

**BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

**May 9-10, 2019**  
**Montana School for the Deaf and Blind**  
**3911 Central Ave**  
**Great Falls, MT 59401**

**Thursday May 9, 2019**  
**8:30 AM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Schottle called the meeting to order at 8:35 AM. Students from the MSDB led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Chair read the Statement of Participation and welcomed guests.

Board members present: Dr. Darlene Schottle, Chair; Ms. Tammy Lacey, Vice Chair; Ms. Madalyn Quinlan; Ms. Paris Becker, Student Rep; Ms. Mary Jo Bremner; Mr. Scott Stearns; Mr. Jesse Barnhart; Ms. Anne Keith. Ex-Officio members: Ms. Siri Smillie, Governor's Office; Ms. Angela McLean, Commissioner of Higher Education Office; Superintendent Arntzen, Office of Public Instruction. Staff present: Mr. Pete Donovan, Executive Director; Ms. Kris Stockton, Administrative Assistant. Guests present: Ms. Michelle Mitchel, OPI; Dr. Linda Peterson, OPI; Superintendent Sorenson, MSDB; Ms. Susie Hedalen, OPI; Dr. Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana; Ms. Jennifer Smith, MACIE; Ms. Kristen Inbody, Great Falls Tribune; J. Lail, Medicine Lake Schools; Mr. Tim Sather, Lockwood Schools; Mr. Gordon Klasmer, Lockwood Schools; Mr. Tobin Novasio, Lockwood Schools; Mr. Nathan Miller, OPI; Mr. Jeremy McDonald, Box Elder Schools; Mr. Timothy Rosette, Jr., Box Elder School; Mr. Lawrence Parisian, Box Elder Schools; Mr. Jan Cahill, Vaughn Schools; Mr. Mark Wandle, Huntley Project School District; Mr. Clint Johannes, Huntley Project School District; Ms. Melissa Smeker, Vaughn School Board Chair; Dr. Nick Lux, MSU Bozeman; Ms. Ashley McGrath, OPI.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Ms. Tammy Lacey moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.**  
**Motion seconded by Mr. Jesse Barnhart.**

*No discussion. Motion passed.*

**ADOPT AGENDA**

**Agenda adopted as presented.**

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

❖ **REPORTS – Dr. Darlene Schottle (Items 1-6)**

**Item 1**                                **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**  
   **Dr. Darlene Schottle**

Chair Schottle congratulated the MSDB for exiting Intensive Assistance and thanked Superintendent Sorenson for all the work the school has done to accomplish this goal. The Chair thanked Mr. Donovan and Ms. Stockton for their work tracking the legislature, and the work they each did with the Legislative

Audit. Chair Schottle noted that this will be Ms. Smillie's last meeting as she is moving out of state and thanked her for all the work she has done with and for the Board.

**Item 2 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT (ACTION)**  
**Pete Donovan**

Mr. Donovan discussed the Audit and briefly reviewed the recommendations, noting the final report is not complete yet, and that he will discuss those recommendations more extensively with the Board once that report is complete. Mr. Donovan briefly reviewed the 2019 Legislative session discussing bills that will directly impact the Board and the Office of Public Instruction. Mr. Donovan answered Board member questions regarding the new bills. Mr. Stearns asked if any work will be done during the Interim regarding Pre-K to prepare for the 2021 Legislative Session. Mr. Donovan answered that he met with the Education Associations Tuesday to discuss that topic, and noted there is a firm commitment from the Education Associations to fulfill the need for Pre-K. Mr. Donovan anticipates further information coming. Mr. Donovan noted he and Board member Bremner will be attending the NASDTEC Conference in June and added that Angel Turoski on CSPAC will be stepping down, however the Deans of the Schools of Education have not recommended her replacement for approval. Dr. Rob Watson has completed his first term on CSPAC and is seeking reappointment.

