

Minutes
Northeastern Utah Educational Services
Board Meeting
Thursday, February 23, 2023, 12:30 pm
State Capitol, East Senate Building, Kletting Room
Salt Lake City, UT

Present:

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

Welcome:

Supt. Woodford, Board Chair of the NUES Board opened the meeting of the Northeastern Utah Educational Services Board Meeting, Thursday, February 23, 2023 at 12:45 pm. Supt. Woodford welcomed everyone.

Action Consent Calendar:

Motion to approve the consent calendar made by Supt. Lamborn. Motion seconded by Supt. Maughan. Motion passed unanimously.

Action SORA (eBooks) Challenges:

Mr. Mossman referred board members to the list of SORA eBooks that were challenged. The NUES committee met and the recommendations are shown on the list. Mr. Mossman briefly reminded board members of the NUES policy regarding eBook challenges. Board members discussed the list of books and the process of challenges. Supt. Jacobs made the motion to approve the recommendation of the committee. Motion seconded by Supt. Young. Supt. Sweat suggested postponing the approval until board members can review the list with district employees. Supt. Jacobs recommended honoring the work and recommendation of the committee. Motion passed 6:2.

Action March Meeting 28 to 29:

Mr. Mossman stated that there is a UHSAA Executive Committee meeting on March 28, 2023 and suggested moving the March board meeting to March 29, 2023. Supt. Maughan made the motion to move the March board meeting from March 28, 2023 to March 29, 2023. Motion seconded by Mr. Williams. Motion passed unanimously.

Action Providence Hall (Join RESA), and Murray (APPEL Program):

Mr. Mossman referred board members to the emails included in the board packet. Providence Hall is a Charter School in Salt Lake that has requested to join NUES. In the past, LEA's outside the region have not been approved to join NUES due to limited resources. Murray School District is requesting to join the APPEL program and is willing to help pay for the program. Supt. Sweat inquired about how the APPEL program works. Mr. Mossman replied that he is in charge of the APPEL program at NUES and gave a brief overview of the APPEL process. Board members discussed adding Murray to the APPEL program and allowing Providence Hall to join NUES. Mr. Sorenson made the motion to decline the proposals of Providence Hall and Murray School District due to geographic location. Motion seconded by Supt. Jacobs. Motion passed unanimously.

Action Retirement Announcement:

Mr. Mossman referred board members to the letter included in the board packet announcing his retirement on August 31, 2023. Board members expressed appreciation for the work Mr. Mossman has accomplished at NUES. Supt. Lamborn made the motion to accept with sincere appreciation and gratitude the retirement of Mr. Mossman and begin advertisement for a replacement. Supt. Sweat seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Action Possible Executive Session to discuss NUES Personnel:

Supt. Maughan made the motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing NUES personnel. Motion seconded by Mr. Sorenson. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sorenson made the motion to leave the Executive Session and return to an open meeting. Motion seconded by Supt. Sweat. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Region Items:

Mr. Mossman reminded board members of the Sterling Scholar program scheduled for Monday, March 6, 2023. He invited all board members to attend the banquet at UVU, Center Stage at 5 pm. Supt. Woodford will be opening the awards ceremony at 7 pm.

Mr. Mossman stated that approximately thirty LEA's are working with Davis School District on an online curriculum RFP that will be awarded today. The award will be given to EdGenuity. The NUES region has contracted with EdGenuity for the last fifteen years; however, the cost per license is increasing by \$130-150. The official announcement of the award to EdGenuity will be Monday. The contract will span 8 years.

Mr. Mossman notified board members that the funding for the NUES PreK-3 Early Learning Coaches is not promising for on-going funding. Mr. Mossman then reported that he is currently working with the fiscal analyst to obtain funding for at least two of the coaches. He inquired about region LEAs contributing funds to keep at least one of the coaches if funding is not granted. Board members discussed the NUES PreK-3 Early Learning Coach positions. Mr. Mossman will notify board members of the funding decision. He will also take a look at the NUES budget to see if there is carryover funding that can be utilized.

Mr. Mossman requested attendance numbers from board members for the Wasatch Back Conference to be held Friday, August 11, 2023. There are six Solution Tree presenters scheduled with Luis Cruz as keynote. Board members discussed the Wasatch Back Conference. Mr. Mossman will send an email reminder for attendance numbers. The cost will be approximately \$75 per attendee.

Mr. Mossman referred board members to the Income Tax Earmark Modification Proposal. He stated that there is an Executive Appropriations Committee meeting scheduled tomorrow to discuss budget items for next year. Board members discussed the Income Tax Earmark Modification along with current legislative concerns.

Mr. Mossman stated that NUES is scheduled to choose an administrator of the year for the 2023 URSA Conference. The administrator of the year is only chosen from the NUES region every four years. In the past, the teacher of the year has been chosen from the district of the board chair but the administrator of the year can be chosen from wherever the board chooses. Mr. Sorenson suggested nominating Mr. Mossman as the NUES region administrator of the year for URSA. Board members discussed the NUES administrator of the year for URSA. Supt. Woodford requested Mr. Mossman add the 2023 URSA administrator of the year as an action item on the March board meeting agenda.

Mr. Mossman notified board members of the changes at SESC. The remaining RESA's will be taking on a bigger administrative responsibility at the URSA conference this year. Mr. Mossman will email the URSA registration link to board members.

Mr. Mossman stated that Holly Todd, NUES Crisis Counselor requested Mr. Mossman remind board members of the upcoming School Climate Surveys and invited survey participation. Board members discussed the School Climate Survey.

Mr. Mossman referred board members to the board packet that includes survey results for boys volleyball. There are 70 schools included with 62 schools participating this spring. The majority of the schools are 4A-6A. Mr. Mossman recommended that the board support boys volleyball remaining in the Spring rather than moving to the Fall.

Discussion Roundtable:

Mr. Williams inquired about inviting region legislators to an earlier meeting in the Fall. Mr. Mossman stated that in the past, NUES had a legislative banquet at the end of summer as well as a meeting in November, but the attendance was sparse. Supt. Lamborn and Supt. Sweat suggested having an informal steak fry similar to SEDC. Mr. Mossman will look at the interim calendar for next year to determine a date for a steak fry. Supt. Sweat will secure a location for the meeting. Board members discussed the need for a region summer steak fry with our region legislators.

Supt. Maughan stated that he recently discussed the Income Tax Earmark Modification with several district teachers and expressed concern with responses. Board members discussed the Income Tax Earmark Modification.

Supt. Woodford inquired about library challenge policies. The policy in Uintah District allows a person to submit two challenges per year. Recently one person sent in a challenge with thirty books on the list. He then enquired if board members would treat that as one challenge or thirty. Board members discussed district media challenge policies.

Supt. Maughan inquired about published approved book lists for instructional purposes. Board members discussed published instructional book lists.

Time Certain: 4:00 pm – Rural Legislator Meeting, House Majority Caucus #341

Information:

Next NUES Board Meeting, Wednesday, March 29, 2023 at 9:30 am at NUES
NUES Region Sterling Scholar – Monday, March 6, 2023 at UVU
NUES Region Art Show – Wednesday, April 19, 2023 at Union High School

Meeting adjourned.