

**URSA Board Meeting**  
February 14, 2014  
State Capital, Salt Lake City

**Present:** Supt. Terry, Chairman  
James Christensen, CUES  
Ken Platt, USBA  
Randy Johnson, SEDC  
Supt. Carlsen, Carbon

Dennis Sampson, UEN  
James Stewart, UEN  
Supt. Hughes, Tintic  
JJ Grant, SESC

- 1. Welcome by Supt. Terry.** Today's meeting was arranged to touch base on legislative issues and finalize the Rural Schools Conference. The conclusion on the Rural Schools Board is that we are a lobbying organization designed to give a voice to rural issues. To make sure that there is equity in the smaller districts and that the students in rural Utah have the same opportunities as the students in the Urban districts.
- 2. Approval of Minutes:** After a brief review of the minutes from January 17, 2014, Supt. Kodey Hughes motioned to approve the minutes. Ken Platt seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.  
Supt. Terry would like to add a budget/expenditures review to each of the URSA meetings. Supt. Hughes would like Randy Johnson to mentor the new CUES director during his year as president.
- 3. Approval of URSA Bylaws:** The changes made to the URSA Bylaws 2 years ago were not approved in August 2012. The board was given a copy of the bylaws with changes. JJ Grant suggested that the board be given the opportunity to review the changes. Randy Johnson motioned that Johnna Boyack send the bylaws with changes to the URSA Board and approval be added to the next agenda. Ken Platt seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Members should send out any suggestions of change to JJ before the April 2014 meeting.
- 4. Legislative Items Pertinent to Rural Schools:** The board took this opportunity to discuss the current status of the Concurrent Enrollment bill and several bills currently being discussed by legislators.  
Supt. Hughes was concerned about the UEN funding and their support of individual devices within the schools. Half of the schools currently have the bandwidth to support the additional devices. Half or more of the links to schools will need to be upgraded. UEN is concerned that the planned funding for connectivity for the onslaught of devices is insufficient.
- 5. Rural Schools Conference:**
  - Registration-
  - URSA Website-JJ took this opportunity to demonstrate the new URSA website. He asked for any additions and suggestions along with pictures to add to the homepage. Randy Johnson asked that JJ send an email that can be forwarded to the districts within the service center regions. JJ also showed the board a copy of the conference poster and distributed them to the service centers. Supt. Hughes would like to have the outside legislative meetings/dinners that are held by the service centers posted on the calendar.
  - Keynotes-Ray Timothy has committed to doing the Thursday keynote. Supt. Carlsen is still working to get in touch with Steve Young to do a keynote. Supt. Terry suggested that perhaps someone try to get in touch with Elizabeth Smart as a possible speaker.
  - Other-Classes will be filled/approved by the conference committee. USOE has committed to do a class on SAGE. Several of the strands have been decided and the call is going out for presenters. The presenters will receive free registration for the first presenter. After a brief discussion Supt. Carlsen motioned to allow 2 presenters for free with an evaluation for next years conference. Supt. Hughes seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Supt. Hughes suggested that an expectation be extended that the presenter does up to 3 sessions of their particular class. Supt. Hughes was also wondering about the possibility of having 20 or so Chrome Books on hand for a lab.

6. **State Office Report:** No representatives from USOE were available for a report.
7. **UEN Report:** Jim Stewart was available from UEN for a report of current issues of importance. If SB 38 passes UEN is sure that they will be able to handle transmission of classes with the bandwidth currently available. If a district/school would like to expand classes UEN can help with IVC issues. Senate Bill 34 is being opposed by the UEN board. House Bill 92 would merge the Utah Telehealth Network with UEN. UEN is supportive of this bill with reservations.
8. **Board Dialogue:**

Meeting adjourned @ 12:30. Motioned by JJ Grant, seconded by Supt. Hughes. All in favor, motion carried.

**Next Meeting scheduled for April 25, 2014 @ Juab DO beginning at 10:00 a.m.**

Minutes approved April 25, 2014. Randy Johnson moved to approve as written. Kodey Hughes seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.