

URSA Board Meeting

July 11, 2013
SUU, Cedar City

Present:

Ray Terry, Chairman
Randy Johnson, SEDC
Barbara Corry, USBE
Dave Brotherson, Duchesne
Steve Carlsen, Carbon
Kip Motta, Rich
Glen Taylor, CUES
Duke Mossman, NUES

JJ Grant, SESC
Randy Winn, Emery
Kirk Sitterud, Emery
Scott Ferrin, BYU
Bart Reynolds, SUU
Kodey Hughes, Tintic
Johnna Boyack, SESC Recording Sec.

Welcome by Supt. Ray Terry. Courtesy of Scott Ferrin “Why did the rubber chicken cross the road? He wanted to stretch his legs!”

Approval of Minutes: The board was given a copy of the minutes from the March 15, 2013 URSA meeting. After a brief review with a change to the years of service for Barbara Corry, JJ Grant motioned to approve the minutes. Randy Winn seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Update on Concurrent Enrollment Proposal: Supt. Terry has a meeting with Commissioner Bueler on Aug. 1, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. Com. Bueler would like to hear the complaints from the rural districts in regards to higher education being able to and not meeting their needs. In regards to the current ‘Rural School Proposal’ the members feel that:

- “Rural Access” should be removed from the wording
- Open proposal to all districts within the state
- Change title to “Utah Concurrent Enrollment Plan”

Supt. Terry will speak to President Wyatt and Supt Carlsen will speak with USSA in regards to these changes. Duke will remove the words “Rural” from the current proposal. The current legislation includes these key points: Snow College will guarantee up to 60 credits over a 2 year period to allow the student to walk away with an Associate’s Degree. Snow College would like target 2 or 3 areas to allow the student to walk away with a degree in technology, business, education, etc. They will guarantee these classes no matter how many students are attending.

Common Core: Supt. Terry sent an email to Syd Dixon in regards to the scheduling for Common Core trainings. In the future URSA would like to prevent the possibility of scheduling the conference and trainings at the same time. It was suggested that a meeting be held with Syd to clarify the dates for next year. If this doesn’t work then approach Martell Menlove with concerns.

Other Items of Business: According to SB64 all certified employees must be evaluated annually beginning during FY’14. According to Rule #277532, evaluation of classified employees is up to the districts. Supt. Terry asked Syd Dixon if the service center employees will fall under this rule. According to Syd the Service Center evaluations will be determined by the board of directors. According to the directors they are currently evaluating the employees of the Service Centers.

Testing Funds: John Jesse informed Duke Mossman that the formula has been modified. 8% of the funds were given to Charter Schools. The formula will begin at 50% of funds by building then include a per student addition. The smaller districts will be affected adversely by this change.

Concurrent Enrollment: The board of regents is currently discussing the option of the allocation from legislature becoming a grant option to any higher ed. facility. URSA should decide on whether they will support one institution providing the core material for concurrent enrollment and include as part of their mission.

Date for next meeting: The next URSA meeting will be November 15, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at the Juab DO in Nephi.

Meeting adjourned 2:15 p.m.