

# URSA Board Meeting

January 4, 2018

Little America Hotel, Salt Lake City

**Present:**

Shannon Dulaney	Terry Shoemaker
Larry Davis	Dale Lamborn
Duke Mossman	Ron Nielson
Dave Brotherson	Edna LaMarca
Scott Crane	Kodey Hughes
Karen Peterson	David Stiler
Jeff Stephens	Cheryl Cox
Jason Strate	Ben Dalton
Ray Timothy	Kent Larsen
Sam Ray	

1. Welcome by Superintendent Dulaney.
2. Approval of Minutes: Jason Strate motioned to approve the minutes from November 2, 2017. Larry Davis seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
3. URSA Pillars Document: The board took this opportunity to discuss the URSA Pillars document drafted by Shannon Dulaney and Sam Ray. The board was given a copy of the URSA trifold, developed by SESC with the pillars information, for review.
  - a. Trifold Use Clarification: The trifold will be used as an informational document to define the needs of URSA. The document can provide background information to new legislators coming in to their position. Shannon will be presenting this trifold at today's superintendent meeting.
  - b. USSA Perspective: Terry Shoemaker is concerned that the document could create some issues down the road when defining the intent of the trifold. Who you give this document to and when you give it are most important.
4. Rural Schools Conference:
  - a. Keynote Flyer: Keynote speaker flyer given to the URSA Board
  - b. Theme Suggestions: A request was sent out to the board for any theme suggestions. Scott would like to have the posters ready for distribution at the February 8, 2018 meeting. The directors would like to have the themes set the year before the conference begins to aid in the decision of the keynote speakers. After a brief discussion the board decided on the theme for 2018 as "Building Resiliency through Personalized Approach". The board was in favor of this theme for the 2018 conference. Shannon has requested that the members be allowed to take the idea to their boards for discussion. The 2019 Theme Suggestions will be added to the February 8, 2018 URSA meeting agenda.
5. Board Dialogue:
  - a. ARL/APT Update: Jason Strate pointed out that they are receiving emails from people who are not employed by districts requesting access to the course. Jason feels that only people actively employed by districts should be allowed to join the current program. He is putting together a statement that districts will need to send a recommend in order to have an employee participate. Sam Ray recommends that districts should sponsor

teachers within their districts who are interested in the program. Jason has requested that members approach their boards regarding whether this should be a yearly or every two-year program. Shannon feels that it should be a yearly program so there is continuity within the program. Kodey Hughes motioned that the cost be increased by \$50 to protect the program for lean semesters. Sam Ray seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.