. This affected the whole state not just the CUES region. The long URL has to be used. Deadline moved to March 1st. Jason has to breakout all of the data per districts. Should get reports the second week of April. Sticking with U of U for the study for the longitude of the survey. Question was asked if on the survey, could a district

have their own questions. School security questions could be added. Look into other ways to do the survey. The longevity of the survey to stay with U of U.

- B. Jason gave an update on the AmeriCorps grant. It has been submitted fully and should have an answer by April 1st. United Way of Northern Utah will run the grant. Ogden School District has agreed to be the fiscal agent for the grant. Districts that notified Jason will be included, other districts will be able to join after April 1st.
- C. Kent Larsen led the discussion on the Behavioral and Mental Health Business Plan. The plan and the survey that will be sent out was provided for the Board to look at. Ann Williamson has been shown that there is overall data that show Rural Districts have a high need for help. This plan will affect 26 districts. Ann is looking to potentially fund 2 positions this year and make a fund request for 3 additional positions.
- D. The project summary for the Computer Science Grant was shown and discussed. Sarah Young has included CUES organization as a co-applicant. Integrating CS into Elementary education. Incorporate this into rural schools.
- E. The date for the Admin Conference will be changed from June 3rd to May 30th. San Juan District Superintendent Nielson said his people may join to bring the totals up to 100 people to get the \$170 per person for the "Getting Things Done" training.
- F. Joomla Monster and WordPress are both being looked at for Web Accessibility. Joomla Monster would cost \$299 annually for the whole region. CUES is testing before releasing to the districts. Districts will need to add an accessibility statement to their website and make policy. Web developers will need to be trained. Utah State University can do a 1 or 2 day training. The cost involved were discussed. Also discussed was to include the other RSC in on the training. This subject will remain on the DS agenda and will be discussed with them. Taking steps to improve.
- G. Brandon presented to the board information regarding a new portable Planetarium Kit. Total cost for the new lab would be \$59,425. Grade level K-12 curriculum. Brandon has been going out to businesses throughout the region asking for donations to help with the costs and has had great interest. Tammy Geotz with the STEM Action Center is working with Boeing, who has the possibility of the funding the whole amount. CUES will keep the board updated on the process.
- H. STEM action center contacted CUES and other RSC to see if they are interested in receiving Robotic kits that they will be purchasing. These kits will be available through the checkout system on the CUES website for the schools. Trainings will need to be done with teachers.
- I. Rick Robins talked about a Lab Assistant, Computer Tech Job Study evaluation that Brandon from the CUES office had done for the Juab District. If other districts are looking to perform this type of evaluation Brandon would be a good resource.
- J. Edgenuity will be purchasing Odysseyware. Pricing was sent out to districts. Odysseyware had Social and Emotional educational modules that Edgenuity didn't have. More discussion on pricing will need to take place.

## **Legislative:**

- A. There will be 2 bills on School fees. Discussion on this and fee waivers.
- B. Sam Ray gave information regarding NESS. NESS committee has met to discuss what direction this will go. Talk of the application changed to every 3 to 5 years instead of every year.
- C. Jason received notice that Ben Leishman wanted information on service centers. How service centers are classified, if they should be listed as LEAs, and how should the money flow? Should it flow through the state office? Supt. Robins scheduled a meeting with State Superintendent Syd Dixon to find out what her knowledge is on this. Policies need to be made so that new leadership doesn't continually question RSC funding.

**Curriculum and Instruction:**

- A. Chapter 2 - The New School Rules - Superintendent Ericksen (no discussion)

**Superintendent Items:**

- A. Fee Waivers - Superintendent Ray (Discussed with Legislative issues)
- B. Broadcast of Courses through IVC Expand to other rural schools. Discussion of stipends and getting teachers to do the classes.
- C. Snow Tutoring - Superintendent Fahey discussed with Dr. Hood at Snow College about the availability of math students to remotely teach math students. Expand what is already in place.

**Executive Session:**

As Requested -

**Upcoming Schedule:**

- A. Thursday Rural legislative review (4 PM majority caucus room)
- B. Friday Rural Caucus meeting (7:00 AM basement house building)
- C. USSA (Feb 8)
- D. USBA Legislative Day (Feb 15)
- E. Superintendent Larsen discussed Edovate

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Kodey Hughes. Cade Douglas seconded the motion that passed with a unanimous vote.