

Minutes
Northeastern Utah Educational Services
Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 17, 2023 - 9:30 AM
35 South Main
Heber City, UT 84032

Present:

Superintendents Jerre Holmes, Doug Jacobs, Dale Lamborn, Greg Maughan, Bruce Northcott, Paul Sweat, Rick Woodford, Jason Young, Park City Human Resource Director Shad Sorenson, Weilenmann School of Discovery Executive Director Steve Williams, Winter Sports School Executive Director Tess Miner-Farra, Rebecca Sansom with BYU, Heidi Alder with Alder Education Law, Rhett Larsen with USBE, Executive Director Parker Mossman and Secretary Amy Davis. Board Members absent include Soldier Hollow Charter School Executive Director Jamie Bennion, Terra Academy Executive Director Bill Zenner and Uintah River High School Principal Brittany Luck.

Welcome:

Supt. Maughan, Co-Chair of the NUES Board opened the meeting of the Northeastern Utah Educational Services Board Meeting, Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at 9:30 am. Supt. Maughan welcomed everyone.

Action Consent Calendar:

Motion to approve the consent calendar made by Supt. Northcott. Motion seconded by Supt. Jacobs. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Region Items:

Mr. Mossman notified board members that NUES will be transitioning to the new AAA Driver's Education course on February 1, 2023. Winter Sports School is the only school that has requested NUES continue providing the service. Mr. Mossman explained the transition of the new AAA course and requested board members notify him if they would like NUES to continue the service.

Mr. Mossman reported that the Edgenuity five-year contract expires this year. Davis School District is running a new RFP for the State with six companies responding to the RFP so far. Mr. Mossman stated that board members and district personnel can be involved in the presentations. Mr. Mossman will notify board members of the presentation date.

Mr. Mossman reported that there are currently twenty-five SORA eBook challenges from Morgan School District. The books have been removed from the system until the committee meets later today to review the books. Mr. Mossman will bring the final review to the February board meeting for the board to make the final decision.

Mr. Mossman referred board members to the board packet containing the PreK-3 Early Learning Coaches data. He then stated that RESA's have two funding requests submitted to USBE this year. The first funding request is the PreK-3 Early Learning Coaches for on-going funding. The funding for the PreK-3 Early Learning Coaches was given for two years, expiring June 2023. Mr. Mossman pointed out the data from each coach prior to the Christmas break. Mr. Mossman encouraged LEA's to work with the PreK-3 Early Learning Coaches. Mr. Williams expressed appreciation for the work Amy Mahoney is doing with Weilenmann School of Discovery. Mr. Mossman requested board members assistance in lobbying during the legislative session for the on-going funding. Board members discussed the PreK-3 Early Learning Coaches funding and data in the region.

Mr. Mossman notified board members of the new board leadership at USBE with Jim Moss acting as board chair. He then stated that RESA's will be presenting to USBE in February to review what a RESA is. Mr. Mossman will notify board members of the specific date and time and requested support from board members.

Mr. Mossman stated that the JLC met yesterday and discussed the constitutional change earmark along with HB215. He stated that HB215 combines \$6,000 for teacher raises and school vouchers in one bill. Mr. Mossman then explained that the legislature is trying to remove the constitutional earmark of income tax funds designated for public education, higher education and special services to access funds to balance the budget for the rest of the State. Board members discussed HB215 and the constitutional change earmark.

Mr. Mossman reminded board members of the legislative meetings during the session. The rural legislator meeting conducted by URSA is held every Thursday from 4-5 pm at the Capitol Building. The rural caucus meeting is held each Friday morning from 7-8 am in the House Building, basement floor. Mr. Mossman will email more information and encouraged all board members to attend. Mr. Mossman reported that URSA is presenting Friday morning at the rural caucus meeting. The presentation will include PreK-3 Early Learning Coaches on-going funding request, the RESA business case request, JLC priorities and the voucher bill. Supt. Lamborn suggested staying with the rural discussion items on Thursday and then include discussion about the voucher bill on Friday.

Supt. Holmes stated that UHSAA is meeting this week. He then stated that UHSAA received an appeal regarding the 6A region re-alignment that will be discussed. Mr. Mossman reported that girls football was lawsuit was partially dismissed.