**Ms. Mary Jo Bremner moved to reappoint Dr. Rob Watson to the Certification Standards and Practices Advisory Council. Motion seconded by Ms. Madalyn Quinlan.**

***No discussion. Motion passed.***

Ms. Quinlan asked for a status update on the Board budget and Mr. Donovan noted that this year the budget is in good shape and that the staff has been able to upgrade some office equipment and to send Mr. Donovan and Ms. Bremner to the conference in June.

**Item 3 STATE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**  
**State Superintendent Elsie Arntzen**

Superintendent Arntzen gave her report to the Board discussing the Legislative session that just wrapped up. The Superintendent reviewed HB 387 and 351 which was also discussed by Mr. Donovan, and the work the Board and OPI will need to begin. The OPI has a team assembled and will be reaching out to Mr. Donovan soon. The Superintendent also thanked Ms. Smillie for her work and congratulated her on her new opportunity at the Education Commission for the States. Upcoming work includes the Military Compact for Families meeting later in May, work being done on the Perkins Program with the Commissioner's Office, and the Superintendent's participation in the search for a new Dean for the College of Education at the University of Montana. The Superintendent announced Dr. Fishbaugh at MSU-Billings is retiring and a search for her replacement is underway.

**Item 4 COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION'S REPORT**  
**Angela McLean**

Ms. McLean gave her update to the Board, discussing Legislative efforts surrounding recruitment and retention of teachers, specifically noting five pieces of legislation regarding recruitment and retention, one of which became law. The office anticipates a draft report soon from the Recruitment and Retention Task Force, with a final report by August. The Commissioner's Office led a "College Signing Week" at high schools across the state in which many districts participated, assisting students with applications to post-secondary education. College Application Week 2019 will be held the last week of September/first week of October, and ACT results are expected in June. The "I Graduate" Conference will be held in August and Ms. McLean invited all the Board members to attend.

**Item 5                            GOVERNOR’S OFFICE REPORT**  
**Siri Smillie**

Ms. Smillie gave a brief report regarding legislative issues, including special education and discretionary funding bills that passed, SB 139 was signed to allow retired teachers to return to work, a bill allowing employers to offset workers compensation for students who are working, tuition freeze at the University System, and restoration of need based aid of \$2 million, and SB60, which restored funding for the STEM Scholarship. Ms. Smillie discussed the preschool legislation that didn’t pass and urged the Board to continue working during the interim. The Jeremy Bullock Foundation Summit will be held in August prior to the I Graduate Conference, and Ms. Smillie invited Board members to attend. Ms. Smillie distributed the final report from the Future Ready Task Force for the Board and a resolution for the Board’s consideration.

**Item 6                            STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE’S REPORT**  
**Paris Becker**

Ms. Becker reported to the Board on the recent elections of the State Student Council, and some restructuring the Council has gone through. The National Conference will be held in Pittsburgh this July that Ms. Becker will be attending. Students from Fairfield visited the Capitol during the Legislative Session which was very informative. Ms. Becker answered Board member questions regarding the State Student Council restructuring.

❖ **MSDB LIAISON - Mary Jo Bremner (Item 7)**

**Item 7                            MSDB REPORT (ACTION)**  
**Donna Sorensen**

Ms. Sorensen updated the Board on happenings at the school, end of year activities, upcoming graduation, Outreach, review of the Legislative Audit the school had, roof repair at the cottages, update on the pool, noting that she and Ms. Schmidt just completed Certified Pool Operator training. Ms. Sorensen briefly reviewed each of the Action items before requesting Board approval of the items and answered Board member questions.

