

**Wyoming School-University Partnership
Governing Board Meeting
Friday, April 17, 2009
10:04 – 11:00 a.m.**

BY CONFERENCE CALL

(Poor weather in southeastern Wyoming caused us to cancel the face-to-face meeting in Casper.)

Present

Dave Barker, Trish Cook, Judy Ellsworth, Paige Fenton-Hughes, Kay Persichitte, Ray Schulte, and Audrey Shalinsky.

Partnership Staff: Audrey Kleinsasser, Jenni Luckett, and Tara Reiter-Marolf.

Introductions

Chair Trish Cook called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m., followed by roll call.

Review and Approve

Today's meeting agenda and the January 26, 2009 meeting minutes were approved. Kay Persichitte moved to accept the agenda, Dave Barker seconded. The minutes were approved by a consensus with no objections.

Report to the governing board from the executive committee's conference call, earlier that morning from 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Trish asked Dave Barker to report on the executive committee conference call. Dave reported that the rescheduled face-to-face retreat will take place in Guernsey on May 18. Trish Cook added that the Director's performance evaluation was conducted during the conference call and was in compliance with the constitution which stipulates an annual April review.

Review and approve bill payment

Trish asked Audrey Kleinsasser to take board members through the Partnership expenses from January 26-April 17. Audrey explained that most of the expenses listed were for travel, office supplies and communication, and \$200 for the Shepard Symposium on Social Justice, specifically the K-12 Teacher Tea. Trish asked why the billing cycle was listed through April 17, with the most recent transactions taking place in March. Tara Reiter-Marolf explained that no bills were processed in early April, and that all billing activity from the January 26-April 17 time period was represented. Trish asked if there have been any extra expenses in cancelling board meetings. Audrey stated that the only expenses are from the conferencing phone bill, and university car pool.* Audrey Shalinsky moved to accept and pay Partnership expenses with a second from Judy Ellsworth.

* A \$25 cancellation fee.

Approve 2009-2010 budget

Trish asked Audrey to explain the proposed 2009-2010 budget to board members. Audrey stated that during the last board meeting conference call a draft of the proposed budget was reviewed. The proposed budget reflects

revenues from district dues which will not increase, and confirms the Wyoming Education Association, UW Arts and Sciences, and Wyoming Department of Education dues increases. Trish asked about the money allocated for high school to higher education transitions. Audrey explained that this proposed item will cover materials, food, and travel for transitions meetings around the state. Trish asked Audrey to explain the legislative travel grant money represented on the document. Audrey explained that the amount represented is from the dean's office, and is set aside for travel. Kay Persichitte added that this fund is allocated to the Partnership by Section 1 state funds from the Legislature, which is why it is referred to as a Legislative Travel Grant. Dave Barker moved to accept the 2009-2010 budget, with a second from Ray Schulte.

Online, Interactive Communication Strategies, Jenni Luckett, Partnership communications consultant

Trish asked Jenni Luckett to summarize what she had hoped to demonstrate at the face-to-face meeting. Jenni explained that the Natrona County School District #1 website was recently overhauled to make it more interactive. The website now features multi-media, videos, podcasts and slideshows. Faculty, staff, students and community members can also submit events and news, which broadens the available information. Jenni also mentioned that expansion of the Partnership website is possible, and that these multi-media features make it easier for people to meet and share ideas, without traveling. Partnership staff would like to continue to work on interactive components in the coming year.

Scholarship Initiative, NNER 2009 Conference, possible statewide conference featuring the proposals

Trish asked Audrey to address the scholarship initiative. Audrey reported that there are 21 proposals, 51 session proposers, and 33 proposers eligible for scholarships. Participation at the K-12 and university level is great, but there are no community college participants. Once the NNER decides which proposals are chosen, there will be a sub-committee that will decide which proposers will receive scholarships. The sub-committee includes Dave Barker, Kay Persichitte, and Audrey Shalinsky, supported by Audrey K. and Tara.

Trish asked Audrey to speak about the possibility of a Partnership conference after the NNER fall conference. Audrey explained that as part of the scholarship application, presenters are expected to present more than once. Not only will scholarship recipients present at the October NNER conference, but possibly at a statewide conference in late 2009 or early 2010. Trish stated that there will be great input from the state of Wyoming at the national conference in Bellevue.

Updates: Partnership Initiatives and Related Projects

Audrey explained that the updates include the League of Democratic Schools and assessment information from the Math Articulation meetings and the Life Sciences Summit, both in February. Audrey also pointed out that the Writing Colloquium that will take place on April 20 has 70 registrants with a good mix of higher education and K-12 faculty. PTSB credit will be available.

Trish asked Audrey to move on with additional updates. Audrey reported on the NNER summer symposium. The Partnership will not be sponsoring the registration of anyone this year because of the Fall NNER conference scholarship initiative, but people are encouraged to attend on their own. Dave Barker, a past attendee, reported that the summer symposium started him down the road of incorporating democratic principles, which is what led him to the League of Democratic Schools. Kay, also a past attendee, said that the

experience reinforced the idea that concerns are very similar for Partnerships around the nation. Trish commented that the deadline for registration is May 1, 2009 and if anyone is interested, they should let Audrey know.

Trish asked if there were any more questions from the board. Audrey brought to the board's attention that Trish accepted a principal position at Laura Ingalls Wilder elementary school in Colorado, and that this will be her last Partnership board meeting. Ray thanked Trish for her leadership as did others on the call. Kay thanked Trish for her commitment and hard work. Audrey then read a poem called *Visiting Writer* by Linda Hasselstrom from Trish's parting gift, a book titled *Wyoming Fence Lines*, edited by David Romtvedt, Wyoming's poet laureate. Audrey thanked Trish for all of her work and wished her great luck on her new venture.

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.