BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

July 14-15, 2016 Montana State Capitol, Room 317 Helena, MT

Thursday, July 14, 2016 8:30 AM

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Carroll called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM. The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance and Ms. Stockton took roll call. Board members present included: Ms. Sharon Carroll, Chair; Mr. Paul Andersen, Vice Chair; Dr. Darlene Schottle; Ms. Erin Williams; Ms. Mary Jo Bremner; Mr. Jesse Barnhart; Ms. Molly DeMarco; Ms. Tammy Lacey (via phone). Ex-officio members included: Superintendent Denise Juneau; Ms. Siri Smillie, Governor's Office; Ms. Angela McClean, OCHE. Staff present included: Mr. Peter Donovan, Executive Director; Ms. Kris Stockton, Administrative Assistant. Guests present included: Ms. Ann Gilkey, OPI; Ms. Shannon Koenig; Ms. Patty Muir, OPI; Mr. Nathan Miller, OPI; Dr. Linda Peterson, OPI; Ms. Nancy Coopersmith, OPI; Ms. Jael Prezeau, OPI; Ms. Madalyn Quinlan, OPI; Ms. Candy Urbanski, OPI; Ms. Colette Bartow, OPI; Ms. Christy Stutz, OPI; Ms. Terry Kendrick, OPI; Ms. Karin Billings, OPI; Mr. Brian Kessler, Helena High Health Teacher; Ms. Melissa Romano, Helena; Mr. Frank Podobnik, OPI; Senator Mary Moe, Great Falls; Ms. Katy Wright, Helena Public Schools Montessori;

Chair Carroll read the Statement of Public Participation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Paul Andersen moved to approve the Consent Agenda with corrections to the minutes. Dr. Darlene Schottle seconded the motion.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

ADOPT AGENDA

Items 14 and 15 will be reversed but still begin at Time Certain at 2:00 PM.

Mr. Jesse Barnhart moved to adopt the agenda with changes to items 14 and 15. Mr. Paul Andersen seconded the motion.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS

❖ REPORTS – Sharon Carroll (Items 1-6)

Item 1 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Sharon Carroll

Chair Carroll reviewed a conference she and Executive Director Donovan will attend in August regarding promoting quality teaching.

Item 2 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT Pete Donovan

Mr. Donovan reviewed the School Funding Interim Commission and stated their final meeting for the interim will be held August 29th. Mr. Donovan also reviewed briefly the Board's Strategic Planning Session from the previous day.

Item 3 STATE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT State Superintendent Denise Juneau

Superintendent Juneau introduced the new Deputy Superintendent Ms. Candy Lubanski, who is replacing Mr. Dennis Parman. Ms. Lubanski introduced herself to the Board. Superintendent Juneau also announced that Mr. Steve York has retired and that Ms. BJ Gransberry has replaced him. The Superintendent reviewed activities ongoing at OPI including the MBI Conference in June, the Graduation Matters Montana Summit, AP Summer Institute, a grant from the National Endowment of the Arts for training teachers on new Art Standards and Instruction. The Summer Institute for the Montana Preschool Grant is ongoing this week in Helena, and upcoming is the Driver Education training, and Teacher Law Day in August.

Item 4 COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION'S REPORT Angela McLean

Ms. McLean discussed a presentation she and Mandy Smoker Broadus gave to EverFi on the state of education and that she reported that in Montana it is the best it has ever been. Ms. McLean thanked the Board for their work to ensure quality education in Montana. Ms. McLean invited the Board to the ACE'S (Adverse Childhood Experiences) training hosted by OCHE on July 26th at 10:00 am in Helena. Ms. McLean reported on activities at OCHE including her attendance at the Council of Deans discussing teacher recruitment and retention. Ms. McLean gave an update on Dual Enrollment and distributed a handout with information. Ms. McLean also distributed the American Indian Achievement Report to Board members and reviewed the report. Ms. McLean answered Board member questions.

