



## URSA BOARD MEETING

Juab DO, Nephi  
Thursday, April 25, 2019  
10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

### Present:

Sam Ray	Larry Davis
Duke Mossman	Carli O'Neil
Dale Lamborn	Jason Strate
Nichole Wangsgard	Mark Huntsman
Joe B Wright	Kodey Hughes
Justin Brooksby	Terry Shoemaker
Scott Crane	

### Welcome to the meeting from Sam Ray.

**Approval of Minutes** – after a brief discussion on the minutes from January 15, 2019 & February 14, 2019 Dale Lamborn motioned to approve as written. Duke Mossman seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**Utah State Board of Education Update**-Mark Huntsman was at today's meeting and Syd Dickson was available via conference call. Thank you to URSA for all that they do for rural schools in the state of Utah. \*USB E has an RFP for a study on all of our state education funding line items. The study will look at efficiency. Compliance and reporting will be under review as well. This study may involve surveys to the LEA's only. The purpose is to look at funding sources and not how the money is being spent. They want to make sure that the money is going to the right places. \*UPPAC Task Force kicked off last week and will be meeting every two weeks. They are closed door meetings. They are going through all processes and will make recommendations for improvement. \*USB E is looking for feedback from LEA's regarding funding so they can provide information to the legislature. The question being asked is 'What did LEA's do with TSSA funding?' \*Two state board members are leaving their positions this summer. The governor will be making appointments to fill those positions. \*The board has gotten through the health standards and science standards are next on the list. \*In regards to licensing the bulk of the changes have gone through. Program approval is next and then it will transition to the school districts. They will put documents together to help district HR departments make the changes. Currently they would like URSA to continue with the certification programs. \*CTE is building more and more momentum nationwide and we should be seeing more collaboration going forward. There is a need to gear up for more collaboration with higher education. Syd is very proud of the work LEA's are doing with CTE. \*Dale Lamborn asked about the search for a new UCAT Commissioner being put on hold. Syd says that they are currently looking at both higher education and the UCAT Commissioner. They are not in a rush and may be looking at redefining the roles. Duke Mossman brought up the fact that there is a challenge in rural districts getting access to CTE. Syd says that conversations are ongoing to get funding to rural districts and how they support such flexibility. USB E must be creative while asking for additional funds. Sam Ray noted that they do not currently have an auto program, but they have kids interested in this pathway. The districts have difficulties with not only teachers but funding for these programs. \*Sam asked if there was any effort to collect data on the fee changes and efforts to offset the impact of waivers. Mark Huntsman replied that there has been no effort nor request to collect this data.

**UETN Update**-Justin Brooksby was at today's meeting to give the board an update regarding issues at UETN. He informed the board on using Cisco WebEx which is available on the UEN webpage. \*Reminder that Adobe Creative Cloud, for grades 7-12, has received funding for 1 year. They will work to obtain continued funding for this program. There will be a training on May 10 hosted by UEN. Duke Mossman stated that they are having issues getting the program installed and working on some computers. Jason Strate asked what hardware is required for this program. Justin will check with Adobe on both of these items. \*UETN is focused on helping principals do better tech integration and professional development. PD for principals is coming this summer June 5-7, 2019 in Farmington. \*DTL plans-if you are interested in alternative methods for teachers to get their tech certification. This ISTE certification will cost \$215 per teacher and UEN will provide the program which is quite challenging for those with limited computer skills. The teacher will have to submit a portfolio at the end of the program which provides evidence of understanding of standards and application in the classroom. This program will also lead to an endorsement.

**USSA Update**-Terry Shoemaker said that in regards to Tax Reform proposals at this year's legislature many people are upset regarding the proposal to tax services. Sales tax funds everything but public education. Income tax, which funds higher and public education will be affected by changes. The legislature set aside \$300 million this year that could have gone to education. This subject must stay on the table for discussion.

#### **Rural Schools Conference Discussion**

- **Registrations, Sponsors, Meals** – Scott Crane, Conference planning is going well and the URSA Board appreciates the participation of USBE/Syd Dickson. We currently have 416 attendees and 110 presenters registered for a total of 526. Several of the optional activities have exceeded expectations. USU Eastern is giving us a great price on meals. The registration fees are currently at \$20,800 which is more than the cost of food.
- **Presentations & Facilities Review** – Joe B Wright, a schedule has been put together of all the presentations. USU Eastern has great facilities. Currently they are working on other needs.
- **Keynote Review** – Jason Strate reviewed the keynote speakers: Wednesday-Neal Peacock, Thursday-John Hattie & Cathy Lassiter, Friday-J2 Training, Joan and Jan.
- **Future SUU Conference locations** – There has been some room scheduling confusion for the 2021 URSA Conference. Nichole Wangsgard has said that URSA could use the education classrooms in 2021. Rooms might be hard to find. The conference will go forward. \* Jason Strate says that the initial planning for the 2020 conference in Richfield is underway. Sevier school district will waive the building fees for the conference. The travel council has committed \$6,000 for the conference and would like to use these funds for activities. The facility is asking for a \$12 per hour contribution to student facilitators. Tom Shimmer will keynote next year.

#### **Board Dialogue**

- **APT Discussion** – Jason Strate, we have the courses and a teacher and it is being offered for \$200 per course, but SUU may be offering the same program in conflict. Nichole says that is not the case. The SUU program is just to fill in the gaps.
- **EduRoam for URSA Conference** – Sam Ray, EduRoam will be available through USU Eastern. Scott will look in to how to log on to EduRoam, if available at USU Eastern, as well as the WiFi for the conference.
- **Service Center Governance Role & Accountability Committee Update** – Duke Mossman, Met with Scott Jones. A plan is being developed for committee organization.
- **URSA Bylaws** – Scott Crane, In order for SESC, the URSA fiscal agent, to come into financial compliance some additions will need to be made to the bylaws. Scott is recommending the elimination of confusion over service center funds and fiscal agent funds by designating URSA funds as restricted funds. Jason Strate motioned to stipulate the restricted funds change to the bylaws at

the July meeting. Duke Mossman seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Duke Mossman will get an updated copy of the bylaws to Scott Crane for his review. Will present changes for a vote at the July meeting. Some clarification is needed on the current bylaws. See updated bylaws for changes.

- **Friends of Education Awards**

- Christine Watkins & David Hinkins – SESC Suggestions for awards at the legislative meeting. Are we doing these awards as URSA or as a Service Center? For the July meeting each service center will bring a name for recognition to be presented at the regional meetings. Terry Shoemaker says that it will be fine to present the awards at a future USSA meeting, but the board agreed that this would not be the correct platform for this award. Jason asked whether URSA will be recognizing retiring superintendents.

**Adjournment:** Kodey Hughes motioned to adjourn the board meeting at 12:40 p.m. Duke Mossman seconded the motion. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

**Next URSA Board Meeting:** Friday, July 12, 2019 @ USU Eastern, Price 10:30 a.m.