

Minutes
Northeastern Utah Educational Services
Board Meeting
Friday, February 28, 2020
Utah State Capitol
Room #170
Salt Lake City, UT

Present:

Superintendents Dave Brotherson, Jerre Holmes, Doug Jacobs, Bruce Northcott, Shad Sorenson (by phone), Paul Sweat, CUES Executive Director Jason Strate, Executive Director Parker Mossman and Secretary Amy Davis. Board Members absent include Superintendents Jill Gildea, Dale Lamborn, Rick Woodford, Soldier Hollow Charter School Executive Director Jamie Bennion, Terra Academy Executive Director Cassie Hays, Weilenmann School of Discovery Executive Director Cynthia Phillips, Winter Sports School Executive Director Tess Miner-Farra.

Welcome:

Supt. Brotherson, Chairman-Elect of the NUES Board opened the meeting of the Northeastern Utah Educational Services Board Meeting, Friday, February 28, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. Supt. Brotherson welcomed everyone.

Discussion Region Items:

Mr. Mossman reported that he met with Rick Woodford, the new superintendent in Uintah. He is currently transitioning between Wyoming and Uintah and will begin full time in Uintah next week.

Mr. Mossman reported that Steve Williams, Middle School Dean at Weilenmann School of Discovery was recently appointed as the Executive Director as of July 1, 2020. Ms. Phillips is resigning as Executive Director but is planning to continue teaching at the school.

Mr. Mossman explained the assignments for the Sterling Scholar competition. Supt. Lamborn and Supt. Brotherson will assist in handing out awards. Supt. Lamborn will open the dinner and awards ceremony.

Mr. Mossman stated that the Wasatch Back committee is in need of attendee numbers from the districts as soon as possible. The committee is requesting presentation proposals that equal ten percent of the district attendance numbers. The presentation proposal window is now open. The date of the conference is August 11-12, 2020. Supt. Jacobs inquired about additional professional development funds from the legislature. Supt. Brotherson stated that Senator Hillyard has indicated that the legislative budget was approved a week ago with 4% added to the WPU and 1.5% added to TSSA. He then expressed concern in Salt Lake School District protesting on Capitol Hill. Board members discussed the legislative budget. Mr. Mossman stated that board members need to notify him as soon as possible if there are specific LEA time or trainings needed at the conference. Mr. Mossman referred the board members to the Wasatch Back Conference schedule in the board packet.

Mr. Mossman reported that he met with Brittany Luck, new principal at Uintah River High School. He then stated that Uintah River High School would like to join the NUES consortium. Mr. Mossman referred Board Members to the letter of request to join the consortium in the board packet. Mr. Mossman stated that Brittany Luck will attend the March board meeting for seeking board approval to join the NUES consortium. Board Members discussed the addition of charter schools in the NUES consortium and agreed to add them to the March agenda.

Mr. Mossman stated that the APPEL licensing plan is still in flux. The next year will be a transition year focusing on pedagogy courses adding content and methods criteria and courses at a later date. In the meantime, entities are being asked to submit a plan. Mr. Mossman then stated that the original idea was to submit one plan for the four RSC regions since the plan needs a program manager. There are questions about the exact responsibilities of a program manager. Mr. Strate stated that APPEL is LEA specific for three years and then goes to USBE. The goal is to get all LEA specifics at an associate level and then move forward. Board Members discussed the APPEL licensing plan with Mr. Strate. Mr. Mossman asked board members if they would like the RSCs to hire a program manager or if the individual districts would rather hire independently. Board members agreed that the districts and regional service centers need to work together moving forward. Board members expressed the need to hire someone that is positive and will help the candidates move through the process. Mr. Strate was dismissed from the meeting.

Action Consent Calendar:

Supt. Brotherson referred the board members to the consent calendar. Supt. Holmes made the motion to accept the consent calendar. Motion seconded by Supt. Sweat. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Region Items:

Mr. Mossman reported that Ms. Roberts, NUES Media Specialist has offered to visit the districts and train the district personnel in eBooks system. Ms. Roberts asked for direct access of the eBook system through the district websites. Technology Directors are working on getting the websites changed with the suggested links.

Mr. Mossman stated Representative Eliason is considering the recommendation of removing matching funds for HB373 funding. Those that requested funds with the match will need to continue to match funds for the next two years. However, the new funding requests will not require matching funds. Board members discussed HB373 funding.

Mr. Mossman stated that HB114 is the K-3 initiative through the State Office. Jennifer Thronsdson is requesting support for the bill. This bill provides one coach per sixteen K-3 teachers. The bill also suggests pooling coaches in the regional service centers if district schools have fewer teachers.

Mr. Mossman stated that Senator Fillmore is sponsoring HB104 to add money to equalization. He stated that there is \$34,000,000 in the budget with 100% State monies so money will not be taken from the counties. Supt. Brotherson stated that Senator Hillyard conveyed that the districts won't lose money, but there will be no gain.

Mr. Mossman reported that the RSC bill sponsored by Senator Hillyard passed yesterday. All votes were affirmative.

Supt. Sweat inquired about the financial aspect of the legislature. Supt. Holmes stated that the WPU is looking at a 4% increase. Board Members discussed legislative funding.

Discussion Roundtable:

Supt. Jacobs reported that Morgan School District recently went through a control audit through the State Board. Board Members discussed the audit.

Supt. Northcott inquired about Duchesne School District applying for a four-day school week.

Board Members discussed the applications for a four-day school week.

Information:

Next NUES Board Meeting – Tuesday, March 24, 2020 at NUES at 9:30 am

NUES Region Sterling Scholar Awards – Monday, March 16, 2020 at 5:00 pm at UVU, Orem

NUES Region Art Show Awards (North) – Wednesday, April 22, 2020 at 6:30 pm at UVU, Wasatch, Heber City

NUES Region Art Show Awards (East) – Wednesday, April 29, 2020 at 6:30 pm at Union High School, Roosevelt

Utah Rural Schools Conference – July 8-10 at Richfield HS, Richfield

Wasatch Back Teaching and Learning Conference – August 11-12 at Wasatch HS, Heber City

Meeting adjourned.