

BOE Minutes
March 21, 2011
MacKay Board Room #4
800 Governors Drive
Pierre, SD

Meeting was called to order at 10:05 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance.

Board Members Present:

Richard Gowen, Don Kirkegaard, Patricia Simmons, Glenna Fouberg, Terry Sabers, Stacy Phelps, Julie Mathiesen

Board Members Absent:

Kelly Duncan, Marilyn Hoyt

DOE Personnel Present:

Rayne Dosch, Tamara Darnall, Gay Pickner, Wade Pogany, Melody Schopp, Mark Wilson, Betty Leidholt, Ferne Haddock

1.0 Adoption of March 21, 2011 Agenda

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

Conclusion: The motion carried

2.0 Approval of January 24, 2011 Minutes

Motion: Motion by Glenna Fouberg and seconded by Terry Sabers to approve the minutes as printed.

Conclusion: The motion carried

3.0 Executive Session – Update on Lawsuit

Motion: At 10:10 a motion by Patricia Simmons and seconded by Terry Sabers to move to executive session so that Bobbi Rank, AG's office could update the board.

Conclusion: The motion carried

Resumed open meeting at 10:22.

4.0 Common Core Assessment Update

Wade Pogany, DOE, updated the board on what is happening on the national level and how it is proceeding. There are workgroups meeting to help transition to Common Core Standards including technology, assessment, reporting, professional development, accessibility and accommodations, and research and evaluation. Each state was asked to be a part of a workgroup(s) of their choice. The goal is that by 2014 the states will be offered a new summative assessment similar to what we currently have for the Dakota Step. It will assess all of the current common core standards in reading and math. The biggest piece is that it will be an

online assessment with options for pencil and paper. South Dakota joined the Smarter/BALANCED consortium in order to assure our teachers have good access to professional development on Common Core standards and the test itself. Wade introduced Gay Pickner, DOE, and she shared about the transition team workgroup she is serving on to represent South Dakota. The department will launch a three-year professional development series designed to train teachers on the new Common Core standards in English, language arts and math next fall. South Dakota is gearing up for full implementation and testing on the Common Core standards in school year 2014-15. See handouts filed in the Secretary's office.

5.0 OCCTE – Curriculum Updates

Wade Pogany, DOE, shared curriculum updates from Becky Nelson, DOE as she was not able to attend the meeting.

Personal Finance Standards – A team of 10 teachers representing those that are certified to teach the course have met to review the Personal Finance standards. The committee reviewed other state standards for Personal Finance as well as national resources. These standards will be presented to the May board meeting.

World Language Standards – Through a joint effort between Marta Stirling, DOE, and the SD World Language Association (SDWLA) the state will be asking the board to adopt the national world language standards as SD standards in May. The department is also working with SDWLA to plan professional development based on the new standards.

Common Core Professional Development – The department has put together a three year professional development plan to prepare districts for full implementation and assessment of the common core standards by 2014-2015. DOE brought a committee of curriculum directors and ESA members in to help design the plan. Information will be going out to districts in the next couple of weeks. See draft information that will go out to administrators filed in the Secretary's office. The personal development plan will repeat over three years, each year a different set of standards will be the focus of the personal development.

6.0 Technical Institute Placement Report

Mark Wilson, DOE, presented the Technical Institute 2009 – 2010 Placement Report. Reports were broken down individually to each TI and also an overall report with all the findings included. Wilson shared that the overall placement rate (employed or continuing education) is 96%. Wilson also praised the TI's and their efforts at getting the information in a unified reporting system.

7.0 Technical Institute Program Changes

Wilson asked for the board to consider the program name changes, new programs and expanded programs (excluding the WDT – Library Technician) which consist of the following:

Program Name Changes:

STI Animation Tech to Digital Media Technology. Southeast Technical Institute president Jeff Holcomb shared that there is no change in the program or the curriculum, but the change reflects more of what the class consists of.

Western Dakota Technical Institute's Medical Administrative Services diploma to Health Information Management. Mark Wilson, DOE, shared that the change is to meet the new requirements that will come out from the United States Department of Health in 2013.

Western Dakota Technical Institute's Medical Transcription degree to Health Information Management. This change focuses on students interested in entering the medical field in the area of office support. This change is also being done to meet the new requirements that will come out from the United States Department of Health in 2013.

New Program:

Mitchell Technical Institute Electrical Utilities and Substation Technology.

MTI vice president, Vicki Wiese, shared the information about the proposal of changing/adding the second year to the Electrical Utilities and Substation Technology program which allows the students to install and maintain the substations.

Expanded program:

Western Dakota Technical Institute's Health Information Management / Coding Specialist

Wilson shared that labor market information for the state indicates that the demand for HIM professionals including coders is strong now and in the future. Graduates of this program will be able to seek employment in a variety of settings including hospitals, medical clinics, insurance companies, and other medical specialties such as dental offices.

Motion: Motion by Terry Sabers and seconded by Dick Gowen to approve the requested, program name changes, new program and expansion of the existing programs listed above.

Conclusion: The motion carried.

8.0 Facility and Bonding Updates for Technical Institutes

Mark Wilson, DOE, introduced Don Templeton and Dusty Christopherson, SD Health & Educational Facilities Authority. Templeton explained the Certificate of Compliance and shared that Section 8 of the Collection Agreement requires that the Technical Institutes be at 103% revenue and at this point they are at 160% which is well within the approved bond limits that were set up regarding fees. Compliance agreement filed in the Secretary's office.

