

BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES

July 16th, 2015
Room 317 Montana State Capitol Building
Helena MT

Thursday July 16th, 2015
8:30 AM

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Carroll called the meeting to order at 8:34 AM. Chair Carroll read the Statement of Public Participation and welcomed guests.

Board members present included: Ms. Sharon Carroll, Chair; Mr. Paul Andersen, Vice Chair; Ms. Mary Jo Bremner; Ms. Erin Williams; Dr. Darlene Schottle; Mr. Jesse Barnhart; Mr. John Edwards – absent; Ms. Greta Gustafson – absent. Ex Officio members included: Ms. Siri Smilie, Governor's Education Policy Advisor; Ms. Brandi Foster, Commissioner of Higher Education Office; Superintendent Denise Juneau, OPI. Staff present included: Mr. Pete Donovan, Executive Director Board of Public Education; Ms. Kris Stockton, Administrative Assistant Board of Public Education; Ms. Julie Balsam, Administrative Assistant Board of Public Education. Guests present: Mr. Rob Stutz, Agency Legal Services; Ms. Nancy Coopersmith, OPI; Dr. Linda Vrooman Peterson, OPI; Ms. Shannon Koenig, OPI; Ms. Patty Muir, OPI; Mr. Frank Podobnik, OPI; Mr. Dennis Parman, OPI; Ms. Jael Prezeau, OPI; Ms. Judy Snow, OPI; Mr. Marco Ferro, MEA-MFT; Mr. Eric Feaver, MEA-MFT; Ms. Diane Burke, MQEP; Ms. Madalyn Quinlan, OPI; Ms. Terry Kendrick, OPI; Ms. Donna Sorensen, Superintendent MSDB; Ms. Kim Schwabe, Principal MSDB; Dr. Cindy O'Dell, Salish Kootenai College Dean of Education; Mr. Bob Vogel, Montana School Boards Association; Dr. Julie Bullard UM Western; Ms. Susan Harper-Whalen, UM Missoula; Ms. Kristi Murphy, UM Missoula; Lieutenant Governor Angela MacLean;

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda was approved as presented.

ADOPT AGENDA

Ms. Erin Williams moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Paul Andersen.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS

❖ **REPORTS – Sharon Carroll (Items 1-6)**

Item 1 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT
Sharon Carroll

Chair Carroll updated the Board on the joint statement between OPI and BPE regarding the Smarter Balanced Assessment issues this past spring. Chair Carroll updated the Board on the joint BPE/CSPAC meeting and Strategic Planning meeting the prior day. The Chair announced that the September meeting will be held in Helena.

**Item 2 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT
Pete Donovan**

Mr. Donovan introduced Ms. Julie Balsam as the new part time Administrative Assistant. Mr. Donovan reviewed the CSPAC meeting the previous day, gave an update on the CAEP Standards training, and the Montana Quality Education Coalition update that went out this week regarding the Decennial School Funding Study.

**Item 3 STATE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
State Superintendent Denise Juneau**

Superintendent Juneau updated the Board on items going on at the Office of Public Instruction items including the 20th year celebration of Montana Behavior Institute, Graduation Matters Summit, IMPACT Awards given out to schools and community members involved in Graduation Matters, the Preschool Development Grant Institute, Advanced Placement workshops for teachers, and a summary report on the 2015 Legislative Session impacting K-12 Education. A pamphlet was distributed to Board members of 2015 Legislation affecting K-12 Public Education. The Superintendent also reviewed for the Board her strategic goals for the remainder of her term including continued work on Graduation Matters, advocating for quality public education, review of Art and Health standards, and engaging student voice.

**Item 4 COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION'S REPORT
Brandi Foster**

Ms. Brandi Foster representing Commissioner Christian updated the Board on the Commissioner's new Council which will focus on Native American Studies on campuses and recruiting and retaining Native American students. Four strategies have been created to meet this goal.

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

Ms. Siri Smillie, the new Education Policy Advisor to Governor Bullock introduced herself to the Board. Ms. Smillie updated the Board on the Education Commission of the States which Governor Bullock chairs. Governor Bullock continues his focus on Dual Enrollment. Ms. Smillie noted that the Governor is still committed to the Early Edge program and bringing preschool across the state by collaborating with the OPI and using the \$10 million grant funds the state received for preschool. Ms. Smillie announced that she will continue to work with Mr. Donovan and the Board on determining dates for the Board of Education meetings. The Governor will continue this fall with his "Back to School Tour".