**Ms. Mary Jo Bremner moved to approve the Cooperative Agreement with Golden Triangle Cooperative for the 2019-2020 school year. Motion seconded by Mr. Scott Stearns.**

***No discussion. Motion passed.***

**Ms. Mary Jo Bremner moved to approve the MSDB Calendar for the 2019-2020 school year. Motion seconded by Ms. Tammy Lacey.**

***No discussion. Motion passed.***

**Ms. Mary Jo Bremner moved to approve the out of state travel requests for: the National Conference on Interpreting Education; American Sign Language Teacher Association; COSB Summer Board Meeting; Experience Programming in Quorum 2019; Western Deaf Superintendents Meeting; Western Regional Getting in Touch with Literacy. Motion seconded by Mr. Jesse Barnhart.**

***Ms. Lacey noted her appreciation for the professional development opportunities offered at the school.***

***No further discussion. Motion passed.***

**Ms. Mary Jo Bremner moved to approve the Human Resource hirings for: Jennifer Lawrence, ASL Interpreter; Trevor Morse, Student Life Staff; Thyra Wood, ASL Mentor; Andrea Downward, Lifeguard; Rueben Ulibarri, Part time Maintenance. Motion seconded by Ms. Madalyn Quinlan.**

**No discussion. Motion passed.**

❖ **MACIE LIAISON – Mary Jo Bremner (Item 8)**

**Item 8                   MACIE REPORT (INFORMATION ONLY)  
MACIE Chair**

Ms. Jennifer Smith, Vice Chair MACIE, and Executive Director for Indian Education for Billings Public Schools gave the MACIE report to the Board. MACIE is working to become more action oriented and is reviewing their By-Laws and Constitution. MACIE is also working on specific issues surrounding Indian Education including: bullying, transportation, addiction, poverty, economic issues, lack of academic support, homelessness, trauma, mental illness, access to medical care, unemployment, incorporation of Native students, racial issues, attendance issues, graduation rates, language barriers, access to technology, schools using old curriculum, teenage pregnancy, dropout rate, teacher and administration turnover in the schools, video gaming, social media, and cultural issues. Strengths also have been identified including: tradition and history, help from extended family, open minded generation, talented students, pride in reservation, clean water, outdoor opportunities, language initiatives for students, gifted athletes, culture, generosity of families, wisdom from elders, family pride, Class 7 successes, oral traditions, community involvement, honoring people, Indian Education for All, success of Tribal Colleges in Montana, schools helping kids who are homeless, food pantries in schools, and after school and summer programs ongoing. Four workgroups have been created to focus on addressing the identified issues and creating solutions to the problems, and to continue working on the strengths of Native students and communities to help students be successful. Ms. Smith fielded Board member questions. Ms. McLean announced a new Indian Education for All online training for Higher Education created by OCHE.

❖ **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – Dr. Darlene Schottle (Item 9)**

**Item 9                   FEDERAL REPORT (INFORMATION ONLY)  
Susie Hedalen**

Ms. Hedalen gave the Federal Report to the Board discussing the Report Card and ESSA implementation. Ms. Hedalen reviewed the OPI website for the Board where the report card is housed and how schools and the public can access the information.

❖ **LICENSURE COMMITTEE – Tammy Lacey (Item 11)**

**Item 12                   DISCONTINUATION OF SELECTED ENDORSEMENT PROGRAMS IN THE  
TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PROVIDENCE  
(INFORMATION ONLY)  
Dr. Linda Vrooman Peterson  
Dr. Matt Redinger, Provost at the University of Providence**

Dr. Peterson opened the item with a brief review and turned the presentation over to Dr. Redinger to discuss the discontinuation of selected programs in the Teacher Education Program at the University of Providence. Due to the school's budget being solely determined by enrollment, difficult decisions had to be made to cut programs. Secondary education, special education, and Health and Physical Education have been discontinued and teach out programs have been arranged. Dr. Redinger answered Board member questions.

❖ EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – Dr. Darlene Schottle (Item 10)

**Item 10 APPROVE K-12 SCHOOLS PAYMENT SCHEDULE (ACTION)  
Susie Hedalen**

Ms. Hedalen presented the K-12 School Payment Schedule, with Ms. Kara Sperle on the phone for questions. Ms. Hedalen noted that two payment dates were changed in June and December, otherwise everything stays the same from previous years.