Item 5 GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORT Siri Smillie

Ms. Smillie updated the Board with a couple highlights from the Governor's Office including the Billings Symposium of Innovators and Entrepreneurs especially regarding STEM and STEM related careers. A Maker's Fair also is ongoing at the same time in Billings. Ms. Smillie also reported on the National Commission of the States conference she and Governor Bullock attended where the Dual Enrollment program in Montana was highlighted. Also highlighted was a trip Governor Bullock made to Libby highlighting the new Public Charter School Program the Board approved at their May meeting, and also a visit to the Libby Public Preschool which is part of the state's Preschool Grant. Ms. Smillie also updated the Board on the Workbased Learning project and distributed a one page summary of the program model. Ms. Smillie also invited the Board to the 21st Century Workforce Symposium in Butte coming up in July.

Item 6 STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT Molly DeMarco

Ms. DeMarco updated the Board on the end of school wrap up at CMR and discussed class changes at the high school Art program in Great Falls at both CMR and Great Falls High. Ms. DeMarco also reviewed the Student Council blood drive, organizing of activities for Homecoming, her swimming activities and academic activities ongoing through the summer.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The public was afforded the opportunity to comment before the Board on every action item on the agenda prior to final Board action.

❖ LICENSURE COMMITTEE – Darlene Schottle (Item 7)

Item 7 HEARING RE: APPEAL OF LICENSURE DENIAL, BPE CASE 2016-01 Rob Stutz

Dr. Schottle opened the hearing turning the item over to Mr. Rob Stutz from Agency Legal Services. Mr. Stutz reviewed for the Board that the appellant will not be attending the hearing. Mr. Stutz asked the Licensure and Legal Staff at OPI to present their information. Mr. Stutz swore in Ms. Shannon Koenig as a witness for OPI. Ms. Gilkey, OPI Chief Legal Counsel introduced Exhibit 1 and questioned Ms. Koenig on the reasons for denial. Ms. Gilkey called for guestions and answered Board member questions.

<u>Dr. Darlene Schottle moved to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to deny a Class 1 Educator License to the appellant in BPE Case #2016-01.</u> Mr. Jesse Barnhart seconded the motion.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

❖ ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE - Darlene Schottle (Items 8-15)

Item 8 INTENSIVE ASSISTANCE UPDATE Patty Muir

Ms. Muir reviewed for the Board the on-site visits she and Mr. Miller made to the schools the Board approved in May to enter Step 1 of the Intensive Assistance process. Ms. Muir reviewed with the Board some of the conversations they had with the schools and what some of the issues the districts are facing in regard to recruiting and retaining teachers in their small schools. Board members thanked Ms. Muir and Mr. Miller for their diligence in helping these schools.

Item 9 PRESENTATION OF THE FINAL 2015-2016 ANNUAL MONTANA ACCREDITATION REPORT

Patty Muir

Ms. Muir presented the Final 2015-2016 Annual Montana Accreditation Report as approved with addendums at the May 2016 BPE meeting. Chair Carroll thanked Ms. Muir and staff for the report. Superintendent Juneau also acknowledged the hard work the Accreditation team is doing.

ACTION

PUBLIC COMMENT

The public will be afforded the opportunity to comment before the Board on every action item on the agenda prior to final Board action.

Item 10

RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF PROPOSED SCIENCE CONTENT STANDARDS, APPROVAL OF THE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, AND AUTHORIZE FILING OF THE NOTICE WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR PUBLICATION IN THE MONTANA ADMINISTRATIVE REGISTER Jael Prezeau

