

URSA Board Meeting

July 12, 2018

SUU, Hunter Conference Center

Present: Shannon Dulaney
Sam Ray
Ray Timothy
Dave Brotherson
Lance Hatch
Duke Mossman
Joe B Wright
Carli O'Neil
Larry Davis

Linda Hansen
Kodey Hughes
Nathan Jenkins
Bart Reynolds
Scott Jones
Jason Strate
Dale Lamborn
Cade Douglas

1. Welcome from Shannon Dulaney

2. **Approval of Minutes:** Larry Davis motioned to approve the minutes from the May 10, 2018 meeting as written. Kodey Hughes seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

3. **Utah State Board of Education update:** Linda Hansen updated the board with some information from the Utah State Board of Education. Mark Huntsman wants to reassure everyone that the Office of Legislative Auditor General is just trying to make sure that every district is clean with the recent audit. Kodey Hughes expressed concern for rural schools regarding the costs incurred when transporting students to events. Scott Jones assured the board that there is a task force working to determine the needs of rural schools. Dave Brotherson brought attention to another HR audit that is being requested in his district. He is concerned about the information being released and any legal concerns. Scott Jones will check into this matter and relay information as needed. Shannon Dulaney has requested clarification on this matter for all superintendents/districts. Superintendent Dixon working on the strategic plan and will be coming to the districts for input. Currently they are working on a student advisory committee. The committee will consist of 15 students throughout the state that will come before the board in August. They will be sending out information so that the districts can nominate students for this committee.

Bart Reynolds: Dr. McKenzie from SUU wanted to announce a Special Education ARL that will be available. SUU will be working through the service centers on this program. Bart will send out the flyer to the directors.

4. **UETN Update:** Ray Timothy was available at today's meeting with many compliments on this year's conference. For this year's conference UETN employees are providing 13 sessions of professional development. From June 30, 2017-July 2018 10,313 teachers have taken PD classes. UETN now has widgets and logos available and they recommend they be added to district and service center websites to give teachers quick access for all links. Utah Futures is continuing to be under attack, but UETN is still providing training. Jason Strate has heard comments from teachers who would like the program to return to a student login that keeps a data inventory. Some districts are currently using Naviance. Ray will investigate this program and see if costs would be better with group buying. UETN is looking for some Originality/Plagiarism software. A new interface for eMedia is coming the first of August. An additional 104 titles will be available on the UIMC program. There are 100+ new courses from BYU Independent courses for blended learning for use in the classroom available. Online Library new user names and passwords are currently being distributed.

5. **2018 Rural Schools Conference Discussion:**

- a. *Rural Schools Status Update* - Current comments show a positive reaction to this year's schedule change. The location of the Iron School District office for the evening social was very nice. The vendors worked out well this year, but there is always room for improvement. Perhaps cut the 'Friends of Education' to only 2 awards. Very beneficial when awardees show up to receive their recognition. Kodey Hughes suggested that perhaps doing a slideshow with a voiceover of the biography while pictures are being shown. It was also suggested that a video be shown on the wait screen that highlights the location for next year's conference location. Lance Hatch is working with the commissioners and mayor to generate activities and interest for next year's location in Price, Utah. Some ideas are 'Night at the Museum' or 'Wave Pool' family activities. The committee is working to plan an activity for each evening. Lance Hatch will work on obtaining a video on Castle Country Tourism that he will send to Johnna for distribution to conference attendees. It was suggested that the board meeting be moved to a different time to allow the members to attend sessions. Friday morning would allow members to have some feedback regarding the conference. It was suggested that this meeting tentatively be scheduled for Friday afternoon and also be added to the agenda at a future board meeting.

- b. *Future Keynotes* – suggestion to continue with the quality keynote speakers. Perhaps add 20-30 minutes' time to the keynote schedule.

Some suggestions for future keynotes/topics:

Effect Size

Mental Health of Students

'I Wish my Teacher Knew' movement – Kyle Schwartz, 3rd grade teacher in Denver, Colorado

J. Lynn Jones

Student Behavior

Brad Wilcox

Ben Horsley

Jason will look into several of the options discussed for the next URSA meeting so that the board can arrange a schedule for the next couple of conferences.

6. **Board Dialogue:**

- a. NESS Update – Scott Jones indicated that the Transportation portion has been completed.
- b. AESA Advocacy Meeting – Duke questioned whether the board is interested in attending this meeting and the conference once again this year. Shannon felt like it was very beneficial to attend this meeting/conference. Dave Brotherson motioned in a previous meeting that the President and Duke attend this conference on a yearly basis. Sam suggested that the board wait until the elections are over to decide upon attendance. Kodey Hughes motioned to pursue the first meeting and possibly the conference attendance. Dave Brotherson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- c. *Rocky Mountain Center for Rural Education Collaboration Proposal*-tabled for next meeting.

7. **FY '18 Reflection** – The board took a moment to discuss the accomplishments over the last year and how to proceed moving forward. Sam Ray would like to find a way to work with the JLC & the JLC agenda to include items of concern to URSA/Rural Districts. The board was very happy with the work of the URSA board under the guidance of Shannon Dulaney. Shannon has turned the gavel of the URSA President over to Sam Ray for the 2018/2019 year. Sam suggests that URSA find a way to work with JLC on the URSA pillars and rural district concerns.

8. **Adjournment** – Duke Mossman motioned to adjourn the July 12, 2018 URSA Board meeting at 1:00 p.m. Kodey Hughes seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.