

**South Dakota Board of Education  
July 16, 2012 Minutes  
Governors Inn, Kneip Room  
700 West Sioux Avenue, Pierre, SD**

**1.0** Meeting was called to order by President Don Kirkegaard at 8:07 a.m. with the pledge of allegiance.

**Board Members Present:** Richard Gowen, Don Kirkegaard, Patricia Simmons, Glenna Fouberg, Julie Mathiesen, Terry Sabers, Kelly Duncan and Marilyn Hoyt

**2.0 Adoption of July 16, 2012 Agenda**

Proposed changes noted: Move item 21.0 to the beginning of the meeting. Take item 19.0 off the agenda. It will be presented in September.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Kelly Duncan and seconded by Marilyn Hoyt to adopt the agenda with changes noted above.

**Conclusion:** The motion carried.

**3.0 Approval of May 21, 2012 meeting minutes**

**Motion:** A motion was made by Richard Gowen and seconded by Glenna Fouberg to approve the minutes as printed.

**Conclusion:** The motion carried.

**Item 21.0 moved to this spot on the agenda.**

**Lake Area Technical Institute Program Expansion.** Sarah Carter introduced Deb Shephard, President of LATI (via conference call) to explain the expansion to the board. Lake Area Technical Institute requests approval to add an Emergency Medical Specialist option for 2<sup>nd</sup> year Medical/Fire Rescue students. The option will be 9 months in length, resulting in an AAS degree. Graduates will be nationally certified paramedics with additional training in Medical Coding, Insurance/Payment, and Computerized Medical Office Procedures. These skills will allow students to provided services beyond direct patient care to include coding and billing of those services to insurance or private pay situations.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Patricia Simmons and seconded by Kelly Duncan to approve the LATI Program Expansion requested.

**Conclusion:** The motion carried.

**4.0 Approval of an innovative/experimental Birth – Age 21 Education of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program.**

Steve Fiechtner, DOE, shared that Augustana College is the only university in South Dakota that offers, the K-12 Education of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing program. There is a need for this program to extend to pre-K students. Augustana College is proposing to add early childhood coursework and experiences to their existing program and would propose to offer a Birth – Age 21

Education of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program on an experimental basis. The department recommends approval for this program as presented.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Kelly Duncan and seconded by Terry Sabers to adopt the Birth – Age 21 Education of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing program.

**Conclusion:** The motion carried.

#### **5.0 Data on South Dakota Praxis and Principals of Learning and Teaching tests**

Steve Fiechtner, DOE shared a report with the board that includes information from the past three years on the pass rate and the established SD cut score in relation to other states' cut scores. This item was for information purposes.

#### **6.0 Cut Score for Spanish Praxis Content Test**

Steve Fiechtner, DOE, reported on the cut score for the Spanish Praxis content test. The initial cut score in SD for the current Spanish Praxis content test was set at 160. In August of 2011, this cut score was lowered to 145 for one year, in response to the lack of candidate success in achieving the passing score of 160. The department is recommending approval to set the cut score at 160, retroactive to July 1, of 2012.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Richard Gowen and seconded by Marilyn Hoyt to approve setting the Spanish Praxis content test score at 160, retroactive to July 1, 2012. After the discussion that followed Kelly Duncan amended the motion for the cut score to go to 156 beginning July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013 and automatically go to 160 effective July 1, 2013. Glenna Foubert seconded the amended motion that Kelly made.

**Conclusion:** The amended motion carried.

#### **7.0 Set New Cut Scores for Economics, Government, and ECH-SpEd Praxis content tests**

Steve Fiechtner, DOE, stated that the three praxis content tests listed above have been recently regenerated, which includes a multistate standard setting study. New SD cut scores need to be approved. For legal defensibility purposes, the cut score should be within the range established by the multistate standard setting study committee.

A representative from Educational Testing Service (ETS) came to SD and explained the standard setting study process. After the presentation and discussion, a group which included DOE staff and curriculum content experts propose the recommended cut scores.

Recommendation: Approve these recommended cut scores

Economics: 147 (Range is 136 – 166)

Government: 149 (Range is 136 – 163)

ECH SpEd: 159 (Range is 147 – 172)

**Motion:** A motion was made by Kelly Duncan and seconded by Julie Mathiesen to approve the recommended cut scores: Economics 147, Government 149, ECH SpEd 159.

**Conclusion:** The motion carried.

## **8.0 K-12 Accreditation Reviews; Pilot Project beginning in Fall 2012.**

Steve Fiechtner, DOE shared that onsite accreditation reviews take place every 5 years. With the limited capacity within DOE and with utilization of technology resources, the department recommends piloting a project to conduct some off-site desk accreditation reviews. Districts that are scheduled for an accreditation review during the 2012 – 13 school year would be offered an opportunity to be a part of this pilot and participate in a desk review. The intent is not to replace all onsite reviews, but to relieve some of the travel and capacity issues. This was for information purposes only.

## **9.0 21<sup>st</sup> Century School Library Self-Assessment and Award**

Daria Bossman, DOE, presented the following information: In December 2011, a 21<sup>st</sup> Century School Library Taskforce was formed at the invitation of State Librarian, Dan Siebersma, with the goal of developing a school self-assessment tool and award application based on the current South Dakota School Library Guidelines.

