

URSA Board Meeting

January 15, 2019
Juab DO, Nephi, UT

Present:

Sam Ray
Scott Crane
Dave Brotherson
Duke Mossman
Ray Timothy
Jason Strate
Terry Shoemaker

Joe B Wright
Scott Ferrin
Doug Johnson
Stephen Allen
Kodey Hughes
Steve Burton, Iron SD
Johnna Boyack

1. Welcome from Sam Ray and board introductions.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Jason Strate motioned to accept the minutes from July 12, 2019. Dave Brotherson seconded the motion. All in favor.
3. **Utah State Board of Education** - Mark Huntsman was not in attendance at today's meeting.
4. **UETN Update** - Ray Timothy had 3 handouts at today's meeting. Ray reviewed the FY2020 Funding Request from UEN, URSA Updates from UEN as well as the UEN information for legislative distribution. GOED is working to procure funding for the Adobe Creative Suite for Utah Schools. Ray reviewed the UETN Infrastructure Map and the connectivity throughout the state. UETN would like to stress the need to support Utah Futures if the program is being used within the districts. Without funding this year Utah Futures will be going away.
5. **USSA Update** - Terry Shoemaker gave the board an update regarding issues of concern regarding funding, impact fees, assessment, school safety and NESS for the upcoming legislative session. The JLC is asking for \$35 million in ongoing money for enrollment growth, \$65 million in onetime funding for facilities, \$35 million for school safety and for a 5.5% increase to the WPU. At a meeting yesterday Terry feels that there will be a bill regarding the election of School Board officers. Changing the process from election to Governor appointed.
6. **Rural Schools Conference Update:**
 - a. URSA Conference Activities - Scott Crane reviewed the planned activity options for the upcoming conference. Kodey Hughes suggested that invoices for activities be sent before the beginning of the conference. Duke Mossman asked about increasing the numbers for the tours.
 - b. Registration - The registration will be open to Rural Schools only until March 1, 2019. The link will be sent to the directors for distribution to their districts. Joe B Wright has suggested that the registration section on the website be changed to 'Coming Soon'. Hotels are already being booked up for the conference dates. Limited registration will be changed to 800 with presenters. If the directors are aware of people that will only be attending for 1 day we will need to know for meal counts. An invitation to join the conference will be written for distribution to USBE members as well as Syd Dickson and her employees.
 - c. Promotional Materials - The conference posters are ready and available for the directors to take back to their districts. SESC has developed a flyer for the keynote speakers and they will be developing a similar flyer for the local activities that are available. Add a possible QR code for information. The Castle Country website has videos available on the Carbon and Emery area. UEN will supply the water bottles again for this year's conference.
 - d. Call for Presenters - The initial email for presenters was delivered last week. Presentation proposals are open until March 15, 2019 and then the schedule will be finalized.

- e. Draft Schedule:
 - i. The award presentations will take place on Thursday during lunch. The board decided that a 2 to 3 minute video will be developed for each awardee with the Superintendent welcoming and introducing the recipient. The information will be sent to Johnna by May 1, 2019.
 - ii. Friends of Education awards will be given at a different time. Add this item for the agenda for the next meeting.
- f. July URSA Board Meeting - July 12, 2019 10:30-11:30. Johnna will make the request from the presentation committee.
- g. Future Keynotes 2020 - During the process for 2019, URSA has signed a contract with Tom Schimmer from Solution Tree. When John Hattie became available Tom offered to move to 2020 so he will be the major keynote for next year.

Board Dialogue:

- NESS Funding - Dale Lamborn was not available at today's meeting.
- AESA Conference in Colorado Springs - Jason and Rick Robins attended from the CUES region and the suggestion was made that this conference be attended each year. Next year's conference will be held Dec. 4-7, 2019.
- Rural Caucus Presentation - Sam will not be available for the first meeting, February 1, 2019, so Shannon Dulaney has offered to direct the caucus. Sam suggested a review of the JLC priorities for the Thursday meeting. During breakfast the next morning they will present the URSA Pillars and how they align with the JLC priorities. For future meetings they will designate 3-5 bills and discuss how exactly those bills will affect rural schools.
- SOEP - Sam reviewed the requirements of the SOEP plan and distributed a handout to the board
- RSC, PEA submission - Jason stressed to the board that the requested report has been updated and submitted.
- APT Report - Jason updated the board about the numbers for the program. They currently have 52 teachers enrolled in the program and they are located at 23 different sites. Jason is having difficulties with understanding and communication on the part of the students, superintendents and HR departments. The board suggested that Jason schedule a training with Terry at a future USSA meeting.
- Other - Doug Johnson, Snow College, reported that they will have a new president, Brad Cook, effective mid May 2019. Doug also stressed that the NAACP conference will take place in SLC the 1st week of October this year. Introduction of Mike Daniels as the Concurrent Enrollment Specialist.
- Aspire SIS - Nebo & Ogden are pulling out. Currently 26 districts statewide are using the program. The state is not currently charging for the program. Add this item to the agenda for the next meeting.

Kodey Hughes motioned adjourn the meeting at 12:52. Scott Crane seconded the motion. All in favor.

Next meeting February 14, 2019 in the Kletting Room at the Utah State Capitol beginning at 10:00 a.m.