**Mr. Scott Stearns moved to approve the K-12 School Payment Schedule as presented. Motion seconded by Ms. Madalyn Quinlan.**

***No discussion. Motion passed.***

❖ LICENSURE COMMITTEE – Tammy Lacey (Item 12)

**Item 11 LICENSURE COMMITTEE REPORT (INFORMATION ONLY)  
Tammy Lacey**

Ms. Lacey presented the Licensure report, requested at the March meeting, of Licensure cases over the past two years. The report will have language added to it to state the report is for informational purposes only and to note that each case is handled separately. Ms. Stockton and Mr. Donovan will draft language and forward to Mr. Stearns and Ms. Lacey for review.

❖ ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE – Jesse Barnhart (Items 13-20)

**Item 13 UPDATE OF LOCKWOOD HIGH SCHOOL INTENT TO ACCREDIT PROCESS  
(INFORMATION ONLY)  
Patty Muir  
Tobin Novasio, Superintendent, Lockwood K-12 Schools**

Mr. Novasio presented to the Board a presentation on the process for opening a new High School in Lockwood. Like East Helena, Lockwood will open for freshman students beginning in the fall of 2019. Mr. Novasio gave a Power Point presentation of the architectural plans for the new school and reviewed faculty and administration assignments for the new school.

\*\*\*\*\*TIME CERTAIN @1:30 PM\*\*\*\*\*

**Item 14 RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE 2018-2019 CORRECTIVE PLANS AND  
TIMELINES OF ACCREDITED SCHOOLS IN STEP 2 OF THE INTENSIVE  
ASSISTANCE PROCESS (ACTION) – 60 minutes  
Patty Muir**

Ms. Muir reviewed the process with the Board for how schools are put in Step 2 of Intensive Assistance, then introduced the schools for their presentations.

• **Medicine Lake K-12 Schools**

The Superintendent from Medicine Lake addressed their deficiencies, some of which have been corrected, and how the remaining will be corrected.

**Mr. Jesse Barnhart moved to approve the 2018-2019 Corrective Plans and Timelines of Accredited Schools in Step 2 of the Intensive Assistance Process. Ms. Tammy Lacey seconded.**

***Ms. Tammy Lacey thanked the Superintendent for his work.***

***No discussion. Motion passed.***

- **Vaughn Elementary School**

Mr. Cahill, Superintendent Vaughn Elementary presented their Corrective Plan to the Board and their process ongoing to correct the deficiencies.

**Mr. Jesse Barnhart moved to approve the 2018-2019 Corrective Plan and Timeline for Vaughn Elementary School. Ms. Mary Jo Bremner seconded the motion.**

**Ms. Lacey noted that Mr. Cahill is the Board Chair of Great Falls Public Schools and her boss but does not see a conflict of interest.**

**No further discussion. Motion passed.**

- **Box Elder Schools**

Box Elder Superintendent presented his corrective plan to the Board. Three of the four deficiencies have been corrected and the fourth issue will be resolved beginning the 2019-2020 school year. The Superintendent also discussed the Ongoing Assistance in the Elementary School as well, and how those will be resolved.

**Mr. Jesse Barnhart moved to approve the 2018-2019 Corrective Plan and Timeline for Box Elder 7-8. Motion seconded by Mr. Scott Stearns.**

**Board members expressed their appreciation on the work the district is doing.**

**No further discussion. Motion passed.**

- **Huntley Project Schools**

The Superintendent and Board Chair for Huntley Project presented their case to the Board and the Corrective Plan up for approval to take care of the deviations.

**Mr. Jesse Barnhart moved to approve the 2018-2019 Corrective Plan and Timeline for Huntley Project Schools. Ms. Tammy Lacey seconded the motion.**

**Discussion on template letter that goes to parents and possible rewording.**

**No further discussion. Motion passed.**

- **Plevna K-12 Schools**

Plevna K-12 Schools joined the meeting via phone and explained how they not only looked at the issues in the current year but went back and looked at past issues and how those came about. Mr. Nick Schumacher addressed the current issues and explained that some have been resolved by getting teachers properly endorsed which has corrected the current situation.

