

URSA Board Meeting
February 17, 2017
Utah State Capitol, Salt Lake City, Utah

Present:

Scott Crane
Edna LaMarca
Ray Timothy
JJ Grant
Jeff Stevens

Jason Strate
Duke Mossman
Kip Motta
Johnna Boyack

1. **Welcome by Supt. Crane.**
2. **Approval of Minutes:** After a brief discussion Kip Motta motioned to approve the minutes from the November 3, 2016 URSA meeting. Duke Mossman seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
3. **Financial Update:** JJ updated the board on the income and expenses for the URSA funds 11/3/16 through 2/16/17.
4. **USBE:** no representative was available at today's meeting
5. **Utah State Board of Education Update:** no representative was available at today's meeting
6. **UETN Update:** Ray Timothy presented the board with information in regards to a statewide contract for Teachers-Teachers.com. UPEHRA/UETN would be willing to do a statewide contract for this service. If 100% of the statewide districts participate they would charge \$56,430 for the first year and \$76,950 for the second year. The standard rate for all the districts in Utah is \$102,600. The board suggested that Ray forward the information to Terry Shoemaker for presenting to the superintendents at a future USSA meeting. Ray updated the board on the current status of the funding for UETN. UETN has been asked to adopt the Utah Electronic High School and Utah Futures programs.
7. **USSA Update:** no representative was available at today's meeting
8. **Snow College Update:** Doug Johnson and Petra Brittner were available at today's meeting to update the URSA board on the status of the concurrent enrollment program. A handout was given to the board with statistics on the IVC program Fall 2014-Spring 2017. The program is seeing increasingly larger numbers of students in the non-rural category taking the courses. Newly drafted procedures will include a 2 week window for rural student registrations before the courses are opened to non-rural students. They are waiting for approval from the board of regents. Registration will open for Fall 2017 for rural school students on March 20, 2017.
9. **2017 Rural Schools Conference Discussion**
 - a. Rural Schools Theme-after conducting a group vote the top 4 Themes for this year's conference are: *Change, Challenge, Opportunity, Ensuring the Success of all Learners, Our Schools-Where Creativity, Technology and Learning Intersect, Rural Public Schools-Consistency During Change.* JJ has asked Nathan Wilson, SESC to review the top choices and make proofs for the top choices. The proofs will then be sent to the board for group approval.
 - b. Rural Schools Strands-Some suggestions: Technology, Blended Learning, Leadership, PLC Leadership strands as well as some small panel leadership discussions. A call for presenters will go out next week. Washington school district will provide the software for registration. Registration for attendees will go out beginning of March. JJ will try to get the list of SUECON attendees and contact them as well. The suggestion was made to contact Carl Boyington, UASSP, and have him email information to principals

and send out a request for presenters. UETN has been contacted in regards to a blended learning presentation.

- c. Rural Schools Keynote Speakers-A retainer has been paid to Solution Tree for Joe Cuddemi and Dean Wilson. Both gentlemen have both been scheduled as keynotes for this year's conference.
- d. Rural Schools Food/Facilities-Families will be invited Tuesday as well as Friday in lieu of entertainment. Preliminary plans will be made for 350-400 meals per day. It was suggested that the family meal information be included on the posters. The registration booth at the Hunter Conference center will be ½ the size due to construction during this year's conference. Registration will be set up outside the "Great Hall" for the first morning and in the Education building for the rest of the conference.
- e. Vendors-A draft copy of the vendor information was sent to the directors and the feedback was that the vendors felt the fees were too high. The board made some adjustments to the original copy and the directors will approach various vendors about having information at the conference. Some suggestions were made regarding vendors: STEM, Instructure Canvas, Edivate, Edgenuity, Safe Schools, Odysseyware, Educator Weekly, Waterford, Red Cats. It was suggested that the directors contact Elementary and Secondary Principals groups and see what their vendor policies are.

10. Board Dialogue:

- a. Technology Grants-Award letters were sent to the districts this week. Currently there is no new money at this point.
- b. Legislative Discussion-NESS bill looks like it will pass. Border school funds will come off the top of NESS monies.
- c. Service Center Funding-Public Ed. appropriations presented to Ed. appropriations and they will be putting service centers down as #5 on the list to executive appropriation. Representative Last feels funding should be above the line. Service Centers are also #3 on the 1 time funding list for the remainder of the 2017 funds.
- d. Roundtable

Meeting adjourned 11:55.

Next meeting scheduled for April 27, 2017 at the CUES office, 820 North Main, Suite 3, Richfield, Utah.