

# URSA Board Meeting

May 10, 2018

Juab DO, Nephi, Utah

## Present:

Shannon Dulaney  
Duke Mossman  
Nathan Jenkins  
Jason Strate  
Larry Davis  
Carli O'Neil  
Doug Johnson  
Scott Crane  
Linda Hansen

Sam Ray  
Terry Shoemaker  
Kimberly Carlisle  
Brandon Jacobsen  
Jeff Eggly  
Ahlin Griffith  
Rick Folkerson  
Edna LaMarca, Via IVC  
Johnna Boyack, URSA

1. **Welcome** to board & introduction of Carli O'Neil. Carli is the new elementary teacher representative from Emery School District.
2. **Approval of Minutes** from February 8, 2018. After a brief review of the minutes Jason Strate motioned to approve as written. Larry Davis seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
3. **Adobe Presentation** – Go-Ed representatives have been in discussion with Adobe to provide the Creative Cloud software to all 7-12 grade students in the state of Utah. The cost would be \$5 per students for the full creative suite. There is a tie in to the Digital Learning Grant for this program. Adobe has offered training working through the service centers to provide training to districts. Online resources are available.
4. **“Road to Success” Foundation** – Ahlin Griffith and Rick Folkerson brought information to the board regarding the ‘Road to Success’ reading program available to all rural school districts, now in its 14<sup>th</sup> year. ‘Road to Success’ is a 48-week program available for free to all students. The ‘Keys to Success’ program should be going to rural districts next year.
5. **UETN Update** – Jeff Egly was at today’s meeting to update the board regarding happenings at UETN. Most schools in Utah are connected to fiber. They are currently working to extend fiber to Daggett SD. They have a timeline with the FCC, UDOT & Strata. They are now focusing on the 4 corners area and will begin looking to bid in the Fall. UETN is planning for SAINT Con. With a leadership tract this year. The conference will be the last week of September at the convention center in Utah Valley. The Canvas program has been funded k-12 statewide.
6. **Utah State Board of Education** – Linda Hansen informed the board that they have approved the writing of new science standards. The NESS funding and transportation work groups have been formed and are beginning to work. The computer science task force is working to try and achieve greater access on all computer science offerings. The board of ed is working on a Teacher leader endorsement pathway. Contact Lea Vorhees if assistance is needed for the special education program.
7. **USSA Update** – Terry Shoemaker discussed the effects of the local levy changes with a handout. Work is beginning on the JLC priorities for the upcoming year.
8. **Rural Caucus Membership Debrief** – The fees have been paid for this year and now URSA is officially a member of the Rural Caucus group. They will be contacting Sam Ray for next year.
9. **Rural Schools Conference:**
  - a. **2019 Conference Theme** – Teaching Best practices and effect size were very high on the survey sent out to participants regarding future themes for the conference. Shannon suggested that we capitalize on **Hattie’s** research. Jason suggested that we work with Corwin to set up keynote speakers and a

leadership tract. The suggestion was made that Jason contact Patsy Johnson for ideas. Scott asked that members bring 'Theme' suggestions to the September meeting.

- b. **SUU Rooms** – 20 rooms are available for the upcoming conference. The business building will not be available for this year's conference. Emily @ SUU is doing the coordination this year.
- c. **Presenter Proposals** – the committee will be meeting on May 16, 2018 to select sessions and plan a schedule.
- d. **Vendor location** – the location of the vendor tables will be in the hallway of the Hunter Conference Center. If this is too many for the hallway some will be located in the foyer of the Education Building.
- e. **Break Location** – the break refreshment tables will be located in the Hunter hallway as well as the foyer of the Education Building.
- f. **Attendee Registrations** – we currently have 162 registrations for the attendees.
- g. **Conference Recognitions** – The board determined that in addition to the teacher and administrator awards they would like to recognize Senator Vickers, Senator Mel Brown and Rep. Carl Albrecht. The Governor would like to come to the conference on Thursday at 9:00 a.m. to deliver a short message and perhaps give out the awards for the teacher and administrator recognitions. Awards for Mel Brown, Senator Vickers and Rep. Albrecht will take place on Wednesday, July 11, 2018. Awards for teachers and administrators will be given Thursday, July 12, 2018.

#### 10. Board Dialogue:

- a. **Tentative meeting dates** for the next year will be: Sept. 18, 2018, Jan. 15, 2019, Feb. 14, 2019, Apr. 25, 2019, July 11, 2019 with additional date if needed Oct. 16, 2018, Nov. 15, 2018. Larry Davis moved to accept dates as presented. Carli O'Neil seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- b. **Regional Service Center Funding** – CUES would like to keep funding as is with USBE. NEUS voted to speak with Rep. Last for his opinion on the best way to proceed. SESC would like to take a wait and see stance. SEDC doesn't want to push too much at this time. Terry Shoemaker suggests waiting before making any changes. The 4 service center directors will meet with board chairs to determine a unified course of action in regards to future funding plans.
- c. **NESS Funding Update** – The committee has the BA's from Duchesne, Sevier, Ogden as well as Steve Carlsen, Scott Rogers and Sam Ray among others. The mission of the committee is that the formula is going to change. Transportation funding will also change.
- d. **Endorsement Programs** – STEM will be starting in Fall. Instructors have been established. ESL, CUES has 46 students in their region. Wasatch will do a separate program. Math Special Ed, USBE will fund at 100% if they can find a higher education institution that will approve the instructors. This endorsement will probably begin in January. Reading 1 cohort will begin in August.
- e. **Roundtable** –
  - i. The Superintendents of Rock will be unable to perform during the ice cream social at the conference.
  - ii. Doug Johnson, Snow College, would like to thank the board for their support. Snow received and additional \$300,000 for expanding the concurrent enrollment program from the legislature.
  - iii. CUES Region, David Brotherson and Jason Young attended the Personalized and Blended Learning Summit in San Francisco earlier in May. The conference was very good.

**Meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.**