**Mr. Jesse Barnhart moved to approve the 2018-2019 Corrective for Plevna 7-8 and Plevna High School. Ms. Tammy Lacey seconded the motion.**

**Ms. Lacey thanked Mr. Schumacher for resolving the current years' issues and for implementing a plan moving forward to prevent deficiencies.**

**No further discussion. Motion passed.**

Item 15

**RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE 2018-2019 CORRECTIVE PLANS AND  
TIMELINES OF ACCREDITED SCHOOLS IN ONGOING ASSISTANCE OF  
THE INTENSIVE ASSISTANCE PROCESS (ACTION)**

**Patty Muir**

Ms. Muir explained the process for schools in Ongoing Assistance. Ms. Muir presented the Corrective Plan for Northern Cheyenne

**Mr. Jesse Barnhart moved to approve the 2018-2019 Corrective Plan and Timeline for Northern Cheyenne Tribal Elementary, Northern Cheyenne Tribal 7-8, and Northern Cheyenne Tribal High School. Ms. Tammy Lacey seconded the motion.**

***No discussion. Motion passed.***

Ms. Muir presented the Corrective Plan for Helena High School.

**Mr. Jesse Barnhart moved to approve the 2018-2019 Corrective Plan and Timeline for Helena High School. Ms. Tammy Lacey seconded the motion.**

***No discussion. Motion passed.***

Ms. Muir presented the Lustre School Corrective Plan to the Board.

**Mr. Jesse Barnhart moved to approve the 2018-2019 Corrective Plan and Timeline for Lustre School. Motion seconded by Ms. Madalyn Quinlan.**

***No discussion. Motion passed.***

Ms. Muir presented the Corrective Plan for Wolf Point 7-8.

**Mr. Jesse Barnhart moved to approve the 2018-2019 Corrective Plan and Timeline for Wolf Point 7-8. Ms. Mary Jo Bremner seconded the motion.**

***Clarification of the non-licensed teacher asked by Ms. Quinlan Ms. Lacey and answered by Ms. Muir.***

***No further discussion. Motion passed.***

Ms. Muir presented the Corrective Plan for Box Elder High School.

**Mr. Jesse Barnhart moved to approve the Corrective Plan and Timeline for Box Elder High School. Motion seconded by Ms. Mary Jo Bremner.**

***No discussion. Motion passed.***

Item 16

**RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE ADDENDUM(S) TO THE 2018-2019  
ANNUAL ACCREDITATION STATUS REPORT OF ALL SCHOOLS  
(INFORMATION ONLY)**

**Patty Muir**

Ms. Muir presented the Final Accreditation Report to the Board and noted that for the first time, there are no changes to the report. Board members applauded Ms. Muir and her team for their hard work.

**Item 17**                                 **RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE 2018-2019 INITIAL AND RENEWAL VARIANCE TO STANDARDS APPLICATIONS (ACTION)**  
**Patty Muir**

Ms. Muir presented the Initial Variance to Standards applications to the Board.

**Mr. Jesse Barnhart moved to approve State Superintendents Arntzen's recommendation to approve the three initial Variances to Standards applications. Motion seconded by Mr. Scott Stearns.**

***No discussion. Motion passed.***

Ms. Muir presented the Renewal Variance to Standards applications to the Board.

**Mr. Jesse Barnhart moved to approve State Superintendent Arntzen's recommendation to approve the three renewal Variances to Standards applications. Motion seconded by Ms. Mary Jo Bremner.**

***No discussion. Motion passed.***

**Item 18**                                 **RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR HAZARD AND EMERGENCY PLANS (ACTION)**  
**Dr. Linda Vrooman Peterson**

Dr. Linda Peterson reviewed the process for the Negotiated Rulemaking for the Hazard and Emergency Plans as requested by the Superintendent per changes made in the 2017 Legislative Session. Dr. Peterson reviewed the timeline for the process and discussed the process for the upcoming public hearing, should the Board approve the Notice as presented.

