

URSA Board Meeting

March 15, 2013

Juab DO, Nephi, Utah

Present:

Ray Terry, Chairman, Beaver
JJ Grant, SESC
Glen Taylor, CUES
Ray Timothy, UEN
Scott Ferrin, BYU
Kodey Hughes, Tintic
Barbara Cory, USBA

Kirk Sitterud, Emery
Kip Motta, Rich
Don Hill, S. Sanpete
Duke Mossman, NUES
Dave Brotherson, Duchesne
Randy Winn, Emery
Ken Platt, Garfield

Welcome by Supt. Ray Terry. Welcome and introduction of new members: Barbara Cory and Kodey Hughes.

Approval of Minutes: The board was given a copy of the minutes from the December 5, 2012 URSA meeting. After a brief review Kirk Sitterud motioned to approve the minutes with no changes. Randy Winn seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

State Office Report-Ray Terry & Duke Mossman: State Supt. Martell Menlove was not available for an update. Supt. Terry proceeded with a review of the results of the 2013 Legislative session. Financially education saw good results with this year's session with a 2% increase to the WPU. NESS was funded with an additional 1.9 million or 655 WPU's and an additional staff costs formula of 59 WPU's. Early Intervention will stay the same this year, but now the funding will be ongoing. Duke Mossman was available with a summary of some of the bills from the legislative session.

State School Board Items-Barbara Cory: Barbara Cory, a 20 year veteran of the Iron School Board, introduced herself to the board. Supt. Ray Terry offered the support of the URSA Board for any projects that the State School Board is currently concerned about.

URSA Vice-President Replacement-Ray Terry: Supt. Don Hill, current vice president elect of the URSA board, will be retiring at the end of this year. According to URSA bylaws the current term for president is 1 year with the president elect taking the position for the second year. With the retirement of Don Hill, the vice-president position will need to be filled. After a brief discussion Kirk Sitterud motioned to suspend the bylaw rules and allow Ray Terry to be president for an additional year and appoint Kodey Hughes as vice-president elect. JJ Grant seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

URSA Budget/Audit Process-Glen Taylor: The Rural Schools Study took a large portion of the emergency URSA funds. USOE had made a commitment to pay \$30,000 for the study, but the invoice has yet to be paid. After payment has been made URSA will have \$30,000-35,000 in the account. Glen Taylor plans to ask Martell Menlove, USOE State School Superintendent, for \$30,000 to help with this year's Rural Schools Conference. Glen would also like to talk to Mr. Menlove about the delinquent payment from last year's conference. The URSA account is currently included in the Sevier School District audit process. Glen Taylor offered to provide a summary of funds at each meeting if the URSA board is interested.

UEN Update-Ray Timothy: UEN came out okay during the 2013 legislative session. \$450,000 will be applied to the elementary connectivity project. They received \$800,000 for equipment replacement funds. Their third

priority, E-Media software, received no funding. They will need to find the funds within their current budget to continue the E-Media service.

UEN has completed the paperwork for the E-Rate funding request.

It is time to renew the contract for filtering services. UEN was hoping to be able to fund the hardware costs, but unfortunately they will only be able to cover the costs of the licenses. The hardware costs will be \$1,200-\$2,000 per district. Districts that are using the company Lightspeed have purchased their own equipment and will have to pay their own license costs.

The Canvas service will cost \$9.00 per student for user districts. UEN filed an E-Rate application for this service, but the process that they used made Canvas ineligible for funding. UEN will file again next year, hopefully with better results.

VOIP services cannot be transmitted over UEN lines. This service must be negotiated with local tel-co companies.

NUES asked if UEN could use some of the \$800,000 received for equipment costs to replace recorders for the endorsement classes.

2013 Legislative Session Discussion-Duke Mossman: In regards to the NESS funding and due to the fact that rural schools received additional funding during the 2013 session, Duke suggests that URSA just lay low and see what happens in 2014.

Concurrent Enrollment Subcommittee-Duke Mossman: Dale Lambourn, Superintendent Rich SD, would like a plan to take to the next legislative session in regards to concurrent enrollment and higher education involvement. Ray Terry suggested that a group be put together from each of the regions and perhaps a meeting could be held during the Rural Schools Conference. Some suggestions were: Doug Wright, SESC, Ben Dalton, SEDC, or a superintendent from each of the regions and possibly the four service center directors.

Rural Schools Conference Planning-Glen Taylor: URSA & SUU recently met and came to some agreement in regards to this year and future conferences. SUU will plan future conference dates only one year in advance. Glen had a handout on URSA Conference strands and planned keynote speakers for the upcoming conference. Glen asked the URSA board for any ideas and suggestions that they might have for this year's conference plans. This year's theme will be "Imagine, Explore, Collaborate, Transform". Scott Ferrin suggested that perhaps the group Latino's in Action could be tapped for a strand during the conference. Kodey Hughes suggested that perhaps USOE should be contacted and asked to present an "Evaluation Training" at this year's conference.

Next Meeting: Thursday, July 11, 2013 in conjunction with the Rural Schools Conference. Meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m. at SUU, meeting room TBA. Glen will contact board with meeting location.

Meeting adjourned 12:15 p.m.