

South Dakota Board of Education Minutes
May 16, 2011 - CTE Academy
4700 W Career Circle
Sioux Falls, SD

Meeting was called to order at 9:27 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. All board members were present.

Board Members Present:

Richard Gowen, Don Kirkegaard, Patricia Simmons, Glenna Fouberg, Terry Sabers, Stacy Phelps, Julie Mathiesen, Kelly Duncan, Marilyn Hoyt

2.0 Adoption of May 16, 2011 Agenda

Mark Wilson, DOE, requested that the tour of the Career and Technical Education Academy (item 9.0) be moved up to item 4.0.

Motion: Motion by Richard Gowen and seconded by Terry Sabers to approve the agenda with a couple small changes.

Conclusion: The motion carried

President Duncan introduced Tony Van Huizen, Director of Policy and Communications from the Governor's Office, as one of the guests that was present. Tony is the liaison between the Governor and the Department of Education. Tony thanked the board on behalf of the Governor and shared a bit of personal information about himself.

3.0 Approval of March 21, 2011 Minutes

Motion: Motion by Patricia Simmons and seconded by Julie Mathiesen to approve the minutes as printed.

Conclusion: The motion carried

4.0 Mitchell Technical Institute Higher Learning Commission Report

Mark Wilson, DOE, introduced President Greg Von Wald, Mitchell Technical Institute, who gave the board an overview of the Higher Learning Commission Report that Mitchell Technical Institute just completed. Lake Area Technical Institute and Mitchell Technical Institute have been recognized by the Aspen Report as two of the top 120 technical colleges for graduation rate and placement. President Von Wald shared that the good news from Higher Learning Commission Report is that it is done. The Higher Learning Commission gave MTI another 10 years accreditation as there were no findings. The commission gave a couple of suggestions.

5.0 Technical Institute's State-wide Facility Plan – Phase II

Greg Von Wald explained Phase II for MTI's plan to move to the south side of the Interstate as part of their overall campus plan and main priority. Dr. Joseph Graves, Mitchell School District, shared that the North campus will be used in the future as a CTE regional center for the Mitchell School District. The intent is to open a regional high school specifically devoted to CTE programs. If the Phase II bonding request is approved MTI will eventually be on one campus for

the first time. President Von Wald explained the Facility Plan Phase II for Mitchell Technical Institute.

Mark Wilson, DOE, explained that the bonding application is for 18.5 million dollars for bonding dollars plus the additional \$750,000 to put on the project from MTI Public School. (Cost analysis was handed out to the board of the application as well as the resolution which shows a cost of 22 million.) Mark Wilson shared that this total included the closing costs and other items.

Motion: Motion by Don Kirkegaard and seconded by Terry Sabers to approve the bonding amount of the application and the recommendation.

Conclusion: The motion carried

6.0 Western Dakota Technical Institute's New, Expanded Programs and Updates

Western Dakota Technical Institute Electrical Trades Restructured Program. The previous name of this program, Electrical and Electronics Technology, did not accurately reflect the removal of the electronics portion of the program which was predominantly due to a declining demand in the job market for trained electronics professionals. This program will offer an AAS in Electrical Trades. Specific emphasis will be placed on learning and applying the National Electrical Code. This program will prepare the student to be an electrician in an industrial maintenance or construction environment.

Western Dakota Technical Institute Repair Program Diploma Option. The Collision Repair Program at Western Dakota Technical Institute prepares students to have the skill and ability to analyze the collision repair needs, analyze and use the appropriate tools and equipment, and create a safe working environment. The program also develops a student's professionalism to enable them to communicate successfully in the automotive and collision repair setting. WDTI proposes to offer an expanded opportunity to students seeking employment in the collision repair field through a nine-month diploma option. The diploma option will provide students the training necessary to gain the specialized skills needed to be successful in the collision repair field. This path will give students the option to go on and achieve their AAS degree to qualify them for possible supervisory roles or to possibly start up their own collision repair business.