**Mr. Jesse Barnhart moved to approve the Notice of Public Hearing and Timeline amending Administrative Rules 10.55.701 pertaining to Hazard and Emergency Plans. Motion seconded by Ms. Madalyn Quinlan.**

***Discussion ensued regarding the Economic Impact Statement and funding for school safety.***

***No further discussion. Motion passed.***

**Item 19**                                 **RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT REPORT AND THE NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING COMMITTEE'S FINAL REPORT PERTAINING TO ARM 10.55.606 ACCREDITATION PROCESS (ACTION)**  
**Dr. Linda Vrooman Peterson**

Dr. Peterson reviewed the Committee work for the proposed rule changes to the Accreditation process and discussed the Final Report and the Economic Impact Statement. Dr. Peterson discussed past issues with testing and student performance and the need for the revisions to the rule. A lengthy discussion ensued on what is the threshold, and concerns about how a school knows what those thresholds are. Concerns were raised around the wording of section (3) and how it relates to the Assessment revisions that will be discussed Friday morning.

Chair Schottle moved to table this item to Friday morning for action after Item 21 is presented with the changes to the Assessment rule. Board members agreed.



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**Friday May 10, 2019**  
**8:00 AM**

Chair Schottle called the meeting to order at 8:04 AM and introduced Superintendent Sorensen for a demonstration of the new Prodigy Machines used at the school.

Ms. Stockton took roll call.

❖ **ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE – Anne Keith (Items 20-21)**

**Item 20                      ASSESSMENT REPORT (INFORMATION ONLY)**  
**Ashley McGrath**

Ms. McGrath gave the Assessment report to the Board and noted the slides in the agenda packet were prepared in April and reviewed updated information since the slides were submitted to the BPE in April. Ms. McGrath reviewed the dates the OPI expects to receive testing results from vendors, and the process for finding a new science assessment. Ms. McGrath answered Board member questions and concerns surrounding a new assessment.

**Item 21                      RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR**  
**ASSESSMENT, ARM TITLE 10, CHAPTER 56 (ACTION)**  
**Ashley McGrath**

Ms. McGrath presented the Proposed Notice of Public Hearing and revised Timeline to the Board for approval and answered Board member questions.

**Ms. Anne Keith moved to approve the Notice of Public Hearing and Timeline amending Administrative Rules of Montana Title 10, Chapter 56, Student Assessment. Motion seconded by Ms. Madalyn Quinlan.**

***Ms. Lacey noted section 4 requiring Board approval for changes.***

***No further discussion. Motion passed.***

**Item 19                      RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT**  
**REPORT AND THE NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING COMMITTEE'S FINAL**  
**REPORT PERTAINING TO ARM 10.55.606 ACCREDITATION PROCESS**  
**(ACTION)**  
**Dr. Linda Vrooman Peterson**

Revisit of Item #19 for further discussion this morning. Mr. Barnhart summarized the item and turned the item over to Dr. Peterson for further discussion and asked for Board member questions. Chair Schottle noted that the Board Accreditation Committee would like to further review the wording for some revisions with final approval of the language at the July Board meeting.

**Ms. Tammy Lacey moved to accept the Economic Impact Statement Report and the Negotiated Rulemaking Committees Final Report as presented in the packet. Motion seconded by Mr. Jesse Barnhart.**

***Ms. Quinlan noted that 10.55.605 is also referenced in the proposed language so that language will also need to be reviewed. Dr. Peterson noted the committee wanted that reference to be in the language.***

***No further discussion. Motion passed.***

❖ EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – Dr. Darlene Schottle (Items 22-23)

**Item 22 OPI STAFFING REPORT (INFORMATION ONLY)**  
**Jule Walker**

Ms. Walker reviewed the OPI Staffing report, discussing open positions which are currently advertised, which ones are funded by the General Fund, which are Federally funded, what the current staffing levels are, and what is anticipated after July 1 for Fiscal Year 2020. Ms. Walker reviewed vacancies in specific divisions, which will be filled, and which will not be filled, and answered Board member questions. Ms. Walker will bring an updated report to the July meeting.

