**Wyoming School-University Partnership**

**Governing Board Meeting**

**Wednesday, July 8, 2015**

**10:05-11:37 a.m. MDT**

**by telephone conference call**

**In Attendance:**

Governing Board Members:

Dave Barker (Superintendent, Fremont 1), Boyd Brown (Superintendent, Campbell 1), Nicholas Bellack (Assistant Director, Wyoming Professional Teaching Standards Board), Andrea Bryant (Executive Director, Wyoming Professional Teaching Standards Board), Aaron Carr (Superintendent, Niobrara 1), Diana Clapp (Wyoming School-University Partnership Chair, Superintendent, Fremont 6), Paige Fenton Hughes (Wyoming State Board of Education Coordinator), Paula Lutz (Dean, UW College of Arts and Sciences), Joe McCann (Program Team Manager, Wyoming Community College Commission),

Ray Reutzel (Dean, UW College of Education), Ray Schulte (Superintendent, Park 6), Audrey Shalinsky (Associate Dean, UW College of Arts and Sciences), Tracy Stibitz (Wyoming Department of Education), Walt Wilcox (Curriculum Director, Natrona 1), Kathy Vetter (President, Wyoming Education Association), Rick Woodford (Superintendent, Big Horn 2)

Staff

Audrey Kleinsasser (Director), Kara Duggan (Office Associate).

Chair Diana Clapp convened the meeting. Diana welcomed all in attendance and asked each to share his or her name and position.

Diana then asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda. Kathy Vetter made the motion and Walt Wilcox seconded the motion.

Then, Diana turned the meeting over to past-chair Paige Fenton Hughes to present the executive committee’s recommendation that Diana continue as chair and Boyd continue as chair elect for 2015-2016. Then, in a year, Diana would become past-chair and Boyd would become chair, each for two year terms, 2016-2018. At that time, the governing board would approve a chair elect. Dave moved to accept the recommendation and Andrea seconded the motion. Dave followed up his motion with the observation that having been the chair several years ago, the extra time makes sense and provides stability. With no further discussion, the motion was approved

Diana graciously thanked the governing board and said she was honored to have its confidence and support.

Approving the 2015-2016 governing board meeting dates was the next item of business. Boyd moved approval of the recommended dates as presented. Tracy seconded. Discussion focused on possible conflicts and the time frame and Wednesday-Thursday meeting days. With no further discussion, the motion passed. The board will convene:

Wednesday, September 16, Casper

Wednesday, November 4, Casper

Thursday, January 28 (TBA, WEN, conference call, or face-to-face)

Thursday, April 14, Casper

Wednesday, June 29, Casper

Face-to-face meetings in Casper will occur from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm, with lunch provided.

The board then turned its attention to the formation of an ad hoc committee to examine membership issues. Diana provided a brief background and directed members’ attention to a document in the board packet that overviewed the charge, committee membership, how the committee work would occur, time line, and possible issues to examine. She then asked for volunteers. Ray Schulte and Joe McCann said they would be willing to serve. Wanting to make sure that all board members had an opportunity to serve, including those not in attendance during today’s conference call, Diana asked Audrey K. to send an email inviting committee membership to the full governing board, with a July 15 deadline of responding directly to Diana. Then, in early August, Diana will convene the group for its work, aiming for a completion date no later than November 20 and a set of recommendations for the governing board to consider.

Diana then turned to Partnership updates, starting with the Partnership’s Director’s 2014-2015 annual performance evaluation. Diana complimented Audrey K. on her level of detail regarding her work as well as said she appreciated her leadership for the organization.

Paige piggybacked Diana’s comments and gave a shout out to Audrey’s presence at a variety of state wide groups and her representation of both the Partnership and the College of Education on a statewide and national level.

Next, Diana brought the information about the 2015-2016 membership dues to the governing board’s attention. She reported that the Partnership is on pace, if a little ahead of schedule, on collecting dues. She urged the others to help remind people about the dues.

Audrey K. thanked everyone for paying their dues and reiterated that the Partnership was on pace. She stated that Kara Duggan and she will be sending out second reminders to members that still have not paid their dues in the coming week. She also mentioned that the Kara and she will need to step up with recruiting other districts who are currently not members. Audrey K. suggested that she might ask the superintendents who are currently members for help in recruiting other school districts.

Other updates included the 2015 NNER annual meeting in Chico, California, October 1-3. The Partnership will have three complimentary registrations, registrations that will go to executive committee members first, then to Wyoming conference presenters.

With the June 25 “Kids, Schools, and Communities that Help Them Prosper” conference behind us, Audrey drew the board’s attention to a summary document in the meeting packet presenting attendance figures, revenue, and estimated costs. A complete report will be presented to the board at its next meeting.

Boyd reiterated an earlier comment about how it went very well, and that the Wyoming School-University Partnership really stepped. Nick Bellack echoed Boyd’s complimentary comments and stated that he appreciated the opportunity to widen the lens of education through the Symposium. Both Boyd and Nick were participants in the June 26-29 NNER Summer Symposium.

Next, Diana introduced Ray Reutzel, the new dean of the College of Education and asked him to present the UW Board of Trustees Education Initiative. With a $.5 million planning grant from the Denver-based Daniels Foundation in place, a Phase I Planning Board is in place and will present a plan to the foundation for the initiative. That plan is due to Daniels by October 5. The plan will include the following components: a budget and scope of the work for an interim planning board sub-committee (chaired by Dean Reutzel); the establishment of a UW Trustees College of Education Governing Board (chaired by Trustee President David Palmerlee); hiring an initiative director; identification of a network of national education leaders to advise; draft document of a Phase I request to Daniels (Chaired by Dean Reutzel). Phase II of the initiative will be the strategic plan, and Phase III will be implementation. Dean Reutzel explained that following a successful $5 million request to the Daniels Foundation, the next step would be requesting a match from the Wyoming Legislature. He estimates it will take 5.5 years to fully implement the plan and, if the Wyoming legislative matches the Daniels grant, will have a budget of $10 million.

Diana thanked Ray Reutzel for presenting the initiative, and thanked all for attending. She reminded everyone of the September 16 meeting, and adjourned the meeting at 11:37 a.m.

Governing Board minutes prepared by Kara Duggan, July 9, 2015.