The self-assessment tool is intended to be used at the school library level by the school librarian and school administrator as a component in applying for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century School Library Award. It may also be used as an informal assessment and planning tool for individual school administrators and librarians who do not elect to apply for the award. The department is requesting the board endorse the self-assessment tool and award application.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Richard Gowen and seconded by Kelly Duncan to endorse the self-assessment tool and award application.

**Conclusion:** The motion carried.

## **10.0 Project Lead the Way Update**

Ray Tracy, DOE, discussed the PLTW credit at the May 21 BOE meeting. This update will acknowledge the proposed changes the department is seeking in the future Memorandum of Agreement the BOE and BOR currently have in place. This was for information purposes only.

## **11.0 South Dakota Virtual School**

Erin Larsen, DOE, shared the SDVS continues to expand its course offerings for students. Erin provided an update via power point on the course offerings, student enrollments, and plans for continued growth. This was for information purposes only.

## **12.0 Career Technical Education/SDMyLife Annual Report**

Tiffany Sanderson, DOE, provided an outline of the major activities and results from school year 2011 – 12 and detailed the goals and new features for school year 2012 – 13.

Secondary Career and Technical Education is offered in 241 middle and high schools in 137 districts across South Dakota. These courses focus on preparing students for high-wage, high-skill, high-demand careers and serve as the largest vehicle for workforce development efforts with 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders

SMyLife offers resources for career and academic planning within the Department's Career Development programming. This item was for information purposes only.

### **13.0 Western Dakota Technical Institute Resolution for Rushmore Campus**

Sarah Carter, DOE, shared that WDT is seeking approval of change in resolution which would put authority of Rushmore Campus back in hands of WDT until bonding for the campus is complete. Department of Education is recommending approval. Mark Wilson, WDT, answered questions for the board via conference call.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Richard Gowen and seconded by Marilyn Hoyt to approve the recommended change in resolution putting the authority of Rushmore campus back in the hands of WDT until bonding for the campus is complete.

**Conclusion:** The motion carried.

### **14.0 Perkins Reauthorization Update**

Tiffany Sanderson, DOE, shared that US Department of Education has created language to begin the process of Perkins reauthorization. The USDE publically released a document titled Investing in America's Future: A Blueprint for Transforming Career and Technical Education in April 2012 that identifies the four core principles for the next legislation: alignment, collaboration, accountability and innovation. This item is for information purposes only.

### **15.0 Secretary of Education Update**

Dr. Melody Schopp, DOE updated the board on the items listed below.

- Changes in the department that have already happened and those that are soon to come.
- Workgroups that have been meeting due to specifications of HB1234
- Common Core updates
- ESEA Waiver that was granted the department
- Longitudinal Data System
- Assessment

### **16.0 Public Hearing ARSD 24:08:06:01 Teacher Performance Standards**

Melody Schopp, DOE secretary shared that the state adopted the Danielson teaching standards in 2011. Districts were relying on the passage of HB1234 to impose a delay on the requirement to align evaluation tools until 2014-15. With or without the bill becoming law after the November vote, the rule will need to be changed to give districts the time to properly realign their systems to the Danielson framework in 2014-15. The department recommends approval of ARSD 24:08:06:01.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Kelly Duncan and seconded by Richard Gowen to approve revisions to ARSD 24:08:06:01.

**Conclusion:** The motion carried.

### **17.0 First Reading Revised ARSD 24:14 – Early Intervention Program**

Susan Sheppick, DOE, shared that the final regulations for the December 3, 2004 amendments to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA 2004) were finalized on September 28,

2011 by the US Department of Education. As a condition for continued funding, the DOE assured the US Department of Education that South Dakota's policies, procedures, and state administrative rules regarding early intervention services and programs would be revised to align with the federal requirements no later than June 30, 2013. The department recommends the board approve the revisions to ARSD 24:14 as proposed. The revised rules align with federal requirements.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Kelly Duncan and seconded by Glenna Fouberg to approve revisions to ARSD 24:14 as proposed and send to a Public Hearing at the September meeting.

**Conclusion:** The motion carried.

### **18.0 First Reading Accountability System**

Mary Stadick Smith, DOE, presented a summary of the proposed new school accountability model, along with the details of the ESEA (Elementary and Secondary Education Act) Flexibility Waiver, which was approved by the U.S. Department of Education. The department recommends that administrative rules related to the new accountability system be moved to a public hearing at a special Board of Education meeting in August 2012.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Patricia Simmons and seconded by Glenna Fouberg to approve revisions to ARSD 24:14 as proposed and move to a Public Hearing at a special Board of Education meeting in August 2012.

**Conclusion:** The motion carried.

### **19.0 Appointment of an Independent Hearing Examiner pursuant to SDCL 13:42:12.**

Bobbi Rank, DOE, stated that occasionally an independent hearing examiner is necessary for teacher licensure matters pursuant to SDCL 13:42:12. In those cases, the statute requires the Board to appoint the hearing examiner. The proposed order would allow the Department of Education to utilize attorney Rob Anderson as an independent hearing officer for any cases which might go to hearing between July 1, 2012, and June 30, 2013. The department recommends approval.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Richard Gowen and seconded by Terry Sabers to approve Rob Anderson for any cases which might require an independent hearing officer between July 1, 2012 and June 30, 2013.

**Conclusion:** The motion carried.

A motion to adjourn at 2:20

Next meeting will be August 23<sup>rd</sup> in Pierre. MacKay Building, Board Room, 11:00 a.m. (CDT)

September meeting will be in conjunction with the Indian Ed Summit in Oacoma on Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup> beginning at 4:00 p.m.

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