

## URSA Board Meeting

September 15, 2016  
SESC Office, Price, Utah

### Present:

Scott Crane, President, Grand  
JJ Grant, SESC  
Mark Dockins, Uintah  
Dave Brotherson, Duchesne  
Bart Reynolds, SUU  
Edna LaMarca, SEDC  
Sam Ray, N. Sanpete  
Steve Carlson, Carbon  
Polly Vogrinec, Carbon  
Jason Strate, CUES  
Kent Larsen, S. Sanpete

Shannon Dulaney, Iron  
Kodey Hughes, Tintic  
Terry Shoemaker, USSA  
Rich Nye, USBE  
Cade Douglas, Sevier  
Ben Leishman, Gov. Office  
Jill Curry  
Jacob Wright  
Karen Peterson  
Kip Motta, Rich via IVC  
Duke Mossman, NUES via IVC

1. **Welcome by Supt. Scott Crane.** Introduction of Board as well as special guests: Ben Leishman and Jill Curry from the Fiscal Analyst's Office and Karen Peterson and Jacob Wright from the Governor's Office. We also were introduced to Paulie Vogrinec from Carbon SD. She will be our new Elementary Representative to the URSA Board.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** After a brief review of the minutes from July 13, 2016 Jason Strate motioned to approve the minutes as written. Mark Dockins seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
3. **Financial Report:** JJ gave the board a review of the finances of the URSA Board for the end of FY '16 and beginning of FY '17.
4. **USBE Update:** Terry Shoemaker updated the board about the recent superintendents meeting. The hot topic at the recent meeting was the High School Activities Association. Thank you to everyone who expressed options regarding the topic. Cade Douglas thanked all the guests for being in attendance at today's meeting. He also expressed thanks to the service centers for all of their help. The service center directors prepared a slideshow on the services they provide in their region that they were requested to present to the State School Board and the Legislature. Everyone in attendance was given a paper copy of today's presentation. Jason Strate reviewed the material and asked for questions and suggestions' regarding the information before the official presentation is given. It was suggested that the directors include a total savings to member districts page. The number one current priority of the service centers today is to secure their funding. Ben Leishman asked the board whether they felt that their funding should continue to come from the state office or if it would be better to not involve the State Board of Education in the allotment process? The service center directors feel that there should be an appropriate transparency and accountability reporting system. After much discussion the board opted to continue to receive their funding via USBE. After listening to the conversation Scott Crane paraphrased the conversation as the URSA board does not mind the money going through the state office of education as long as it is a protected line item in some fashion and cannot be manipulated. Dave Brotherson motioned that the service center funding become a line item that goes through USBE to the fiscal agents of the service centers. Kodey Hughes questioned whether it can be accomplished through the state? Scott Crane explained that the money will go to the districts with a MOU with the service centers. Jason Strate questioned that there are currently priority funding requests to the JLC at \$2 million and USBE at \$3 million and service centers are asking for \$1.8 million and do we want to specify a definite amount. A friendly amendment was made to make it a line item at \$2 million that cannot be tampered with. The motion is that service center funding be a priority as a line item with the state department and the money can be discussed at a later time. Steve Carlson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**Utah State Board of Education:** Rich Nye, USBE Deputy Assistant Superintendent, attended today's meeting as the USBE representative. Rich spoke with the board regarding an article that was published in the state papers regarding school grading. SB 149 was introduced to make more permanent the percentage cut points from the move from CRT to SAGE testing. Lots of great work has been done by the schools and student performance has shown great improvement. USBE is currently working on an accountability system and please send any feedback through Rich.

5. **Utah State Board of Education Update:** no representative was available at today's meeting.
6. **UETN Update:** Dennis Sampson was in attendance at today's meeting as a UETN representative and stressed the importance of the service centers within the UETN network. The Digital Teaching Bootcamps are coming up soon. Category 2 E-Rate supports infrastructure for technology within schools. Infrastructure reports for each district are available at UETN. UETN is currently working to get fiber to all schools in San Juan County. Scott Crane suggested that Jason Strate get a quote from Ray Timothy regarding how the service centers help with the UETN delivery.
7. **USSA Update:** Terry Shoemaker would like a conversation regarding the High School Activities Association. Dave Brotherson said that there is a proposal in front of the state board for a transfer rule, open enrollment. The current rule says that if a school changes in size over 40% they can petition to go down one level. There was a huge outpouring at the meeting and the board agreed to put a committee together to try and resolve the issues and come up with an agreement. Terry Shoemaker asked if there are other issues beyond what has been discussed or written in the papers of which he should be made aware.
8. **2016 Rural Schools Conference Discussion:** much of this item will be postponed to a later meeting due to time constraints.
  - a. Keynotes: Two suggestions for next year's conference are Grace Dearborn or Todd Whitaker. Grace Dearborn will be \$10-12,000 for the full day and she will do breakout sessions for teachers and in the afternoon 2 sessions for administrators. Mr. Whitaker will charge \$13,900 plus expenses. Todd and Grace are currently both available. Steve Carlsen motioned to try and schedule Todd Whitaker. Dave Brotherson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
9. **Board Vacancies:** SEDC will bring a name to the next meeting to fill the Elementary Principal position. Paulie Vogrinec from Carbon SD will be the new Elementary Teacher representative. Ken Platt has asked to be released as the USBA representative and a new name will need to be presented.
10. **Board Dialogue:**
  - a. NESS Funding – Rep. Kay McIlff will be leaving office at the end of this year. Each year he would request additional funds for NESS. The funds seem to be secure at the moment.
  - b. Alternative Licensure Process – The early meetings have been about reviewing what the state board currently has in place regarding licenses and streamlining them to make them better. The districts need help with this program and they will turn to their service centers to help them be successful. Higher education would like the opportunity to help with this issue.

**Meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.**