

URSA Board Meeting

July 12, 2017

SUU Campus, Cedar City, Utah

Present:

Scott Crane
Mark Dockins
Dave Brotherson
Duke Mossman
Bart Reynolds
Cade Douglas
Jason Strate
Kodey Hughes
Edna LaMarca
Sam Ray

Scott Ferrin
Karen Peterson
Terry Shoemaker
Nathan Jenkins
Paulie Vogrinec
Cheryl Cox
Jeff Stephens
Shannon Dulaney
Johnna Boyack

1. Welcome by Scott Crane, chairman.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** After a brief review of the minutes Kodey Hughes motioned to accept the minutes as written. Jason Strate seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
3. **USOE Update** – no representative at today's meeting.
4. **Utah State Board of Education** – no representative at today's meeting.
5. **UETN Update** – no representative at today's meeting.
6. **USSA Update** – Terry Shoemaker was available at today's meeting. An equalization workgroup is preparing for the upcoming JLC meeting on the 27th of July at Iron School District. Terry encourages all of the superintendents to attend the JLC meetings. The JLC has assigned a workgroup to work on equity issues. After much discussion the workgroup has outlined some recommendations to forward to the JLC:
 - a. Set a permanent floor of the basic rate at FY '18 levels.
 - b. For a 5 year period set the floor of the voted local levy, the board local levy and the capitol local levy at FY '18 levels with current state guarantee revenues to qualifying local districts not being reduced.
 - c. Limit the revenue that Higher Ed receives from the education fund. No amount has been determined.
 - d. It is recommended that the floor of the basic rate be set at 001568 and that the distribution of those revenues be accomplished by setting a cap of the guarantees of the combined rates at 0020.
 - e. To increase state funding for to and from transportation by \$5 million dollars a year until the statutory limit of 85% is achieved.
7. **2017 Rural Schools Conference Discussion:** Scott Crane suggested that this item be moved to the September meeting when we will have totals and will be able to form a plan for moving forward with the conference. URSA should be looking at ways to grow this conference. Please send any additional suggestions to Scott (scott.crane @ seschools.org) or Johnna (johnna@seschools.org). Some suggestions for future conferences:
 - a. Contact Governor or Lt. Governor about a keynote at the 2018 conference. Karen Peterson offered to get a trip on the Governor's calendar for Wednesday, July 11, 2018.
 - b. Tuesday meal could be done off campus or ice cream social
 - c. Move awards presentation to after the keynote
 - d. More vendors for future conferences: Power School, Mastery Connect

- e. Develop the social media aspect of the conference

8. Board Dialogue:

- a. USBE Assignment – NESS Funding Formula/Criteria: There have been several discussions regarding NESS funding. During the previous legislative session the legislators were fine with the current state of NESS funding. The NESS rule was up for reauthorization before state board in June 2017. Duke was present to support the reauthorization of the NESS rule. Some questions were presented regarding the revision of NESS funding. It was suggested that this issue be studied by the stakeholders. Chairman Huntsman suggested that the service centers review the whole NESS program. If the URSA board would like to take on this review it was suggested that a group of BA's: Jared Black at Emery, Dee Miles at Duchesne, Patty Murphy at Garfield, Todd Burke at Beaver, Carrie Reese at Kane and Paul Gottfredsen at South Sanpete be approached about forming a group to help with this review. Kodey Hughes motioned that Duke contact the BA's mentioned in letter form and ask them to come together on this issue. Dave Brotherson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Kodey Hughes added to the motion that Dee Miles be the chairman and Patty Murphy as vice chair of this committee. Kodey Hughes also added that a presentation be ready for the September 12, 2017 URSA Board Meeting. Shannon Dulaney will work with Duke to formulate a letter to send to the BA's. *Kodey Hughes is concerned about the conflicting information and opinions that are being presented on certain issues. Terry Shoemaker will work with leadership to send a message to dissenting districts asking them to give support for district problems.
- b. ARL/APT program – Jason Strate says that 2 individuals have registered so far. Please add a link to your service center websites. Information on cost and how to sign up are on the website. The cost will depend on the amount of people who register for the course. All 4 service centers are working together on this program. There will be 4 classes in the course with a teacher from each region. The participants will receive a 5000 level credit from SUU upon completion. The directors are hoping that the districts will support this program as they would like to present this course each year. Kodey Hughes asked Terry Shoemaker if it would be possible to present briefly at the next USSA meeting on the ARL/APT program.
- c. Washington DC/AESA Call to Action conference proposal – Duke has developed a proposal on himself and the URSA chair, unless the chair is from the NUES region, attend the conference in Washington DC. It would cost approximately \$1,800-\$2,000 per person to attend the September 27-29, 2017 AESA Conference. The attendance would be paid by URSA funds.
- d. Juvenile Justice changes/Service Centers/HB239 – The juvenile justice program has suggested that there be a liaison in the Service Centers who would work with district in their area with any issues that may arise. Funding would be supplied by Juvenile Justice Center. They would be a resource for schools to use for programs.

9. Passing of the Gavel – The Presidency of the URSA group has been passed from Scott Crane to Shannon Dulaney for the FY '18 year. Sam Ray will move into the President Elect position.

- a. FY '18 Meeting Dates and locations: after a brief discussion all meetings, except the February legislative meeting, will be held at the Juab DO in Nephi beginning at 10:00 a.m.
 - i. September 12, 2017
 - ii. November 2, 2017
 - iii. February 8, 2018 @ 11:00 a.m. Olmstead Room of the Senate Bldg.
 - iv. April 26, 2018
 - v. July 12, 2018

Dave Brotherson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 3:30 p.m. Sam Ray seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.