Time Certain: 10:45 am, Rebecca Sansom – BYU Science Department

Ms. Sansom stated that BYU has been doing a social network analysis on chemistry and biology teachers in the NUES region. A survey was sent to all chemistry and biology teachers that have taught within the last three years. The survey creates a baseline for chemistry and biology teacher collaboration in the NUES region. Ms. Sansom reported on the survey results.

Ms. Sansom stated that a second survey will be sent towards the end of the month and requested board members encourage teacher response. She then stated that they are recruiting participants for the 2023-2024 cohort. Teachers in the cohort would attend a summer workshop at BYU and work with a team of teachers that teach the same subject. The cohort will be open to all secondary science teachers. Over the course of the year, participants will work with the team to develop lessons, teach lessons, and collaborate with their team. Participation in the cohort qualifies for the 3D Science course in the APPEL program. Ms. Sansom will send out survey information in the next couple of weeks. She will send cohort information in February. There are four teachers from the NUES region currently participating in the 2022-2023 cohort. Ms. Sansom was dismissed from the meeting.

Discussion Roundtable:

Supt. Sweat expressed the need to hold legislators accountable to K-12 public education rather than giving vouchers for private education. Board members discussed HB215 along with public education funding.

Time Certain: 11:00 am, Rhett Larsen – USBE School Safety Specialist

Mr. Larsen stated that school safety is a hot topic in the legislature this year with several bills being proposed. Mr. Larsen then stated that he is the State School Safety Specialist at USBE and gave a brief background on the State Public School Safety System. Mr. Larsen shared the USBE School Safety Center Mini Toolkit highlighting compliance rules, laws and resources that link to school safety. The School Safety Center will continue to update the toolkit and distribute to Superintendents across the State. He then emphasized the need to have threat assessment plans in every school.

Mr. Larsen briefly addressed legislative bills relating to school safety. He reported that USBE has two proposed business cases. The first case consists of school safety facilities and capitol needs. The second case consists of a school safety academy that includes a pilot program to improve school safety. Supt. Jacobs inquired about funding for SRO in secondary schools. Mr. Larsen stated that currently there is no funding for SRO officers in secondary schools but is hopeful that funding will be provided through the legislation. Mr. Larsen notified board members of the virtual Standard Response Protocol and Standard Unification training on January 24, 2023 from 12-4. The training will not be recorded but will be provided again in May or June. CSTAG training will be offered on February 13, 2023 with additional CSTAG training in March or April 2023. Train the Trainer will be held February 14-15. Mr. Larsen inquired about concerns with school safety in the region. Board members discussed school safety with Mr. Larsen. Mr. Larsen was dismissed from the meeting.

Time Certain: 11:30 am, Heidi Alder – Alder Education Law (action may be pending)

Mr. Mossman reported that Carol Lear retired as of January 1, 2023. Lear & Lear will no longer be doing education law. Heidi Alder created her own practice of Alder Education Law. Mr. Mossman reminded board members of the pre-purchase agreement in the past with Lear & Lear. Ms. Alder's proposal includes charging \$200 per hour with no up-front costs. Board members discussed region legal services.

Ms. Alder joined the meeting via WebEx and reported on her background in education and law. Mr. Mossman inquired about Ms. Alder's background in special education law. Ms. Alder replied that she is comfortable with special education law. She is currently contracted for three days a week with Weber School District but has resources she can turn to if she becomes too busy. Ms. Alder would likely recommend due process hearings to another law firm due to the time involved. Ms. Alder was dismissed from the meeting.

Mr. Sorenson made the motion to approve the engagement letter with Alder Education Law. Motion seconded by Supt. Northcott. Motion approved unanimously.

Discussion Roundtable:

Supt. Lamborn encouraged board members attend the JLC meetings. He also encouraged board members to show up early and stay a little later for legislative discussions. Mr. Mossman reminded board members of the process and collaboration with legislative meetings during the session.

Information:

Next NUES Board Meeting, Thursday, February 23, 2023 at 12:30 pm at Utah State Capitol, Kletting Room

NUES Region Sterling Scholar – Monday, March 6, 2023 at UVU

NUES Region Art Show – Wednesday, April 19, 2023 at Union High School

Meeting adjourned.