**Item 23 UPDATE ON EDUCATOR SHORTAGE REPORT (INFORMATION ONLY)**  
**Jule Walker**

Ms. Walker gave a brief update of information on the Annual Quality Educator Shortage Report presented to the Board at the November 2018 meeting. Ms. Walker discussed HB 211 and that due to the passage of this bill, there will be changes to the report which will be presented at the 2019 November BPE meeting.

❖ LICENSURE COMMITTEE – Tammy Lacey (Items 24-30)

**Item 24 RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR REVISIONS TO ARM 10.57 EDUCATOR LICENSURE (ACTION)**  
**Kris Thatcher**

Ms. Thatcher presented the Proposed Notice of Public Hearing for the revisions to Chapter 57, Educator Licensure. Ms. Thatcher reviewed the proposed changes and the reasons behind the requested revisions, which will allow educators to be licensed for one year while taking the PRAXIS test, and passing the test. Ms. Thatcher answered Board member questions. Mr. Donovan outlined the process for the Public Hearing and adoption of the rule to be in place for the 2019-2020 school year.

***Ms. Tammy Lacey moved to approve the Notice of Public Hearing for Revisions to 10.57.410, 411, and 424, Educator Licensure. Motion seconded by Mr. Scott Stearns***

***Public comment from Mr. Marco Ferro, MFPE, spoke in support of the proposed revisions specific to the addition of the National Board Certified Teachers.***

***Ms. Lacey thanked Ms. Thatcher for her work on this and for including the Malmstrom Base Commander in the discussion to get the revisions underway.***

***Ms. Bremner noted that these revisions will also help some schools with Accreditation issues.***

***No further discussion. Motion passed.***

**Item 25 REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL YEAR OF INTERNSHIP FOR DOUGLAS GLENNY (ACTION)**  
**Kris Thatcher**

Ms. Thatcher reviewed the request for a one-year extension of Internship for Mr. Douglas Glenny and the reason for the extension request. Ms. Thatcher distributed copies of letters of support for Mr. Glenny from the University of Montana and the school he is employed by.

**Ms. Tammy Lacey moved to approve the request for Douglas Glenny for a one-year extension of his internship. Motion seconded by Mr. Jesse Barnhart.**

***No discussion. Motion passed.***

**Item 26**

**RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF A NEW CURRICULAR PROGRAM IN COMPUTER SCIENCE – COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HEALTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AT MSU – BOZEMAN (ACTION)**

**Dr. Linda Vrooman Peterson**

**Dr. Nick Lux, Associate Professor of Education, MSU**

Dr. Peterson introduced Dr. Nick Lux, MSU Professor, to present the new program in development at MSU Bozeman for Computer Science. Dr. Lux reviewed the process the new program has gone through at the University level and the Board of Regents. Dr. Lux answered Board member questions.

**Ms. Tammy Lacey moved to approve the New Curricular Program in Computer Science in the College of Education and Health and Human Development at MSU. Motion seconded by Mr. Scott Stearns.**

***No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.***

**Item 27**

**CARROLL COLLEGE GOOD CAUSE EXTENSION PROPOSAL (INFORMATION ONLY)**

**Dr. Linda Vrooman Peterson**

**Dr. Robert Stansberry, Director of Teacher Education, Carroll College**

Dr. Peterson opened the item and introduced Dr. Robert Stansberry, Director of Teacher Education at Carroll College, who discussed the changes to the Teacher Education program at Carroll College. The College is currently undergoing a program prioritization process and discussed the recommendations that came out of the process. The process resulted in many changes at the college, including changes to the College of Education. Programs with only a few students have been consolidated into Broadfield areas, and some areas being eliminated. Dr. Peterson noted this is a discussion item for today, with a request for approval at the July meeting. Mr. Stearns expressed concern that colleges are eliminating teacher education programs at the same time the state is in crisis as far as teacher recruitment and retention. Dr. Peterson suggested a report from the Council of Deans in the future as this is a project they have been working on. Dr. Schottle suggested that report be given at the November 2019 BPE meeting.

