

URSA Board Meeting

December 5, 2012

Juab DO, Nephi, Utah

Present: Supt. Ray Terry, Chairman, Beaver Duke Mossman, NUES
Randy Johnson, SEDC Shawn Teigen, Utah Foundation
Supt. Don Hill, South Sanpete Supt. Kirk Sitterud, Emery
JJ Grant, SESC Randy Winn, Emery
Rhonda Harrison, Millard Dep. Supt. Martell Menlove, USOE
Ken Platt, USBA Supt. Dave Brotherson, Duchesne
Scott Ferrin, BYU

1. **Welcome to all by Supt. Terry.** Suggestions were made on perhaps having future meetings quarterly on Fridays. The decision was made by all that we try Fridays for future meetings. Randy will draw up a schedule for meetings to present at future URSA meeting. Meetings are tentatively scheduled for Friday, March 15, 2013 at the Juab DO in Nephi and Friday, July 12, 2013 at SUU during the Rural Schools Conference.
2. **Approval of Minutes**-The board was given a draft copy of the minutes from the August 29, 2012 URSA meeting. After a brief review Supt. Kirk Sitterud motioned to approve the minutes. Ken Platt seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
3. **Bylaw changes** – After a brief discussion of the changes that will be made to the bylaws Randy Johnson motioned to accept the changes that were presented. Supt. Don Hill seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
4. **UEN Update** – Supt. Timothy was unable to attend today's meeting so Randy Johnson will be giving the URSA Board an update from UEN. Supt. Timothy has been selected as the new Executive Director at UEN. The directors were all very supportive of the choice. During a recent meeting with UEN, Supt. Timothy stressed that UEN will continue with the connectivity program that was originally planned. UEN is in the process of trying to acquire a state license for the JABBER program so that districts will be able to access this program with minimal cost.
5. **Legislative Session Update** – The new legislative session will begin on January 27, 2013. Supt. Terry believes that there will be \$400 million of one time money available. USBA & USSA is basically asking for \$270 million, which will not include any new items. Senator Osmond's bill is moving forward for the new session. The URSA board is against the publication of individual teacher test data. URSA feels that school data will be sufficient. Senator Osmond is also looking at running an equalization concept bill. There is a possibility that Senator Osmond will not run that bill until next year. The board feels that there will not be any support for this bill within the education community. Patti Harrington gave the board a list of several bills that will possibly be presented on the legislative floor for URSA's attention. Supt. Terry stressed once again the importance of attendance of educational professionals at the Thursday and Friday meetings during the legislative session. Martell Menlove was recently in the education appropriations meeting and they talked very positively about revenue. There is possibly \$400 million available in new money, but new money was not given to the sub committees. Each committee will begin the year with the same previous amounts. The governor should have his budget available by next week. USOE has been asked to tie all of their budget items to Prosperity 2020. Talking about 66% adults in the state having some kind of post secondary license or degree by 2020. There have been about 30 bills filed so far for education. Brad Last will be the house chair and Steve Eliason will be the vice-chair for the education appropriations committee.

6. State Office Report –

- a. Martell Menlove gave the board a copy and a brief review of the Five-Year Funding of the State Board of Education Vision and Mission for the 2013 Legislative session & USOE Legislative Positions lists that were adopted on October 5, 2012.
- b. It was brought to the attention of USOE the possibility of coordinating the planned Core Academy with The Rural Schools Conference being held in July 2013. Supt. Menlove stressed the need for working together to see that happen.
- c. Supt. Menlove has three issues that he has requested feedback on:
 - i. Senate Bill 64
 - ii. Assessment - Vendor Identified
 - iii. Prosperity 2020 – in particular 3rd grade reading and 5th grade math
- d. A question was asked in regards to AIR vs. CRT. The USSA meeting being held on January 10, 2013 will begin an hour earlier in order to address this issue.
- e. Did the Prosperity 2020 group prioritize ACT or college readiness exam? They will prioritize the 1% compensation, 2% increase on the WPU and allow the governor to go back and try to prioritize from there.
- f. Senate Bill 64 was discussed. Supt. Dave Brotherson invited anyone from the URSA Board to attend a meeting in his office in which Senator Osmond has been invited on December 20, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. Uintah will have their school board at the meeting as well.

7. **Utah Rural Schools Study** – Shawn Teigen, Utah Foundation, was in attendance to give a presentation on the finished Rural Schools Study to the URSA board. The board took this opportunity for a discussion of possibilities and further studies in regards to the study.

8. **SUECON Conference Request** – The SUECON Conference took place during October 2012 in St. George with 1000 attendees. Charlie Roberts has approached Randy Johnson, SEDC, with the possibility of having SEDC organize/host the conference every other year. SEDC discussed this during their last board meeting with district superintendents. It was decided that the board would prefer that SEDC employees spend their time in the schools. Organization of SUECON will remain with Charlie Roberts. It was suggested that perhaps SUECON could be combined with the Rural Schools Conference sometime in the future.

*Supt. Brotherson suggested to the group that the Formative Assessment Pilot, PLC, ICE, Summative Assessment, Data Organization groups would like an avenue in which to present. He also stressed that this possibility would have to be scheduled right now in order to have the presenters scheduled for July 2013.

9. **2013 Rural Schools Conference Planning** – Supt. Terry has asked Glen to present the budget for the Rural Schools finances. The question was also posed in regards to an audit of the Rural Schools Board. The board would like to have a presentation in regards to the current financial situation of the Rural Schools Board. Supt. Terry would like a list of all schools that would fall within the rural schools regions. Shawn Teigen has indicated that he has that information and will send that to Supt. Terry. The list is also available on the USOE website.

10. Board Dialogue

- a. Next meeting date – the next date for a quarterly meeting will be March 15, 2013. This is also the day after the legislative session ends. Supt. Terry would like to know if the board feels it will be necessary for a meeting. Several of the members feel that they will have enough opportunities for dialogue at the Thursday and Friday meetings to cover any information that is available. The next date will be July 12, 2013 at the Rural Schools Conference.
- b. Glen has asked that Supt. Kodey Hughes, Tintic hold the CUES seat on the Legislative Committee section of the URSA Board. Duke Mossman motioned that Kodey Hughes be elected to fill this position. JJ Grant seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:16 p.m. Next meeting will be March 15, 2013 10:00 a.m. at the Juab DO in Nephi.