Western Dakota Technical Institute is requesting approval to start a Library Technician program. The program will be offered as a 20 month Associate of Applied Science degree or a 10 month diploma with a certificate option. The program has been organized to allow the student a progressive option in attaining their Library Technician degree with employability potential after each option.

Motion: Motion by Richard Gowen and seconded by Patricia Simmons to approve the new and expanded programs proposed by Western Dakota Technical Institute.

Conclusion: The motion carried

7.0 Career Technical Education State-wide Updates

Mark Wilson, DOE, addressed the board regarding the vision of Career and Technical Education and what role it plays in college and career preparation. Mark shared the progress and goals that are listed on the report that is filed in the Secretary's office.

8.0 Project Lead the Way Update

Mark Wilson, DOE, introduced Ray Tracy, Sam Shaw, and Brian Groote who represent the Department of Education with the Project Lead the Way (PLTW) areas.

Project Lead the Way prepares students to be the most innovative and productive leaders in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) and to make meaningful, pioneering contributions to our world. PLTW partners with middle schools and high schools to provide a rigorous, relevant STEM education. The Canton School district was the pilot school in South Dakota. They offered Introduction to Engineering Design and Principles of Engineering. Canton School District was officially certified in May of 2009. After the May 2009 Board of Education meeting, Sioux Falls, Platte-Geddes, Lake Area Multi-District, Burke, Todd County and Brookings have all added PLTW to their schools.

Ray Tracy, DOE, shared that there is information on the DOE website regarding PLTW and the state-wide report shared that was handed out in hard copy form to board members. A banner ceremony took place for the Canton and Sioux Falls School Districts as they have reached their certification status.

9.0 Tour of CTE Academy – (This took place first thing on the agenda)

Lunch – Recognize Pro Start and Student Winners

10.0 Public Hearing ARSD 24:17 & ARSD 24:17:02

Via phone, Tami Darnall, DOE, explained the background of the change of 24:17 and 24:17:02. Repeal of administrative rules related to school district general fund balances are needed due to passage of SB200 of the 2011 legislative session. SB200 repealed statutes related to fund balance caps for school district general funds. Tami asked that the board approve the proposed changes to the rule. (Filed in the Secretary's office).

Motion: Motion by Terry Sabers and seconded by Glenna Fouberg to approve proposed rule changes to ARSD 24:17 and ARSD 24:17:02.

Conclusion: The motion carried.

11.0 Common Core Update

Wade Pogany, DOE, gave the board an update on the Common Core work that is being done by the department. The timeline was presented and Wade feels that progress is happening at the rate expected. These updates are filed in the Secretary's office.

12.0 Approval of the World Language Standards

Becky Nelson, DOE, shared an update with the board about the work that has been done by the committee on World Language Content Standards. The request is to align the teaching of

foreign languages in our state with the National Standards. Because the National Standards are so widely accepted in the United States, there are many resources available to help districts and teachers align instruction with goals using best instructional practices. The standards do not define any district's curriculum – rather, their purpose is to provide instructional “targets” that will lead to the development of linguistic skills grounded in intercultural awareness.

Motion: Motion was made by Terry Sabers and seconded by Glenna Fouberg to adopt the National Foreign Language Learning Standards as SD World Language Standards with all references to Foreign Language changed to World Language. Stacy Phelps asked if the workgroup had a representative from the Native American community regarding Lakota language. He asked that someone from the workgroup contact the Lakota workgroup so that efforts are not duplicated. After much discussion President Duncan asked that the motion be tabled until the July meeting.

Conclusion: The motion was tabled.

13.0 First Reading Teacher Standards ARSD 24:08:06

Melody Schopp, DOE, shared this background on the first reading of the Performance Standards 24:08:06. As per 13-42-33 the Board of Education is required to promulgate rules specific to the adoption of performance standards. The Teacher Standards and Evaluation Committee has recommended the Charlotte Danielson Framework for teaching.

