

# URSA Board Meeting

September 10, 2019

Sevier DO, Richfield, UT

**Present:**

Dave Brotherson	Doug Johnson
Sam Ray	Mike Daniels
Cade Douglas	Joe B Wright
Jason Strate	Stephen Allen
Ray Timothy	Shannon Dulaney
Duke Mossman	Scott Crane
Carli O'Neil	Johnna Boyack
Nicole Wangsgard	

1. Welcome to the meeting from Dave Brotherson.
2. Approval of Minutes - July 12, 2019: Jason Strate motioned to approve the minutes as written. Scott Crane seconded the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.
3. USBE Update - Mark Huntsman was not in attendance at today's meeting for an update. Jennie Earl sent regards about not being able to attend the URSA meeting she would like URSA's thoughts on the new Health standards. Dave Brotherson will communicate with Jennie and get information to the URSA Board.
4. UETN Update - Ray Timothy reviewed the UETN projects for the URSA Board - see handout. NEARPOD - UEN has a webpage with all the resources that are currently available throughout the state. NEARPOD is part of UEN's funding request for a statewide contract. Eduroam is available to districts at no cost. Jason Strate asked if UEN is willing to host a radius server for the districts. Utah Futures is being transferred to the Governors Office of Economic Affairs - Talent Ready Utah. UEN has offered to take care of the award videos for the 2020 URSA Conference. Give the region name to Jason Strate and he will contact Ray Timothy & Katie Garrett to arrange the filming.
5. Snow College Update - Doug Johnson & Mike Daniels gave the board a review of the new 'My CE' web based software that will allow counselors/supervisors at the high school level to have access to student progress. They are hoping to roll out this program by spring.
6. USSA Update - Terry Shoemaker was unable to attend today's meeting.
7. URSA Business:
  - a. Board Vacancies - Larry Davis will retire at the end of this school year. He is currently filling the President elect position and would like to have a replacement on the board this year for training. SESC will go to the board meeting on September 19, 2019 and ask for a superintendent to fill Larry's position. CUES is currently looking for a secondary teacher to fill the position currently being held by Scott Brady. NUES will find a replacement for Kip Motta.
  - b. Meeting date changes were approved: Joe B Wright has asked that the September meeting not be held close to the USSA meeting.
    - i. January 21, 2020 @ Juab DO in Nephi
    - ii. February 13, 2020 @ Utah State Capitol, Kletting Room
    - iii. April 23, 2020 @ Juab DO in Nephi

- iv. July 2020 @ Richfield for conference
  - c. 2020 Conference Keynotes - The contract for Tom Schimmer has been signed and confirmed for July 9, 2020. Mark Roberts has been contacted for July 8, 2020 and his fee will be \$1,750. Kyle Schwartz has been contacted for July 10, 2020 and her fee will be \$6,500. Sam Ray motioned to approve the recommended keynotes. Carli O'Neil seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.  
For 2021 Jason would like to tell George Couros, who can be contracted for \$21,000, that URSA will go in another direction.
  - d. RSC Workgroup Study Update - Duke Mossman gave the board an update on the Regional Service Center Workgroup activities. The State Office was tasked with looking at the funding, governance and coordination in regards to the regional service centers. Currently the governance will stay the same, with the local boards in control and more coordination with the state office. Funding will stay the same, using our local district offices as fiscal agents and the state office will have a line item for regional service centers. Ben Leishman from the governors office gave the committee an option of an alternate line item that would give increases to the funding. Operations would include directors when making decisions on proposed USBE initiatives. The service centers will become an ESA, Educational Service Agency, which is a type of LEA that will enable the service centers to apply for grants.  
The state has asked for a letter of support from each service center board. A request was made for a support letter from URSA to the Public Education committee, Sen. Hilyard and Rep. Eliason.
  - e. Federal Items for Discussion with Utah Delegation - Duke Mossman and Dave Brotherson will be heading to the AESA Conference in Washington DC and would like to know what items of concern they should take with them. LTE Category 1 and School Trust Lands items were suggested.
- 8. 2019 Rural Schools Conference Discussion:
  - a. 2019 Conference Financial - Scott Crane reviewed the conference finances with the board.
  - b. 2019 Conference Survey
  - c. 2019 Conference Teacher Efficacy Research - Sam Ray suggested breakouts, supervisor breakouts, and administrative strands, on this subject, for the future conferences. Perhaps attach a leadership conference to the URSA conference. Contact Lisa Young about administrative strands.
  - d. 2020 Conference Theme - Sam Ray has suggested 'Education is a Great Career' as a possible theme or at least visit this idea a few times during the conference.
- 9. Board Dialogue:
  - a. Regional Legislative Award suggestions from service centers - Scott Crane would like to move the legislative award discussion along to continue giving out awards during the conference. Sam Ray recommended that we bring names to the January meeting. Add this item to Business for a motion.
  - b. Trust Lands - Districts are having to pay market price to purchase land to build schools. This is presenting a burden to areas with higher market values.

**Next meeting January 21, 2020 @ Juab DO in Nephi at 10:00 a.m.**