Ms. Prezeau presented the amended Science Standards to the Board and reviewed the process undertaken in reviewing the standards and proposing the changes. The process began in 2012 and continued through 2015 and included the Negotiated Rulemaking Committee which then continued work on the revisions to the current standards. Ms. Prezeau briefly reviewed the standards for the Board and how they are organized differently than the existing standards. Ms. Madalyn Quinlan then reviewed the Economic Impact Statement with the board, and included the role of the Education and Local Government Committee in reviewing the standards and the Economic Impact Statement for not only the Science Standards, but the Health and Art Standards as well. Mr. Donovan thanked OPI for their hard work and for the work of the Negotiated Rulemaking Committee stating that much hard work and thoughtfulness went into the writing of these standards. Dr. Darlene Schottle and Ms. Siri Smillie echoed Mr. Donovan's comments. Superintendent Juneau also commented on all the hard work the staff has done in the revision of all the standards. Ms. Mary Jo Bremner also thanked OPI staff for their work. Ms. Angela McLean thanked the Superintendent for beginning the conversation with the review of the Science Standards, and thanked the content experts and the OPI staff on the revisions.

Dr. Darlene Schottle moved to approve the proposed rule changes, approve the Notice of Public Hearing and authorize filing of the Notice with the SOS for publication in the Montana Administrative Register. Motion seconded by Mr. Paul Andersen.

No discussion. Motion passed with Board member Lacey voting "aye" via phone.

Item 11

RECOMMEND ADOPTION, AMENDMENT, AND REPEAL OF MONTANA ARTS STANDARDS, ARM TITLE 10, CHAPTERS 53 AND 54 Jael Prezeau

Ms. Jael Prezeau reviewed for the Board the process of revising the Arts Standards and requested approval of the new standards.

Dr. Darlene Schottle moved to Vote to adopt New Rules I through IX, amend ARM 10.53.101 through 10.53.103 and 10.54.2501 and repeal ARM 10.54.2810 through 10.54.2813, 10.54.2820 through 10.54.2823, 10.54.2830 through 10.54.2833, 10.54.2840 through 10.54.2843, 10.54.2850 through 10.54.2853, 10.58.2860 through 10.54.2863, and 10.54.2887 through 10.54.2898 pertaining to K-12 Arts content standards; approve the response to comments; and authorize filing of the Notice of Adoption, Amendment and Repeal with the SOS for publication in the Montana Administrative Register. Ms. Mary Jo Bremner seconded the motion.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 12

RECOMMEND ADOPTION, AMENDMENT, AND REPEAL OF MONTANA HEALTH ENHANCEMENT STANDARDS, ARM TITLE 10, CHAPTERS 53 AND 54

Karin Billings

Ms. Karin Billings presented the revised Health Enhancement Standards to the Board and reviewed the revisions process the OPI staff and Negotiated Rulemaking committee undertook in revising the standards. Ms. Billings requested the Board's approval of the new standards. Ms. Mary Jo Bremner commented that she was told by a parent in Browning how excited she was for the new standards.

<u>Dr. Darlene Schottle moved to Vote to adopt New Rules I through XIX and repeal ARM 10.54.7010 through 10.54.7013, 10.54.7020 through 10.54.7023, 10.54.7030 through 10.54.7033, 10.54.7040 through 10.54.7043, 10.54.7050</u>

through 10.54.7053, 10.54.7060 through 10.54.7063, 10.54.7070 through 10.54.7073, and 10.54.7087 through 10.54.7098 pertaining to K-12 health and physical education content standards; approve the response to comments; and authorize filing of the Notice of Adoption and Repeal with the SOS for publication in the Montana Administrative Register. Ms. Mary Jo Bremner seconded the motion.

Ms. Nancy Stock, PE Teacher and Executive Director of SHAPE Montana spoke in support of the new standards, and thanked the committee for their hard work in revising the new standards. Ms. Stock also thanked Ms. Susan Court, Ms. Karin Billings, and Superintendent Juneau for all their work.

Ms. Angela McLean thanked Ms. Stock, and Mr. Kessler in the audience, for all their work with students in Montana.

Superintendent Juneau also thanked everyone for their work on the standards.

No additional comments. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 13 RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE 2015-2016 CORRECTIVE PLANS AND TIMELINES

Patty Muir

Ms. Muir reported to the Board that all the Corrective Plans have been thoroughly reviewed by the Accreditation Staff at OPI and all are being requested for approval by the Board.

