



**Minutes
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The State Board of Education meeting was held on Thursday, March 31, 2011, in the State Board Room, Grimes State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa. The following State Board members were present: Rosie Hussey, Charlie Edwards, Max Phillips, Valorie Kruse, Ana Lopez, Mike Knedler, LaMetta Wynn, Eric Goranson, Sister Jude Fitzpatrick, and Corey Anderson. Director Jason Glass and Iowa Department of Education (Department) staff members Kevin Fangman, Gail Sullivan, Jeff Berger, Jim Addy, Phil Roeder, Carol Greta, Matt Ludwig, Deborah Humpal, Kris Crabtree-Groff, Konni Cawiezell, Jeremy Varner, Roger Utman, Connie Maxson, and Jody Crane were in attendance. Also in attendance were Governor Terry Branstad, Lt. Governor Kim Reynolds, and Linda Fandel, Governor's Office; Beth Myers, Board of Educational Examiners; Brandon Bolte, Ankeny Community School District; John Carver, Van Meter Community School District; MJ Dolan, Iowa Association of Community College Trustees; Brent Siegrist, Iowa Area Education Agencies (AEAs); Ron Fielder, Grant Wood AEA; Darwin Danielson, Radio Iowa; Mike Wiser, Lee Newspaper; Lee Rouse, WHO-HD13; Sarah Brown Wessling, Johnston High School; Molly Boyle, Waukee Community School District; and Debra Derr and Jamie Zanos, North Iowa Area Community College.

STATE BOARD BUSINESS MEETING

President Rosie Hussey called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Hussey introduced new State Board member, Eric Goranson, and new student State Board member, Brandon Bolte. Bolte's term begins May 1, 2011.

It was moved by Sister Jude Fitzpatrick and seconded by Charlie Edwards that the March agenda be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATION

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Director Report

Policy Priorities for Iowa

Director Jason Glass stated that he has been asking a variety of groups about what policy changes Iowa needs in the future. He shared the items with the Board and discussed what direction he thinks the state will be going.

When gathering the information, the following questions were asked: What should we stop doing? What should we keep doing? What should we start doing?

As a result, the following policy priorities have been identified:

- Standards and Assessments
- Educator Effectiveness
- Transformation (from the industrial education model)

There was discussion about the Iowa Core and the Common Core, and the upcoming Education Summit being aligned with the three policy priority areas.

Department Reorganization

Glass indicated that he is looking at how the Department is structured to deliver on the three policy priority areas.

Legislative Update

Konni Cawiezell, Legislative and Policy Liaison, Office of Internal Administrative Services, provided a legislative update. She indicated that the first redistricting map for the congressional districts is being released today. This map could be voted down and a new map requested from the Legislative Services Agency.

Cawiezell reported that as a result of the funnel process, there are only approximately 17 education policy bills that still may be considered.

Cawiezell provided an update on the Department's prefiled bills:

- The Community College Code Update and Correction bill has been forwarded to the Governor for his signature.
- The Instructional Hours bill has been funneled.
- The School Transportation bill was passed by the Senate and funneled by the House. Cawiezell is trying to get an amendment on a Department of Transportation bill so the House will debate that issue.
- The Code Update and Correction bill has been funneled.

Cawiezell indicated that there is still no allowable growth set for the next fiscal year. The preschool issue has been funneled; however, it will reemerge during the appropriation process.

Cawiezell explained the approaches that both the House and Senate were taking concerning the budget. The House took the approach of trying to target areas to reduce education spending and the Senate's approach was to implement an across-the-board cut to the majority of the education appropriations. There's a supplemental appropriation for community colleges for the current fiscal year in conference committee. The Department is looking at a supplemental transfer in education appropriations for this fiscal year to repair some of the maintenance of effort cuts.

Cawiezell reported on other bills that are no longer moving as a result of the funnel. They include: Home Rule, Charter Schools, Home School Assistance Program, Independent Accreditation for Nonpublic Schools, and School Dress Code.

There was discussion about the charter school issue as to why the legislation had approval at the local level as opposed to the State Board level.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mike Knedler moved and Valorie Kruse seconded to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

New State Board Member Introduction and Recognition of Current Student State Board Member

Newly appointed State Board Member, Eric Goranson, was introduced and he shared information about himself.

Rosie Hussey provided comments and presented a gift to Corey Anderson for his service to the State Board.

BOARD ACTION/DISCUSSION AGENDA

Discussion with Governor Terry Branstad and Lt. Governor Kim Reynolds

Rosie Hussey welcomed Governor Terry Branstad and Lt. Governor Kim Reynolds and thanked them for the opportunity to dialogue concerning education in Iowa. Hussey described the Board's roles and responsibilities and stated that the Board feels that there is a real sense of urgency for education innovation in this country and in our state.

