

URSA Board Meeting

November 2, 2017

Juab District Office, Nephi

Present:

Shannon Dulaney
Edna LaMarca
Duke Mossman
Scott Crane
Larry Davis
Sam Ray
Cheryl Cox

Tami Goetz
Jason Strate
Kodey Hughes
Laura Hunter
Nathan Jenkins
Doug Johnson
Johnna Boyack

1. Welcome from President Dulaney.
2. Approval of Minutes – Motion by Kodey Hughes to approve the minutes from the October 3, 2017 URSA Board Meeting. Second by Larry Davis. All in favor, motion carried.
3. STEM Action Center – Tami Goetz was in attendance at today's meeting to speak with the URSA Board regarding the Computing Initiative. Tami would like to be part of the URSA meetings on a regular basis. The STEM Action Center received 1.255 million in ongoing funding from the legislature via SB190. They are exploring how do we support programs more effectively. If attendees could use more industry support just let them know. Elementary STEM Endorsement information was requested by the service center directors. The directors requested a meeting with Kelli Yates requesting information for the STEM endorsement. The next directors meeting is December 11, 2017 at 10:00 at the Juab DO. Tami is very willing to work with the rural districts covering all aspects of the STEM program. All rural/small districts can contact Tami Goetz for the STEM support including writing of grants. Her cell # is 801-674-2405, email tgoetz@utah.gov.
4. USBE Update – no representative was available at today's meeting.
5. Utah State Board of Education – Scott Neilson was not available at today's meeting.
6. UETN Update – Laura Hunter was in attendance at today's meeting to give the board an update regarding UETN activities. A handout on Professional Development and legislative requests was given to the board. Utah Futures received no funding last year so this coming session is very important to this program. If funding is not received Utah Futures will go away. Utah Futures is not currently on any organizations funding list. The Utah Futures website has a 'Share Your Opinion' option to gather information for the upcoming legislative session. Utah Futures now includes exam prep features. UETN is working on the RFP for 'Originality Detection Software'. The contract for 'Turn It In' is expiring this year and any districts interested in participating are encouraged to contact UETN. The UEN Resources page, <http://uen.org/resources>, has been updated with USBE pages. The round 2 Tech inventory is underway. One of their priorities is school connectivity. In the near future 35 new schools will be opening that will need new circuits. UEN is moving to a 24/7 basis structure. Contact laura@uen.org for any statistical information regarding Utah Futures & Canvas.
7. Poverty/Equalization – Ray Terry was not able to attend today's meeting.
8. USSA Update – Terry Shoemaker was not able to attend today's meeting.
9. Rural Study Update-West Ed – Duke Mossman gave the board an update regarding the Rural School Study being done by West Ed. The initial proposal should be available next week & it will be forwarded to the URSA Board.
10. Rural Caucus Draft Agenda – President Dulaney gave the board a copy of the draft agenda for the Rural Caucus meetings requested at the October 3, 2017 meeting. The meeting is traditionally a 1-hour meeting. After a review of the agenda Kodey Hughes suggested recognitions at the welcome portion of the meeting:
 - 4:00 – Welcome & Recognition – URSA Chair (we would like to recognize our URSA Board Members, rural Superintendents & Service Center Directors)

- 4:10 – Presentation by Superintendents

Shannon will send out an updated copy to the URSA Board. Shannon will send out a draft before the first caucus meeting, but well in advance all of the members will have to send her agenda items. Kodey Hughes suggested that as many members as possible attend the first caucus & then have a brief meeting afterward.

11. Concurrent Enrollment Scholarship Program – President Carlston, Snow College, was at today's meeting to discuss the concurrent enrollment program. The program has grown greatly since its inception and the college has found that it will need to request additional funding in the amount of \$300,000 for continued expansion and technology support. The Board of Regents has approved this request and Snow College would appreciate the support of URSA. The college is currently offering 296 credit hours and has expanded from 7 to 11 broadcast classrooms. The headcount is up 113% and the unique credit hours has increased 45% since the beginning of the program. A supportive letter from URSA would be welcome. Jason Strate motioned that the directors approach their boards to gather support & draft a letter of URSA support for this request. Scott Crane seconded the motion with a point of order on whether it is necessary to approach the service center boards. All in favor, motion carried.

*Snow College has a new Concurrent Enrollment program for seniors on their website www.snow.edu/ce. Badger Tracks Scholarship Program will apply to certificate programs as well. The college's academic scholarships are not stackable with each other, but they are stackable with program or sponsored scholarships. This scholarship is based solely on participation in the concurrent enrollment program. This program does not have an ACT score or GPA requirement this will be attractive to CTE students.

12. Utah Rural Schools Association
 - Bylaws Update Approval
 - URSA Structure Update – Shannon Dulaney reviewed the draft position paper with the board making note of suggested changes. This paper was drafted with the help of Sam Ray. Duke made requested changes to the Google doc during the suggestion period. Scott Crane will have the URSA trifold complete, with this drafted information, before the December USSA meeting. The trifold will be sent to the board for review before the meeting.
 - District Association Fee – Kodey Hughes discussed whether the URSA board needs to consider an association fee for rural districts to help fund the activities of the URSA Board. This item was tabled for another meeting.
 - Additional Meeting – January/USBA – Additional meeting will be scheduled to coincide with the USBA meeting in SLC. Johnna will contact USBA to reserve room at Little America. Meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. on January 4, 2018 in the Wyoming Room. Laura Hunter offered meeting space at the UEN offices for this and future meetings.
 - URSA Facebook Page
13. Rural School Conference Discussion – Jason Strate presented the group with a suggested schedule for the 2018 Rural Schools Conference. Scott Crane presented a 4-year rotation schedule to the board for future conference locations. Kodey Hughes motioned to accept the schedule. Sam Ray seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Scott Crane requested that the board begin thinking about the award recipients: Mark Huntsman (1), Mel Brown (2), Mike Noel, Senator Vickers and Senator VanTassel for #3.
14. Board Dialogue
 - Washington DC-AESA Conference Report
 - NESS Funding Report
 - Rural Service Center Funding
 - ARL/APT Update
 - Juvenile Justice HB249

- Roundtable – Duke Mossman asked if it would be appropriate to write two URSA letters of support. He volunteered to write a support letter for Utah Futures, Canvas and the Snow College fund request. Scott Crane motioned that Duke Mossman draft the letters of support. Laura Hunter seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Jason Strate motioned to adjourn the meeting at 1:35 p.m. Cheryl Cox seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

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