<u>Dr. Darlene Schottle moved to approve the 2015-2016 Corrective Plans and Timelines for schools in deficiency or advice status.</u> Motion seconded by Mr. Jesse Barnhart.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

****TIME CERTAIN AT 2:00 PM****

Item 15 PRESENTATION OF SCHOOLS APPROVED TO ENTER STEP 2 OF THE INTENSIVE ASSISTANCE PROCESS

Sharon Carroll

Ms. Patty Muir explained what it means for a school to be put into Step 2 of the Intensive Assistance process and then explained each of the 4 levels of Intensive Assistance and how schools need to address the issues causing them to be in the Intensive Assistance status. Schools presented their plans to the Board in the following order

Conrad High School

Ken Larson, Principal at Conrad High, Superintendent and Cheryl Allen, Vice Chair of the School Board addressed the Board. Mr. Larson presented the school's plan and that he has now hired all licensed teachers and addressed the issue with Science scores. Mr. Larson plans to meet with his science staff when school is back in session and provide time and training for them in order to bring the science program up to par. Mr. Larson outlined his action plan to raise Science scores 10 points for 2016-17 academic year.

Lavina High School

Lavina Superintendent Duane Walker addressed the board and discussed the district plan of action for correcting a misassigned teacher in the PE department. The teacher is working on the courses he needs and has applied for a Class 5 license. The Superintendent has applied for a Class 5 for the K-4 endorsement section of his principal's license and will be taking the needed course next summer. Parents will be notified in the Welcome Back to School letter of the infractions.

Lustre School

Mr. Wes Young, Administrator at Lustre Elementary addressed the Board regarding a misassigned teacher issue which has been resolved. The Board of Trustees is aware of the issue and the parents will be notified at the return of school of the district appearance before the BPE.

Box Elder High School

Mr. Tom Heck, Superintendent, and the School Board Chair addressed the Board regarding the district attendance rate and steps they have taken to resolve the situation. Those steps began in the fall of 2015 by adding a bus route to pick up students and get them to school, ensuring the kids had breakfast when they got there. Teen pregnancy is an issue for students and the high school added a daycare for students, and for teachers, to bring their children to during the day. Student activities such as cross country, robotics, art club, music, etc., were brought back so the students had a reason to come to school. 22 out of 23 seniors graduated in 2016, 21 of whom are now going to college and 7 of them are on athletic/academic scholarships. The additional 14 students also have academic scholarships. The non-licensed principal issue has been resolved – all principals are now fully endorsed. The non-licensed teacher issue has been taken care of, and science scores are being worked on.

Northern Cheyenne Tribal Schools

No one appeared from Northern Cheyenne

Item 14

RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE 2015-2016 CORRECTIVE PLANS AND TIMELINES OF ACCREDITED SCHOOLS IN STEP 2 OF THE INTENSIVE ASSISTANCE PROCESS
Patty Muir

<u>Dr. Darlene Schottle moved to approve the 2015-2016 Corrective Plans and Timelines for Lavina, Lustre, Conrad, and Box Elder schools.</u> Motion seconded by Mr. Paul Andersen.

Mr. Andersen and Ms. Bremner thanked the schools for coming to Helena and presenting their plans to the Board and wished them luck in the future.

Chair Carroll supported those comments and commended the efforts of each school to rectify their deviations.

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No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.
Meeting adjourned for the day at 2:58 PM.

Friday, July 15, 2016 8:00 AM

Chair Carroll called the meeting to order at 8:03 AM

❖ EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - Sharon Carroll (Item 16)

Item 16 RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF REVISED BASE AID SCHEDULE FOR FISCAL

YEAR 2017 Ken Bailey

Mr. Ken Bailey addressed the requested date change for disbursement of funds from June 29 to June 30, 2017.