Hussey indicated that the Board's three policy development priorities in their leadership agenda for 2010-2011 are: Competency-based Education, Online Learning and Other

Technological Advances to Support 21st Century Learning, and Reducing the Achievement Gap.

State Board members shared information on each priority area and the Governor responded. In addition to the policy development priorities, there was also discussion about Universal Pre-K, the Iowa Core, the Wallace Foundation, and the upcoming Education Summit.

Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Annual Budget Approval for Area Education Agencies

Jim Addy, Administrator, Division of School Support and Information; introduced Brent Siegrist, State Services Director, Iowa AEAs; and Ron Fielder, Administrator, Grant Wood AEA 10.

Addy reviewed and explained the budget materials that were provided to the Board for their approval. The three main highlights include: Resources, Expenditures, and a Three-year Comparison. He pointed out that there are now nine AEAs as a result of consolidation and efficiency work.

There was discussion regarding concerns with the continuation of federal funding; how Educational Services will help break the mold in district performance, student achievement, and educator effectiveness; and how it is hoped that the upcoming Education Summit will allow for dialogue on how to make the system better rather than constituencies protecting their turf.

Brent Siegrist shared information on AEA Statewide Initiatives and Iowa AEA Online.

Ron Fielder shared information on the Virtual Reality Education Pathfinders (VREP) and there was discussion about whether VREP has prompted more school district consolidations around the state.

Motion: It was moved by Max Phillips and seconded by Charlie Edwards to approve the AEA budgets for the fiscal year 2011-12.

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

Update – Statewide Research, Development, Demonstration and Dissemination School

Gail Sullivan, Chief of Staff, Office of the Director, and Kevin Fangman, Administrator, Division of PK-12 Education, provided an update on the Statewide Research, Development, Demonstration and Dissemination School (R & D School).

Sullivan provided background on the development of the R & D School. It is a collaborative effort between the University of Northern Iowa (UNI) and the Department

in partnership with other educational entities in the state. The school is located at UNI (transitioned from the current Malcolm Price Lab School).

Sullivan reported that this is a transitional time and that the R & D School should be fully implemented in 2012. Sullivan reviewed the guiding principles for the design and purpose of the school. They are:

- Raise and sustain the level of all Iowa PK-12 students' educational attainment and personal development through innovative and promising practices.
- Enhance the preparation and professional competence of Iowa educators through collaborative inquiry and exchange of professional knowledge in teaching and learning.
- Focus on research which transforms practice to meet the changing needs of Iowa's educational system.

Sullivan indicated that the R & D School will go "outside the box" and try new things. It is expected that satellite sites across the state will also be connected to this school.

Kevin Fangman reviewed a document titled "Timeline of Statewide R & D School." He mentioned that there were several pieces of legislation along the way to make this school a reality. He also reviewed a document that outlines activities over a three year period.

There was discussion about how the school is funded and how the students will be chosen to attend.

Introduction of Molly Boyle – 2011 Iowa Teacher of the Year

Kevin Fangman, Administrator, Division of PK-12 Education, introduced Deborah Humpal, Consultant, Bureau of Teaching and Learning Services, and recognized her for her work with the Teacher of the Year (TOY) program. Humpal thanked the Board for their support of the program and shared information as to why Molly Boyle was chosen as the 2011 Teacher of the Year.

Boyle shared information about herself, her past experience, her voice, her passion, and what it's like to be an award-winning teacher. Boyle works in the Waukeel Community School District as a third grade teacher and instructional coach.

2010 National Teacher of the Year

Kevin Fangman, Administrator, Division of PK-12 Education, introduced Sarah Brown Wessling, the 2010 Iowa Teacher of the Year and the 60th National Teacher of the Year.

Wessling talked about her experiences as the National Teacher of the Year and what she has learned. In the past ten months, she has traveled to 33 states, and three countries. She also presented critical questions to the State Board.

Review the Process for Approving Practitioner and Administrator Preparation Programs

Kevin Fangman, Administrator, Division of PK-12 Education, introduced Kris Crabtree-Groff, Consultant, and Matt Ludwig, Consultant, Bureau of Accreditation and Improvement Services. Fangman indicated that the information being presented is a result of questions the Board had regarding the process used to accredit practitioner and administrator preparation programs. He reported that the effectiveness of preparation programs is also being discussed nationally.

Crabtree-Groff reviewed the accreditation review process. She indicated that the process is a combination of compliance and coaching as well as a seven year cycle of continuous improvement.

