

## SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

Date: Monday, September 24, 2012

Location: Breakwater Room, Cedar Shores, 1500 Shoreline Drive  
Oacoma, South Dakota

Present: Donald Kirkegaard, President  
Patricia Simmons, Vice President  
Glenna Fouberg, Member  
Julie Mathiesen, Member  
Stacy Phelps, Member  
Kelly Duncan, Member  
Marilyn Hoyt, Member  
Terry Sabers, Member

Not present  
with

prior notice: Richard Gowen, Member

Others in

Attendance: Bryce Healy – SDEA, Kristin Biskeborn & DeEtta Dugstad – Department of Health, Sam  
Gingerich – Board of Regents

DOE Staff: Dr. Melody Schopp, Betty Leidholt, Susan Sheppick, Becky Nelson, Mary Kirk, Sarah Carter

President Kirkegaard called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m. Motion to adopt the proposed agenda for the September 24, 2012, meeting was made by Duncan and seconded by Phelps. All voted aye, and motion carried. Simmons moved to approve the minutes of the August 23, 2012, meeting and Duncan seconded the motion. All voted aye, and motion carried.

Public hearing convened to consider adoption of the following proposed rules:

ARSD 24:14 (Early Intervention Program) Susan Sheppick, DOE

ARSD 24:15:06:65 (CASE endorsement) Becky Nelson, DOE

Kirkegaard made opening remarks regarding notice provided, the effect of and reason for the proposed rules, and other procedural matters.

ARSD 24:14 – Early Intervention Program: Susan Sheppick, DOE, presented an explanation of the proposed rules and recommended approval of changes to ARSD 24:14 – Early Intervention Program. The final regulations for the December 3, 2004 amendments to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA 2004) were finalized on September 28, 2011 by the US Department of Education, and became effective October 28, 2011. As a condition for continued funding, South Dakota's policies, procedures, and state administrative

rules regarding early intervention services and programs must be revised to align with the federal requirements no later than June 30, 2013. No written comments were received, nor were there any questions of Sheppick after presenting the rules. No other persons testified in regard to the rules. Simmons moved to approve the changes to ARSD 24:14 and Sabers seconded the motion. All voted aye, and motion carried.

ARSD 24:15:06:65: Becky Nelson, DOE, presented an explanation of the proposed rules and recommended approval of ARSD 24:15:06:65 – Curriculum for Agricultural Science Education (CASE) endorsement. The National Council for Agricultural Education (NCAE) established a long range goal for Agricultural Education to increase growth and quality programs. NCAE sought out a partnership with Project Lead the Way, Inc. (PLTW) - a nationally recognized curriculum development organization. PLTW has successfully designed and implemented courses based on the rigor and relevance philosophy. The CASE project develops a structured sequence of agriculture courses and serves as a model for elevating the rigor and relevance of agricultural education. Teachers must complete 80 hours of national training to be qualified to teach the coursework. The addition of the CASE endorsement will allow SD teachers to teach specific CASE coursework above and beyond what the current Agriculture education certification will allow. In the summer of 2012, two SD Agriculture Education certified teachers attended national training. The teachers are implementing the specific courses in the fall of 2012. In the future, additional Agricultural Food and Natural Resources (AFNR) teachers will be implementing CASE courses.

A letter of support from Dr. Amy Smith, Assistant Professor from SDSU was submitted in regard to ARSD 24:15:06:65. No other written comments were received.

Board member Phelps expressed concern that the endorsement is setting the standards around a product and not around a set of skills. He was also concerned about the teacher's expenses for traveling out of state for the training. Phelps did not disagree about the extra rigor, just about teaching to a product.

Sarah Carter spoke in support not as a DOE employee, but as a parent of a student in one of the pilot schools participating in the CASE program.

Sabers moved to approve the proposed rule ARSD 24:15:06:65, and Duncan seconded the motion. Mathiesen, Foberg, Kirkegaard, Simmons, Sabers, Hoyt, and Duncan voted aye. Phelps voted nay. Motion carried.

Dr. Melody Schopp, DOE, updated the board about items including: Education Delivery Institute interviews with the department, the field, other government staff and how the report will be used in the future to align with our mission statement of insuring students are College and Career ready. Schopp gave the group an update on Common Core training, principal and teacher evaluation workgroups, education reform advisory workgroup, school counselor kick-off, Systems Change conference and Teacher of the Year banquet.

Mary Kirk, DOE, presented the South Dakota Model Wellness Policy to the board. Congress passed the Healthy Hungry-Free Kids Act of 2010 requiring schools to make changes to their mandated wellness policy. Each school that has the National School Lunch program is required to have a wellness policy. The current model wellness policy endorsed by the Board of Education needs to be updated to reflect changes if the board wishes to continue with a model policy. A trans-disciplinary team was recruited to review the former model policy and recommend revisions. Kirk, representing Child & Adult Nutrition Services requested endorsement

of the revised model wellness policy. Fouberg moved to endorse the proposed Model Wellness Policy, and Hoyt seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Technical Institute 10-Day Fall Enrollment Report was presented by Sarah Carter, DOE. No action required on this item. South Dakota's four technical institutes have achieved another enrollment milestone, collectively topping the 6,200 mark this fall for the first time ever.

A total of 6,250 students are currently taking classes at the technical institutes. Enrollment in key workforce development areas such as manufacturing, business management and agriculture saw the biggest gains. Two of the schools – Lake Area Technical Institute in Watertown and Southeast Technical Institute in Sioux Falls – set individual enrollment records this year, with 1,508 and 2,632 students respectively. Mitchell Technical Institute's enrollment grew slightly and was just shy of the student peak set two years ago. Western Dakota Technical Institute in Rapid City experienced a slight decline in numbers this year after rapid growth from 2009-2011, but its current enrollment is still ahead of the fall numbers from 2008-2009. As a system, the four technical institutes have experienced a 24.7 percent growth rate since 2008-2009.

Kristen Biskeborn, DOH, presented the Model Healthy Concessions Policy. The Model Healthy Concessions Policy was developed by the South Dakota Department of Health in late 2010 and piloted with non-school youth organizations, ie, club sports, in 2011 where significant changes were made in the offering of healthy food options at youth event concessions. With Community Transformation Grant funding, the project is now expanding into schools. The original model policy was modified slightly to meet school meal guidelines. DOH provides free support materials – stickers, posters, online game – to those implementing the policy. Simmons moved to endorse the proposed Model Healthy Concessions Policy, and Fouberg seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Next meeting will be November 26<sup>th</sup> in Pierre. If the agenda is light President Kirkegaard mentioned the possibility of a DDN session rather than travel.

Meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.