Motion: Motion by Patricia Simmons and seconded by Stacy Phelps to move the Performance Standards recommendation to public hearing at the July meeting.

Conclusion: The motion carried.

14.0 First Reading School Bus Standards ARSD 24:06:07

Standards for buses are guided by National School Transportation Specifications & Procedures. This was updated to the 2010 guidelines. Current rules are outdated and refer to the 2005 standards. A list of changes were provided for the board to look over and ask questions about.

Motion: Motion by Don Kirkegaard and seconded by Terry Saber to move the proposed Bus Rule changes to public hearing at the July meeting.

Conclusion: The motion carried.

15.0 Program Approval Requests

Steve Fiechtner, DOE, asked for approval of a Birth – Preschool and Birth – Age 8 Early Childhood Education teacher preparation program at Oglala Lakota College. OLC is asking to receive approval to offer these two programs, which would be added to the other teacher preparation programs they have been approved to offer.

Motion: Motion by Julie Mathiesen and seconded by Stacy Phelps to approve the two teacher preparation programs listed above for the Oglala Lakota College.

Conclusion: The motion carried.

Steve Fiechtner, DOE, asked for approval of a K-8 Elementary Education teacher preparation program at Sisseton Wahpeton College. SWC is asking to receive approval to offer a K-8

Elementary Education teacher preparation program. This would be the first teacher preparation program that they would be approved to offer.

Motion: Motion by Stacy Phelps and seconded by Terry Sabers to approve the teacher preparation program listed above for the Sisseton Wahpeton College.

Conclusion: The motion carried.

Steve Fiechtner, DOE, asked for approval of a K-12 Spanish Education program at University of Sioux Falls. USF would like to add the K-12 Spanish Education program to the list of education programs they have been approved to offer.

Motion: Motion by Patricia Simmons and seconded by Marilyn Hoyt to approve the K-12 Spanish program listed above for the University of Sioux Falls.

Conclusion: The motion carried.

16.0 Board of Regents Update

Sam Gingerich, BOR, shared an update on three items with the Board of Education.

- 1) Sam talked about the issue of granting credit for the Project Lead the Way courses.
- 2) He shared the goal of increasing graduates holding a certification or degree in South Dakota.
- 3) Sam shared about the United State Education Department Harvard Act – program integrity, a focus on financial aid and gainful employment.

17.0 Teach for America Update

Jim Curran, Teach for America director, introduced himself. He shared a bit about his journey with Teach For America including being a teacher in the classroom in 2005 on Rosebud Indian Reservation. Teach for America is a national non profit that takes recent outstanding college graduates and place them into low income schools to be full time teachers. The mission of the organization is to close the achievement gap that exists on racial and social economic lines in our country. Todd County Middle School, Spring Creek and St. Francis High School teams presented to the board.

18.0 Secretary of Education Update

Melody Schopp, DOE, gave a legislative summary as to what bills were passed regarding education. A handout is filed in the secretary's office.

Another topic of interest from Melody Schopp was the Sanford Promise Lab. Schopp also requested that all of the members put the Indian Education Summit on their calendar. It will take place on September 25th through 27th at Cedar Shores in Oacoma. The board discussed having the September meeting on September 27th at Chamberlain.

At this time President Duncan handed the gavel to Melody Schopp, DOE, to run the meeting during the election of officers.

Kelly Duncan made a motion that a unanimous ballot be cast for Don Kirkegaard for president of the South Dakota Board of Education and Glenna Foubert seconded. Motion carried.

Kelly Duncan made a motion to nominate Patricia Simmons for vice president of the South Dakota Board of Education and Richard Gowen seconded. Motion carried.

Next meeting will be held July 18 – 19 in Pierre, SD. It will be held in the MacKay Building, 800 Governors Drive, 1st floor Conference Room #1.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.