Crabtree-Groff distributed a condensed version of Iowa Code Chapter 79 and discussed the highlights. Iowa is right on target and leading the nation when it comes to teacher and administrator preparation.

Ludwig walked the Board through a flow chart that describes the approval process.

There was discussion about the number of institutions; concern with the process being retrospective rather than prospective and the process not being helpful in terms of promoting and encouraging change and innovation; how it would be useful if the Department reviewed how the process has helped; concern about whether the right questions are being asked; concerns about programs not being reviewed for another seven years; programs not being held accountable for creating and inventing the future of the profession as opposed to simply practicing what's worked in the past to meet the needs of schools, and the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education process and other teacher accreditation processes.

Director Glass directed Department staff to dream about what the process should look like and come back to the Board with recommendations on how the process should be changed. He indicated that he would stand behind a new model and that current funding restrictions should not hinder the process.

Innovative Program – North Iowa Area Community College Incubation Network

Roger Utman, Administrator, Division of Community Colleges and Workforce Preparation, introduced Deb Derr, President, and Jamie Zanos, Vice President of Institutional Advancement, North Iowa Area Community College (NIACC).

Derr reported that NIACC's John Pappajohn Entrepreneurial Center (JPEC) is an outstanding program that impacts the economic development of north Iowa. There are other JPEC's across Iowa, but NIACC is the only community college with a JPEC.

Zanios shared his background and presented on NIACC's Virtual Incubation Network which is funded by a grant from the American Association of Community Colleges and the Mott Foundation. There was also discussion of other programming the JPEC provides.

Iowa Community Colleges Joint Enrollment Report 2010

Roger Utman, Administrator, Division of Community Colleges and Workforce Preparation, and Jeremy Varner, Consultant, Bureau of Community Colleges and Career and Technical Education Services, presented the Iowa Community Colleges Joint Enrollment Report 2010.

Varner indicated that this report was developed using the Community College Management Information (MIS) and provides information on high school students who are enrolled in community college coursework. There are three ways students can enroll in community colleges – postsecondary enrollment option (PSEO), contract courses delivered through agreements between the school district and the community college (concurrent enrollment), and independent enrollment to the community college. PSEO and concurrent enrollment are the two main pieces of joint enrollment and both are Senior Year Plus programs.

Varner reviewed a PowerPoint that included information on the following:

- Joint Enrollment
- Total Enrollment
- Total Credit Hours
- Student Demographics
- Student Grade Level
- Offering Arrangement
- Percentage of High School Students Enrolled by District
- Courses Taken

There was discussion why some districts don't have any community college enrollment, why some of the students paid tuition, and what's next for community colleges in terms of facilities and teachers.

Varner indicated that this report differs from other community college reports in that it is disaggregated by colleges.

Board Reports

Eric Goranson indicated that he enjoyed the meeting and is looking forward to serving on the Board.

Rosie Hussey indicated that due to the upcoming Education Summit, the date for the July State Board meeting has been changed to July 27. The Iowa Association of Community College Trustees will be meeting that week and Department staff is trying to arrange a meeting with the Community College Presidents. She asked Board members to be thinking about what they can attend because it is all important.

Hussey also encouraged Board members to keep in touch with legislators on issues that are important to the Board.

Corey Anderson thanked the Board members and said that serving on the Board has been a great learning experience.

Anderson also reported that the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) is sponsoring another student webinar in April and he looks forward to introducing new student Board member, Brandon Bolte, to the other student State Board members. He is also looking forward to working with Bolte on his duties as the new student member.

Director Glass indicated that he, along with the other Board members, have been impressed with Anderson and will be excited to see where he goes because he has a tremendous future.

Sister Jude Fitzpatrick had no report.

LaMetta Wynn reported that she had an opportunity to hear Governor Branstad and Lt. Governor Kim Reynolds speak at Eastern Iowa Community College District.

She also reported that her local high school has a food service program where they prepare menus, serve, and clean up at events.

Max Phillips reported that ongoing funding is being sought for the Wallace Foundation.

Mike Knedler attended a NASBE Teacher Preparation, Evaluation, Continuation, and Compensation Study Group meeting. He provided an overview of the presentations. The next meeting will be in June and a set of recommendations will be developed.

Valorie Kruse attended a Wallace Foundation meeting in February and indicated that work is beginning to draft a scope of work for 2011-12. The next meeting will be held on April 12.

Kruse also attended a Competency-based Education Design Team meeting on January 28. She reviewed the highlights of what was discussed at that meeting.

Ana Lopez attended an Iowa Jobs for America's Graduates meeting and had an opportunity to go to the Legislature to share information about the program.

Rosie Hussey adjourned the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

Rosie Hussey
President

Jason E. Glass
Director