Minutes

Northeastern Utah Educational Services Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 12, 2020 35 South Main Heber City, UT 84032

Present:

Superintendents Dave Brotherson, Jerre Holmes, Doug Jacobs, Bruce Northcott, Shad Sorenson, Paul Sweat, Rick Woodford, Terra Academy Executive Director Cassie Hays, Uintah River High School Principal Brittany Luck, Weilenmann School of Discovery Executive Director Cynthia Phillips, Executive Director Parker Mossman and Secretary Amy Davis. Board Members absent include Superintendent Jill Gildea, Dale Lamborn, Soldier Hollow Charter School Executive Director Jamie Bennion and Winter Sports School Executive Director Tess Miner-Farra.

Welcome:

Supt. Brotherson, Co-Chairman of the NUES Board opened the meeting of the Northeastern Utah Educational Services Board Meeting, Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. Supt. Brotherson welcomed everyone.

Action Consent Calendar:

Mr. Mossman stated that there are two months of minutes as well as the service and expenditure report. He then stated that the expenditures are on target to-date. Supt. Woodford made the motion to accept the consent calendar. Motion seconded by Supt. Sweat. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Draft FY21 Budget:

Mr. Mossman referred board members to the board packet showing the draft FY21 budget as well as the FY20 budget for comparison. There are no charges listed for Sterling Scholar or the Wasatch Back Conference due to program changes this year. Mr. Mossman stated that the FY21 NUES base salaries are staying flat with a 3% stipend built in if budgets allow and given in 1% installments in July, November and January based on State revenues, with Board approval. The budget is based on the same revenues as last year. Mr. Mossman then stated that NUES is prepared to cover 2-10% cut in State funding and use carryover if needed. Supt. Brotherson stated that according to the legislature, budget planning should coincide with last year's budget, with an increase in growth. He then stated that the first priority in Duchesne would be steps and lanes with programs following. Supt. Brotherson inquired about steps and lanes in the individual districts. Mr. Mossman reported that NUES does not have a step and lane pays structure. Board members discussed FY21 budgets. Mr. Mossman notified board members that there would be some budget adjustment numbers coming in June due to a formula error on the FY20 budget. The adjustments can be covered and stay in the same departments. The region programs will also need adjusting due to NUES receiving State funds for Wasatch School District.

Time Certain 10:30 AM Lisa Young, USBE

Ms. Young reported that Malia Hite replaced Travis Rawlings at USBE as the licensing contact. Her contact information is malia.hite@schools.utah.gov. Ms. Young would like to continue with the principal partnership networks and will send a google survey to the board members so she knows how to move forward with the principal partnership networks in the region. Supt. Brotherson stated that he would like the Duchesne and Altamont principals to participate but expressed concern with travel. Mr. Mossman stated that the last couple of meetings were held at NUES as well as by WebEx. Supt. Northcott stated that the WebEx meetings are most valuable to reduce travel. Ms. Young updated board members on the

School Leadership Development Grant Program including the approval and structure of the program. However, funding for the program is presently on hold. Ms. Young was dismissed from the meeting.

Discussion Region Items:

Supt. Brotherson expressed appreciation for the Sterling Scholar competition. Mr. Mossman referred the board members to the Sterling Scholar results and stated that the results are also available on the NUES website. Board members discussed the FY20 Sterling Scholar Program.

Mr. Mossman updated board members on the NUES region art show. The district art instructors will juror and choose three winners and two runners-up from each school. The instructors will then send pictures of the art to Mr. Mossman. NUES will recognize the winners on the NUES website and send a check and certificate to the top three winners, with certificates to runners-up by May 17, 2020.

Mr. Mossman stated that he received the APPEL assurance forms from all LEA's except for South Summit and Rich. Mr. Mossman sent the reminder emails to Supt. Lamborn and Supt. Sorenson today. Everything will be ready to go upon receipt of the forms. Mr. Mossman then explained how the program would work including the required pedagogy classes. Mr. Mossman requested notification of each district appointed person that will work directly with him. Supt. Holmes inquired about hiring an elementary teacher that has a secondary license. Mr. Mossman stated that he could work with the teacher and help to get the elementary methods and content classes. The State office is still putting together the templates and criteria. Board members discussed the APPEL licensing program.

Mr. Mossman reported that the USBE would provide \$30,000 per district when combining efforts for region adult education coordinators. Mr. Mossman stated that Supt. Sorenson is working to put together a coordinator for Wasatch, Park City and South Summit. This would give \$90,000 towards a salary and provide an adult education director for those three districts. Mr. Mossman then stated that the coordinator could be employed at NUES. Supt. Jacobs stated that Morgan and Rich are currently working together. Board members discussed adult education coordinators.

Mr. Mossman reminded board members to have their teachers submit videos for virtual presentations in connection with the Wasatch Back Conference. Mr. Mossman has not received a response from Ms. Dickson. However, he is still working on moving forward with a presentation from Ms. Dickson by August 11, 2020 for administrators and educators to view live or through a recording. Board members discussed the direction individual districts are taking to provide training and preparation at the beginning of FY21. Supt. Brotherson suggested having virtual presentations that include professional development practices available all year long.

Mr. Mossman stated that Liza Sanderson contacted him last week. Ms. Sanderson is currently under contract with North and South Summit through Summit County and is looking for full-time employment. Mr. Mossman stated that NUES has access to HB373 funds to cover half of the salary and if 3-5 of the smaller districts want to join in, NUES could hire a psychologist to work in the region. Supt. Holmes stated that Ms. Sanderson is under contract to work two days a week in North Summit and two days a week in South Summit and they are working hard to keep her contracted with them. Ms. Phillips stated that Weilenmann School of Discovery would be interested in the other day of the week. Board Members discussed the position. Mr. Mossman will contact Ms. Sanderson and get more information from her prior to the June Board Meeting.

Discussion Roundtable:

Supt. Northcott inquired about when the next legislative special session is scheduled. He would like more information on funding prior to drafting a budget for FY21. Mr. Mossman stated that the Executive Appropriation Committee meets tomorrow morning at 10 am.

Ms. Phillips expressed concern regarding special education staff members and the State specification of staff to student teaching ratios.

Mr. Mossman stated that Ms. Phillips emailed the Weilenmann School of Discovery attendance policy to board members this morning. Ms. Phillips stated the purpose of sharing the attendance policy. Board members discussed attendance policies.

Ms. Phillips inquired about Charter Schools outside of the NUES region joining and paying into the NUES APPEL program with 1-2 teachers going through the program every five years. She proposed an increase of funding for NUES by allowing Charter Schools outside of the region to be included. Mr. Mossman stated that several other Districts have approached him to be included in the program. However, until the uncertainty of budgets are finalized, NUES and CUES will only be servicing the NUES and CUES Regions for the management piece. Mr. Mossman and Mr. Strate will be happy to share the program details and class information with LEA's outside the region.

Ms. Phillips would like to invite Steve Williams, future Executive Director for Weilenmann School of Discovery to participate in the June Board Meeting. Supt. Brotherson agreed to have Mr. Williams participate in the June Board Meeting.

Information: Next NUES Board Meeting, Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at 9:30 AM via WebEx

Meeting link:

https://uen.webex.com/uen/j.php?MTID=me7cc52deb88ecc1d3a85c44e7b93e976;

Meeting number (access code): 280 672 301

Meeting password: NUES

Meeting adjourned.