Motion: Motion by Glenna Fouberg and seconded by Julie Mathiesen to approve the signing of the Certificate of Compliance brought forth.

Conclusion: The motion carried.

Mark Wilson, DOE, explained that MTI has \$750,000.00 left on their project and due to some unforeseen construction matters the LATI estimated project budget went over. The resolution states that upon board approval \$750,000.00 of MTI money left will be transferred to the LATI project. Resolution is filed in the Secretary's office.

Motion: Motion by Dick Gowen and seconded by Terry Sabers to approve the Lake Area Technical Institute and Mitchell Technical Institute Resolution.

Conclusion: The motion carried.

2011 Legislative action: An Act to increase the bonding limit of the four technical institutes to \$105 million dollars was approved by the Legislature this year. A graph showing the Bond Buyer's Revenue Index from September 1, 2008 through March 11, 2011 was provided by SD HEFA. That graph is filed in the Secretary's office.

Mark Wilson, DOE, shared the Master Facility Plan update regarding the four South Dakota Technical Institutes. There is a copy of this plan filed in the Secretary's office.

Don Templeton, SDHEFA, shared the information regarding the Estimated Volume Cap.

8.0 Technical Institute Tuition, State Fees

Mark Wilson, DOE, explained that Board of Education approves tuition and state fees, and the legislative body appropriates money. During the 2011 legislative session an amendment was approved so that the technical institutes maintained a \$3,385.00 per student allocation. Wilson brought a proposed tuition increase of \$5.00, a facility fee increase of \$4.00, a maintenance and repair increase of \$1.00, a decrease on program development fee of \$ 1.00, which adds up to a total \$9.00 increase for FY2012 bringing the total state tuition and fees from \$109.00 to \$118.00. Included in this chart was proposed Facility Fee increase of \$3.00 in 2013, \$3.00 in 2014 and \$3.00 in 2015 which brings total to \$28.00 in FY 2015. Proposed Maintenance and Repair fee increase of \$1.00 in 2013 which brings total to \$4.00 in FY 2015.

Motion: Motion by Dick Gowen and seconded by Patricia Simmons to approve proposed tuition increase shown on the chart through 2012, increased facility fee and maintenance & repair fee including projected increases through 2015.

Conclusion: The motion carried.

Wilson, DOE, asked that the board formally approve the "Final Estimated" Budget proposed and also weigh in on the format used. A hard copy is filed in the Secretary's office.

Motion: Motion by Glenna Fouberg and seconded by Stacy Phelps to approve the proposed overall budget as presented. Board was pleased with the format.

Conclusion: The motion carried.

9.0 Board of Regents Update

Sam Gingerich, System Vice President for Academic Affairs for the Board of Regents, provided an update on a set of university initiatives that link with the mission of the department. They included the following items.

- 1) Common Cores Standards and how they affect postsecondary education in the college career readiness area as well as preparing teachers to effectively use the common core standards.
- 2) Articulation agreements and how they provide effective pathways for students to complete postsecondary education.
- 3) Bill & Melinda Gates foundation has established a College Completion Innovation Fund. They are going to give a million dollars to 10 – 15 states. Discussions at this time are occurring prior to South Dakota engaging in the process of applying.

Lunch break 12:03 p.m.
Reconvened at 12:52 p.m.

10.0 First Reading ARSD 24:17 & ARSD 24:17:02

Tamara Darnall, DOE, shared that the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) recently issued Statement 54, which changes how different components of fund balances are reported. One change is the elimination of term “unreserved” when referring to fund balances. Furthermore, legislation has been brought forward to repeal the general fund balance cap for school districts. Changes to ARSD 24:17 are needed to bring the language in line with accounting principles and statute changes.

11.0 Teachers Standards

Dr. Melody Schopp, DOE, updated the board on the teachers standards progress. In response to SB 24 from the 2010 legislature, the South Dakota Department of Education has facilitated work with the appointed Teachers Standards and Evaluation Work Group to create standards for teaching. Section 1 of the bill reads: "The Board of Education shall, no later than July 1, 2011, promulgate rules pursuant to chapter 1-26 to establish minimum professional performance standards for certified teachers in South Dakota public schools, and to establish best practices for the evaluation of the performance of certified teachers that may be used by individual school districts."

Based on the research of the work group following five meetings, the Charlotte Danielson framework is recommended to serve as the basis for South Dakota's teaching standards. Following approval of these standards by the Board of Education, the department will reconvene the group to begin work on the evaluation instrument.

Motion: Motion by Dick Gowen and seconded by Julie Mathiesen to approve the Danielson Framework as a basis for the teaching standards for South Dakota.

Conclusion: The motion carried.

12.0 Professional Practices Update

Dr. Schopp, DOE, updated the board on the Professional Teachers Practices and Standards Commission activity this year and the Professional Administrators Practices and Standards Commission. Schopp introduced Ferne Haddock, DOE, who handles complaints. Schopp explained a few details regarding the report.

13.0 Headstart Update

Rayne Dosch, DOE, shared with the board what has been happening with U.S. Department of Education Early Childhood – Head Start program. The US DOE’s proposal for reauthorizing the Elementary and Secondary Education Act supports a continuum of learning, beginning at birth, in order to close the achievement gap and ensure that every student graduates from high school ready to succeed in college and a career. ED is committed to working closely with the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to help States create coherent systems of early learning from birth through 3rd grade. Rayne Dosch, Head Start State Collaboration Office, will share information on this initiative from recent National Conferences.

14.0 Secretary's Report

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

Meeting adjourned

Next meeting will be held May 16, 2011 at the CTE Academy in Sioux Falls.