

## URSA Board Meeting

September 18, 2018  
Juab DO, Nephi, Utah

### Present:

Sam Ray	Jason Snow	Linda Hansen
Jason Strate	Bart Reynolds	Kodey Hughes
Scott Crane	Carli O'Neil	Max Gonzales
Joe B Wright	Doug Johnson	Duke Mossman

1. **Welcome** from Sam Ray. Introductions
2. **Approval of Minutes** – a quorum of members was not available at today's meeting so no action was taken.
3. **Utah State Board of Education** – Linda Hansen was available at today's meeting to update the board regarding the strategic plan. The USBE vision statement is: Upon completion all Utah students are prepared to succeed and lead by having the knowledge and skills to learn, engage civically and lead meaningful lives. The USBE mission statement is: The Utah State Board of Education leads by creating conditions for student success, advocating for necessary resources, developing policy and providing effective oversight and support. The USBE goals:
  1. Each student starts strong through early grades with a foundation in literacy and numeracy.
  2. Each student and educator has access to personalized teaching and learning experiences.
  3. Each student learns in a safe and healthy school environment.
  4. Each student is taught by effective educators who are supported by effective school leaders.They are also still working on the Student Advisory Committee. 15 students throughout the state will be meeting to give input to the board. Linda is on the committee that is working on the framework for school safety. If you have any comments or questions, please feel free to contact her.
4. **UETN Update** – Ray Timothy and Dennis Sampson were not available at today's meeting. Jason Strate mentioned the 10 gig circuits that are in the process at several districts. The SAINTCON (conference) is being held next week and all superintendents are invited. Joe B Wright mentioned the subject of the BYU independent studies available to teachers. Two hundred courses will be available by year's end. These courses are not intended to be credit recovery courses.
5. **Rural Schools Conference Discussion:**
  - Budget/Financials – Scott reviewed the 2018 conference financial spreadsheet with the board. Sam Ray will need to make a request to USBE for funds for the 2019 conference. Jason suggested using funds for promotional videos for future locations. Kodey suggested the possibility of using the high school media classes from the conference area to develop these videos. This could possibly be advertised as a \$500 scholarship activity for the students. Sam requested that Scott & Jason have reports at the next meeting detailing how these videos will be handled.
  - Future Keynotes & Schedule – As of yet Jason has not scheduled any keynote speakers. Jason has contacted John Hattie through Corwin. He would be \$15,000 per day with the team he will bring for sessions. There has been a suggestion of Danny Steele. He does presentations for all educators called 'I am the Difference' and 'The Power of Purpose'. Also Eric Jensen called 'The

50-year drought is over'. Duke suggested Joan and Jan, two retired teachers from Texas who talk about technology as a tool for everyone at the cost of \$3,000. Solution Tree will commit a keynote trainer and trainer for the day at the cost of \$7,000. Corwin has offered the pick of any of their presenters for \$7,000 per day. J Lynn Jones, Vital Smarts, would be \$3,000 per day. Neal Peacock is available for keynotes and sessions for \$1,500. The suggested schedule was Joan & Jan for Wednesday, John Hattie, Corwin or Solution Tree on Thursday, Neal Peacock for breakfast on Friday. Possibly a switch for Wednesday and Friday. Sam Ray suggested moving ahead with this plan for a vote at the next meeting or an electronic vote can be sent as well.

- Award Presentations Schedule – The suggestion was made that a video presentation be made for the regional awardees in an attempt to limit length of each presentation. The legislative award should be given at a different time. Sam suggested a presentation at Midway or at a July USSA meeting. The directors will meet to discuss the award presentations and then bring information to the next meeting.
- Conference Survey Data – Scott reviewed a handout that he developed regarding the results from the 2018 conference survey.
- July 2019 URSA Board meeting date & time – The board suggested that the meeting be put in the conference schedule as a session and once the schedule comes out we will review in April.

#### **6. Board Dialogue:**

- NESS Update – The 1<sup>st</sup> meeting will take place on October 10<sup>th</sup> with 4 meetings being held between then & November. The meetings are being held to develop a new formula for presentation to the legislature. Oct. 10, Oct. 18, Oct. 26, Nov.13 are the meeting dates. The meetings will be held from 1:00-5:00 in the conference room at the USBE office. OLEG audit results came out this morning.
- AESA Advocacy Meeting @ Washington DC – Sam and Duke leave next week for this meeting. Service Center directors will try to get a couple of letters from rural superintendents for Sam & Duke to take to Mia Love next Wednesday.
- Rocky Mountain Center for Rural Education Collaboration Proposal – Shannon Dulaney was unable to be at today's meeting so this item will be moved to the next agenda.
- West Ed Study – The study has been completed.
- SOEP R277-726 – This rule will cause supervision problems for rural district schools. Linda will follow up on this item.
- Rural Caucus Presentations – Sam requested an agenda item for presentation at the Rural Caucus meetings. Kodey suggested information on URSA activities.
- Goals Flowchart – Scott reviewed a chart that he has crafted to show that the URSA goals are in line with USBE and the Governors goals. Sam asked that the handout be shared with the board for review.
- Core Academy Model – Supt. Larsen approached Jason to ask if URSA might be interested in having part of the conference based on the Core Academy models. The board discussed the possibility of this option. The directors will discuss the schedule for the upcoming conference and how this might fit into the sessions.
- Utah Futures – Max Gonzales did a presentation on the updates to the Utah Futures program. Laura Hunter & Ray Timothy have requested a letter of support for Utah Futures to take to the

legislature this year. Sam requested that Duke draft a letter of support from URSA for UEN. Any questions please contact via email at [max@uen.org](mailto:max@uen.org)

- Other:
  - i. Sam mentioned the subject of seatbelts on busses that is becoming a discussion item at the legislature. He has requested that the directors bring this meeting up for discussion at their individual board meetings. Rep. Craig Paul is determined to get this item passed.
  - ii. Scott asked about the possibility of a meeting before January to discuss the important conference decisions discussed at today's meeting. Sam says that this business can be conducted via email.
  - iii. Snow College – Doug Johnson says that over the last year and a half the USHE have requested a common application system for concurrent enrollment. This would allow students applying for colleges to go to one location to apply to any of the USHE institutions without visiting each individual site. It is up to each college or university to determine whether they will be using this system. There is a \$5 per student additional charge to help maintain this system. There is an organization called National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships. The national organization has a conference early each fall. This year's conference will be held in San Antonio, but next year will be in Salt Lake City. There will be a push to try and get members of each district, counselors and teachers to attend the conference in SLC.

Jason Strate motioned to adjourn.