

URSA Board Meeting

February 8, 2018

Utah State Capitol, SLC, Utah

Present:

Shannon Dulaney
Scott Crane
Larry Davis
Kent Larsen
Nathan Jenkins
Edna LaMarca
Dale Lamborn
Ray Timothy
Kodey Hughes

Duke Mossman
Dave Brotherson
Ray Terry
Terry Shoemaker
Landon Peterson
Sam Ray
Linda Hansen
Johnna Boyack

1. **Welcome** to group from Shannon Dulaney, President. The board gave introductions.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** After a brief review of the minutes from the January 4, 2018 meeting Dave Brotherson motioned to approve as written. Larry Davis seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
3. **Rural Schools Outreach:** Members of the University of Utah Department of Psychology were in attendance at today's meeting to do a short presentation on their proposal to do an Outreach program in rural school districts. A handout was given to the board. The team will send contact information to the President and Directors.
4. **Snow College:** Landon Peterson extended his thanks to the URSA board and their support of the CTE program. A handout was given to the board. Snow College is hoping to add an additional 20 sections for the 2018/2019 school year. The college will be giving a 2-week priority window to students in rural school districts when signing up for courses. The college is requesting \$300,000 from the legislature this year in order to expand the CE/CTE program and things are looking very positive.
5. **Rural Schools Study:** Kenwyn Derby was not in attendance at today's meeting.
6. **Utah State Board of Education:** Linda B Hansen is the new USBE representative for the URSA Board. The HB264 school counselor bill can be used for school psychologists. Twenty-eight grants will be awarded this year.
7. **USSA Update:** Terry Shoemaker updated the URSA Board regarding the funding discussions being held at the Capitol. The current legislative status is the Governor asking 4% to the WPU and the JLC is asking 5.5% for the WPU.
8. **Legislative:**
 - HB 179 – Kent Ivory's bill on state training and certification requirements. Within the bill is a requirement that when state mandated trainings are delivered they are all done online.

Sometimes the resources are not available in rural districts. NUES has requested a list of the required trainings, reports and timelines from the state board. Some programs that can provide this service are Risk, Edivate, and Safe Schools. Ray Timothy asked if this was a project that UETN could undertake. Ray will work with Duke and do a cost analysis to see if UETN can assist with this need.

- School Trust Lands – Kade Douglas has requested a letter of support from URSA for the program revisions. The board would like more information before a letter of support is issued.
- Rural Caucus Membership/Sponsor – Duke Mossman explained that for years the URSA board has been using the rural caucus platform. The Rural Caucus Committee is asking for a \$600 membership fee from URSA to have a seat at the table. Scott Crane did some research with his auditor and the district BA. Some suggestions were: Motion must be made in a board meeting; money should be taken from conference vendor fees so that the \$600 fee is not coming from state money. Sam Ray would recommend that this topic be taken to local service center board meetings for discussion. Dale Lamborn motioned to approve the URSA Board membership to the Rural Caucus committee. Dave Brotherson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Dave Brotherson motioned that the Rural Caucus Membership representative will be the URSA Board president elect. Larry Davis seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

9. Rural Schools Conference:

- 2018 Conference Poster – Scott Crane had the completed poster for the 18 Rural Schools Conference for distribution today.
- 2019 Theme Suggestions – it was suggested that an email conversation about possible 2019 topics/focus be initiated. Move this topic to the next meeting.
- Wednesday Ice Cream Social for the 2018 conference. The last session will be from 3:40-4:40 on Wednesday. The Superintendents of Rock will play for an ice cream social at the Iron School District office from 6:30 – 7:30. Shannon will reserve the park area.

10. Board Dialogue:

- ARL/APT Update/Participant policy – Everyone voted to run the ARL/APT program yearly. The directors would like to limit this program to people who have already been hired by the districts.
- Roundtable:
 - Elementary Teacher Representative for SESC – Paulie Vogrinec has requested removal from the URSA Board. Emery school district will select a representative from within their district.
 - Waterford as vendor for conference/water bottles – Waterford has made a commitment as a vendor for the summer conference and asked about the possibility to supply the water bottles. UETN will supply the water bottles for the summer conference once again. SUU would like a table at the conference for their online program. They will be given a table at no charge.
 - Sam Ray is now an Envision Utah task force representative on teacher shortages.
 - Ray Timothy would like to thank Ray Terry for being a UETN board representative. The state appointed position will now be held by Dave Brotherson. Utah Futures was 2nd to last on the UETN priority list. Canvas is on the USBE list submitted to Ed Appropriations.

Sam Ray motioned to adjourn the meeting at 12:05. Larry Davis seconded the motion. All in favor.

