

**URSA Board Meeting**  
July 13, 2016  
SUU Campus, Cedar City, Utah

<b>Present:</b>	Mark Dockins	JJ Grant
	Duke Mossman	Jason Strate
	Ken Platt	Jeff Stevens
	Jim Stewart	Scott Forsyth
	Scott Crane	Dave Brotherson
	Kodey Hughes	Johnna Boyack
	Edna LaMarca	

1. **Welcome by Supt. Dockins, President.**
2. **Approval of Minutes:** After a brief review of the minutes from the April 28, 2016 URSA meeting Supt. Crane motioned to approve the minutes as written. Supt. Hughes seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
3. **USOE Update:** No representative from USOE was present at today's meeting. Supt. Hughes stressed the fact that contact needs to be made to have representation from USOE at future URSA meetings.
4. **Utah State Board of Education Update:** Dixie Allen was not available to attend today's meeting.
5. **UETN update:** Jim Stewart was in attendance at today's meeting for a UETN update. UETN has been active on the Digital Teaching & Learning Initiative. The planning and application for the funding has been completed and sent out to the partners. UETN has been working with the Friday Institute out of North Carolina State University. They have pointed out that we are leaving out \$70 million dollars of E-Rate filings for category 2. They are working together to find out how to access these funds. Corey Stokes will be working on this project and Jim encourages the district to contact him for further information. Suggestions were made that UETN perhaps develop a guide to help districts to get the most results for their time regarding E-Rate. During last year's conference the URSA board discussed with Ray Timothy the possibility of Canvas being fully serviced through UETN. UETN is still looking for legislative funding for this item. It is on the request list for this year as well. September 15, 2016, by UETN policy, is the deadline for circuit requests. UETN had a contract with Frontier.net to supply fiber to Navajo Mountain and surrounding areas. They have recently contacted UETN and informed them that they would no longer be able to complete this project. UETN has been considering the possibility of acquiring a CIB grant to install the fiber themselves and then becoming the carriers.
6. **USSA Update:** No representative of USSA was present at today's meeting.
7. **2016 Rural Schools Conference Discussion:**
  - a. Rural Schools Status Update – This year's conference is looking to be a great success.
  - b. Future Keynotes – Jason would like to explore the option of having professional groups to present for the day. It would cost approximately \$10,000-15,000 to have a keynote & sessions for a day. Education Elements is \$12,000. Jason will bring ideas with videos for next year's conference to the September meeting. The board discussed the option of having vendors at future conferences. Perhaps vendor driven presentations can be added on the Tuesday before the conference barbeque. The general idea is that vendors will be okay for future conferences.

Please bring keynote, strand ideas to the September meeting so they can be booked well in advance.

- c. By-laws Changes – During the 2016 Conference the body will have the opportunity to vote on the suggested changes. The vote and changes to the bylaws can be discussed at the September meeting.
- d. Award Presentations – This year’s awards will be given out during lunch on Thursday, July 14, 2016.

**8. Board Dialogue:**

- a. HB277 Plans – The readiness assessment will need to be completed by the superintendents as soon as possible. Jeff Stevens will be attending a Future Ready planning session and Duke has asked if he would be willing to report at the USSA conference in Logan.
- b. Alternative Licensure Process – This process was planned to make it easier to fill open teaching positions. It is having some effect on the teachers currently working on the alternative route to licensure program. Some of the teachers on the ARL program are wondering if they would be better off completing the program this new way. If an applicant has a Bachelors Degree all they will need to do is complete the P.O.T, Principals of Teaching exam, to acquire a teaching license.
- c. Service Center Funding – The service center directors has been asked to justify their existence. They will be presenting to the State Board of Education in October and then they will have to make the same presentation to the legislative appropriations committee. The State Board would now like to know what services the center can take from the Office of Education. The board would like the service centers to approach this meeting with the need for more funds to provide additional vital services to the rural districts. The board has also agreed that representation from the rural districts would be advantageous.
- d. Roundtable –

9. **Passing of the Gavel:** During the 2016/2017 year the position of President will be represented by Supt. Scott Crane of Grand School District. The President Elect position will now be held by Shannon Dulaney. We still need an Elementary Teacher from SESC and an Elementary Principal from SEDC to sit on the URSA Board.

**Tentative Future URSA Board Meetings:**

- September 15, 2016 @ NUES offices, 35 South Main, Heber City, Utah – 10:00 a.m.
- November 3, 2016 @ SESC offices, 685 East 200 South, Price, Utah – 10:00 a.m.
- February 10, 2017 @ Utah State Capitol, 350 State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah – 10:00 a.m.
- April 27, 2017 @ CUES offices, 820 North Main, Suite 3, Richfield, Utah – 10:00 a.m.
- July 12, 2017 @ SUU, Cedar City in conjunction with Rural Schools Conference - TBA