

## URSA Board Meeting

January 21, 2020

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### Present:


Duke Mossman  
Scott Crane  
Lance Hatch  
Jason Strate  
Sam Ray  
Ray Timothy  
Jenny Earl

Joe B Wright  
Brandon Harrison  
Nathan Jenkins  
Jessie Burrell  
Mark Huntsman  
Carli O'Neil  
Terry Shoemaker

1. **Welcome from Duke Mossman.** Dave Brotherson was not in attendance at today's meeting.
2. **Approval of Minutes from September 10, 2019.** Scott Crane motioned to approve the minutes as written. Carli O'Neil seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
3. **Utah State Board of Education Update** – Mark Huntsman gave the board an update on a few items of concern. There is a new board member that will be announced by the Governor today to replace Linda Hansen. Linda has relocated outside of her voting district. Another hot topic is internet access for students and whether this is included in the student fees. If, in the learning environment, internet is required then should internet access be supplied in the home environment. The second big thing is the referendum on the tax program and how it will affect education funding. Duke reminded Mark Huntsman and Jenny Earl of the Thursday meetings from 4:00-5:00 p.m. during the legislative session. Mark reminded the board that they are available to discuss any concerns.
4. **UETN Update** – Ray Timothy was hoping to preview the updated informative video on UETN, but technology was not his friend today. The new video is available on the UETN website. Ray reviewed the items that UETN has listed on their funding request. Last year all items that were requested were funded/approved. All items were listed as ongoing, but at the end of the session everything was changed to one time. During the special session they took the opportunity to take UETN funding and put it as part of the base budget as ongoing funding. Ray has discussed the award videos with his staff and they estimate that it will take 1 week per service area. He feels as though he can't justify having his staff away from their jobs for this length of time. He is willing to help in another capacity. The service centers will contact their local high schools for assistance.
5. **Snow College Update** – Mike Daniels was unavailable for today's meeting. Doug Johnson has retired and Mike Daniels will take his place on the URSA Board.
6. **USSA Update** – Terry Shoemaker discussed the tentative schedule for the education appropriations meetings. The Education appropriations discussion on service centers and NESS will be on the February 3, 2020 agenda. Jason Strate requested that Terry share the tentative schedule with the USSA group. Terry requested that the directors share the date of February 3, 2020 and the NESS discussion with the superintendents on their boards. Scott Crane requested a representative from the state board come to the next USSA meeting to answer

questions on the TSI program. Terry requested that Scott send him an email with this request. Duke and Terry recently had a phone conversation with West ED regarding several issues. They are working to get more involved to provide services to rural districts. They would like to include Utah in a group conversation with several other states. Terry would like the directors to add this to their discussion items for future board meetings to update the superintendents.

## 7. URSA Business:

- **Board Positions** – Jesse Burrell is the new secondary teacher representative from the CUES region. Jesse is a teacher in South Sanpete School District.
- **APPEL Program** – Alternate Pathway to Professional Educator License – Nicole Wangsgard called in to discuss this item with the board. The state will not be running this program. Jason suggested that the 4 service centers work together on a plan and submit the application for all 26 districts within the service centers. Tooele school district has expressed an interest in participating in a program like this. The boot camp will take place on January 23, 2020. UVU and SUU have reached out to Jason and offered to provide their assistance.
- **2020 Conference Discussion Items:**
  - Facilities & Activities – Brandon Harrison updated the board on plans being made for this year’s conference. Richfield HS is ready to go and most activities will take place here. Some activities have been planned for the Richfield campus of Snow College as well. The Sevier travel council is working on activities for the conference. Links for registering for these activities will be available on SCHED. The family social, on Wednesday evening, will be held at the Richfield City Park. This will include a performance of Superintendents of Rock. To encourage attendance at the social prizes will be available. It was suggested that one of the sponsors be involved with the family social. Brandon will get information for Scott to distribute to the sponsors. Pre-Service teacher registrations – Brandon and Jason suggested to the board that they make available a discount for pre-service teacher registrations. Snow College has committed to covering the SBC center and the lunch for the meal during the rural schools conference and Sevier travel council has committed \$5,500 for the conference giving the board increased funds to distribute. Joe B Wright suggested that the incentive/scholarships be distributed through the universities. It was suggested that a flyer be generated with all of the information and an informative meeting be scheduled with the department heads. A limited number of scholarships will be available to be promoted with no actual limit.
  - Sponsors – Scott has sent out the initial contact to all of the past sponsors. Scott also shared the theme ‘Education with ’ and the poster with the board. Counseling Strand – USBE is no longer holding the summer counseling summit and Jason was asked if URSA would be willing to add a counseling strand for the rural schools summer conference. Dustin Shakespeare, Jennifer Christensen and Holley Todd would be willing to put together the counseling strand for the conference and then they will distribute the information regarding the conference.
  - SCHED/Eventbrite - For future conferences the board may want to explore Event Brite as a registration option.
  - You Tube Channel – Jason stated that this is just an idea for possible implementation. Some of the presenters have recorded their sessions and this would allow them to upload videos.
- **RSC Legislation Update** – This item is on the Education appropriations agenda for February 3, 2020. Duke will be out of state and unable to attend. The RSC bill is not on Sen. Hillyard’s list of bills. Duke will visit with Dave Brotherson about attending this meeting.

- **AESA Conference Update** – Dave and Duke attending the AESA Advocacy conference in September and was able to visit with 5 out of 6 delegation’s offices to discuss the secure rural schools funding. There are 3 bills that have been drafted to re-authorize secure rural schools funds.
- **2020 Legislative Session:**
  - URSA Tri-fold Legislative Handout - Scott will bring the URSA trifold to the board members at the first legislative session.
  - Rural Caucus Sponsorship – Dave Brotherson and Duke Mossman have had a few meetings with the Rural Caucus group and they are wondering what URSA would like to discuss and when. They will send the invoice at the end of the session.
  - Thursday afternoon Legislative Meetings – Joe B Wright asked if there are any changes that should be made for the upcoming session. Sam Ray feels that having an agenda and a person to lead the meetings has helped greatly. Sam is willing to help Dave Brotherson in the event that he is not available for these meetings.
- **Board Dialogue**
  - Carli O’Neil asked if it would be beneficial for her to attend the February 13, 2020 URSA Board Meeting at the Utah State Capitol. The board recommend that she attend and perhaps stay for the Thursday afternoon Rural Caucus meeting as well.
- **Motion to Adjourn** was given by Scott Crane. Seconded by Carli O’Neil. All in favor, motion carried.

**Next URSA Board Meeting: Thursday, February 13, 2020 @ Utah State Capitol, Salt Lake City in the Kletting Room, East Senate Building @ 10:00 a.m.**