\*\*\*\*\***TIME CERTAIN AT 10:00 AM**\*\*\*\*\*

**Item 28**

**INITIAL INVESTIGATION OF BPE CASE #2019-07, TURCOTTE (INFORMATION ONLY)**

**Rob Stutz, Agency Legal Services**

Mr. Stutz reviewed the material provided by the Frazer school district for review.

**Ms. Tammy Lacey moved to forward the Investigation of BPE Case #2019-07 to a contested case hearing. Motion seconded by Mr. Stearns.**

***Procedural clarifications were made regarding the hearing for Board members***

***No further discussion. Motion passed.***

**Item 29**                                   **APPEAL OF LICENSURE DENIAL, BPE CASE #2019-08, MURPHY (ACTION)**  
**Rob Stutz, Agency Legal Services**

Appellant withdrew the appeal on May 9, 2019.

**Item 30**                                   **APPEAL OF LICENSURE DENIAL, BPE CASE #2019-06, BEALE (ACTION)**  
**Rob Stutz, Agency Legal Services**

Mr. Stutz opened the hearing. Ms. Silk, Attorney for Ms. Beale, requested the hearing be closed. Mr. Stutz noted that the OPI has a request for the Board to apply the Unusual Cases request, which if approved, there wouldn't be a need to close the hearing.

\*\*\*\*\***CLOSED SESSION**\*\*\*\*\*

**Mr. Scott Stearns moved to hold the Unusual Cases request until the end of the hearing. Motion seconded by Ms. Lacey.**

**No discussion. Motion passed.**

The Board heard testimony from both parties.

**Ms. Tammy Lacey moved to support the denial of a license as set forth by the OPI but moved to grant the Class 5 Superintendent and Class 5 Principal licenses, and Class 3 Supervisory in Social Studies and Reading as an Unusual Case. Motion seconded by Mr. Stearns.**

**No discussion. Motion passed with Board member Bremner dissenting.**

Ms. Lacey questioned the reasons for the request from Ms. Silk for a closed hearing and she noted that the educational transcripts provide for a right to privacy, even though Ms. Beale is a public employee.

Board called back into public meeting to restate the motion.

\*\*\*\*\***OPEN SESSION**\*\*\*\*\*

**Ms. Tammy Lacey moved to support the denial of a license as set forth by the OPI but moved to grant the Class 5 Superintendent and Class 5 Principal licenses, and Class 3 Supervisory in Social Studies and Reading as an Unusual Case. Motion seconded by Mr. Stearns.**

**No discussion. Motion passed with Board member Bremner dissenting.**

❖ **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – Dr. Darlene Schottle (Item 31)**

\*\*\*\*\***EXECUTIVE SESSION -CLOSED**\*\*\*\*\*

**Item 31**                                   **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PERFORMANCE EVALUATION**  
**Dr. Darlene Schottle**

\*\*\*\*\***OPEN SESSION**\*\*\*\*\*

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS July 11-12, 2019**

- Strategic Planning Meeting
- CSPAC/BPE Joint Meeting
- CSPAC Annual Report

Approve MSDB/Golden Triangle Co-op  
Annual HiSET Report  
Annual Special Education Report  
Assessment Update  
Federal Update  
Educator Preparation Program Report  
Accreditation Report

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

## **ADJOURN**

**Adjourned at 12:45 PM.**

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