Mr. Paul Andersen moved to approve the recommendation of the Revised BASE Aid Schedule for Fiscal year 2017. Ms. Mary Jo Bremner seconded the motion.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously

❖ ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE - Paul Andersen (Item 17)

Item 17 RECOMMEND ADOPTION OF AMENDMENT OF ARM TITLE 10, CHAPTER

56, STUDENT ASSESSMENT

Rob Stutz

Mr. Stutz briefly reviewed the history of the rule change.

Mr. Paul Andersen moved to adopt the revisions to ARM 10.56.101 as proposed. Mr. Jesse Barnhart seconded the motion.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

❖ LICENSURE COMMITTEE – Darlene Schottle (Item 18)

INFORMATION

Item 18 INITIAL PRESENTATION OF THE REVISIONS TO ARM TITLE 10, CHAPTER

57, EDUCATOR LICENSURE

Ann Gilkey

Ms. Ann Gilkey discussed the review process and walked the Board through each revision, explaining the reasons behind the change. Ms. Gilkey answered questions from the Board regarding the revisions.

Ms. Mary Jo Bremner moved to approve the timeline with changes to the November BPE meeting dates. Motion seconded by Mr. Jesse Barnhart

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

❖ EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - Sharon Carroll (Items 19-20)

Senator Mary Moe addressed the Board with an update on the progress of the School Funding Interim Commission and the areas the commission has heard updates on, discussed, and work done in the areas of: school facilities funding; special education funding; Gifted and Talented Education; and the Quality Educator Loan Forgiveness Program. The Commission will be wrapping up their work on August 29, 2016 and will be taking public comment at that time. Senator Moe answered Board questions.

Mr. Marco Ferro, MEA-MFT discussed briefly the support of MEA-MFT with the revisions and specifically the Montessori and MACTE additions to the rule.

Item 19 FEDERAL REPORT Nancy Coopersmith

Ms. Nancy Coopersmith, OPI, discussed the new Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) as signed by President Obama in December 2015. Ms. Coopersmith reviewed the updates the OPI has made since December 2015 in beginning to implement the new ESSA in Montana, and reviewed the stakeholder group put together as required by ESSA and the work that group has done to date. Ms. Coopersmith discussed the Federal Budget and how the budget affects the implementation of the ESSA.

Item 20 SPECIAL EDUCATION ANNUAL REPORT Frank Podobnik

Mr. Frank Podobnik presented the Special Education Annual Report to the Board. Mr. Podobnik reviewed the report with the Board and highlighted several items including: Special Education Funding, shortages in the area of Speech Therapists, the division's Annual Performance Report; and continued efforts to increase graduation rates of Special Education students. Mr. Podobnik answered Board member questions regarding Special Education.

❖ MSDB LIAISON - Mary Jo Bremner (Item 21)

Item 21 MSDB REPORT Donna Sorensen

Ms. Donna Sorensen thanked Ms. Mary Jo Bremner for attending the MSDB graduation in May as she has done the past 2 years, and extended the invitation to the other board members. Ms. Sorensen also thanked Ms. Gilkey and Mr. Podobnik for including her with the Special Education pieces in the Chapter 57 revisions. Ms. Sorensen also commented on her appreciation of Senator Moe in assuring that the MSDB will be included in the changes to the Quality Educator Forgiveness program. Ms. Sorensen updated the board on other items going on at the school including the MSDB Welcome Back to School letter she is working on, an update on Human Resources and open positions currently at the school, an update on the Family Learning Weekends the school offers and thanked Mr. Podobnik for his presentations regarding the IEP process for parents. Ms. Sorensen answered Board member questions.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS September 15-16, 2016

Election of Board Officers
Set Yearly Board Meeting Calendar - C
Set Annual Agenda Calendar - C
BPE Goal Review - C
MACIE Update
Digital Academy Update
Superintendent Goals
Assessment Update
Federal Update
Annual HiSet Report
MACIE Renewal (Even Years)
Intensive Assistance School Presentations

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

ADJOURN

Ms. Mary Jo Bremner moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Paul Andersen seconded the motion.

No discussion. Meeting adjourned at 11:18 AM.

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