**Item 6 STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT
Greta Gustafson**

No Student Representative Report.

❖ **ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE – Paul Andersen (Item 7)**

**Item 7 SMARTER BALANCED ASSESSMENT UPDATE
Paul Andersen**

The Superintendent discussed the Smarter Balanced testing issues experienced in the state this spring. This conversation was a continuation from the May 7th, 2015 Board meeting. 82% of students still completed the Smarter Balanced testing even with the technical issues experienced and the waiver the Superintendent gave schools. The Superintendent distributed information showing participation among schools across the state. Deputy Superintendent Dennis Parman then provided clarification regarding testing participation and why some schools didn't participate. He stated that a list of those schools that did not participate will be forthcoming to the Board. Mr. Parman fielded questions from the Board. Mr. Parman noted that no announcement has been made from the Federal government regarding states who did not meet the Department of Education's 95% testing requirement and that the reauthorization of the ESEA may determine how this all falls out. Possible fallout could include sanctions against the state or

against schools from the Department of Education. This item will be revisited later during the meeting to discuss the recommendation from the Superintendent.

❖ **MSDB LIAISON - Sharon Carroll (Item 8)**

Item 8 **MSDB REPORT**
Sharon Carroll

MSDB Superintendent Ms. Donna Sorensen addressed the Board with an update of the MSDB. Ms. Sorensen passed out her report to Board members and reviewed the report. Ms. Sorensen discussed that Ms. Tammy Lacey, Superintendent GFPS has agreed to be her mentor for her Superintendent training and their first meeting was held Monday of this week. Ms. Sorensen begins her Teacher of Students with Visual Impairments internship this fall, 2015. Ms. Sorensen discussed enrollment, job openings at the school and positions which have been filled. Ms. Sorensen reviewed the exchange with the Russian school they partnered with. The Outreach Program, Student Services Program, Safety and Facilities, Budget and school calendar were also discussed.

❖ **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – Sharon Carroll (Item 9)**

Item 9 **SPECIAL EDUCATION REPORT**
Frank Podobnik

Mr. Frank Podobnik presented the annual Special Education Report to the Board. Mr. Podobnik reviewed the previous year's work in the Special Education department at the OPI. Highlights included the Montana Behavioral Institute; the State Personal Development grant received which focuses on how to bring a team approach to a small school that only has 2 teachers. The question remains of how to support small schools? Mr. Podobnik also announced that an increase in compliance with ADA was seen over the year. Mr. Podobnik also discussed the Annual Performance report the state submits to the Federal government.

❖ **LICENSURE COMMITTEE – John Edwards (Item 10)**

Item 10 **REPORT ON SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS OF REVISIONS**
TO ARM TITLE 10 CHAPTER 57 EDUCATOR LICENSURE
Shannon Koenig

Ms. Koenig presented the proposed revisions to ARM Title 10, Chapter 57 to the Board. Ms. Koenig reviewed the proposed changes for the Board.

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.

❖ **ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE – Paul Andersen (Item 7)**

Item 7 **SMARTER BALANCED ASSESSMENT UPDATE**
Paul Andersen

This is a continuation of the item previously discussed. Superintendent Juneau distributed her recommendation to the Board regarding the schools who did not participate in the Smarter Balanced Testing Assessment. The Superintendent recommends that no accreditation deviation be given to any school not meeting the requirements, but that the 2015 Accreditation Report contain an addendum with a note regarding the unusual circumstances surrounding the testing and those schools who did not test be listed in the addendum. The Superintendent answered questions from the Board.

Mr. Paul Andersen moved to move forward the Superintendent of Public Instructions SBAC recommendation to a discussion item for the September 2015 BPE meeting with Action at the November 2015 BPE meeting. Ms. Mary Jo Bremner seconded the motion.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

❖ **ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE – Erin Williams (Items 11-13)**

Item 11 REVIEW OF SENATE BILL 345 AND UPDATE ON THE MONTANA ART STANDARDS
Jael Prezeau

The Superintendent passed out a description of Senate Bill 345 requiring the Negotiated Rulemaking Process for new accreditation standards. A timeline for the proposed revisions to the Art Standards and for Health Standards was also distributed for review. The Superintendent reviewed the timeline with the Board with proposed adoption scheduled for July 2016 for Art and for Health. Mr. Donovan requested that the OPI work with the BPE staff so that the staff can estimate budget costs and develop a calendar for the proposed rule changes. Mr. Donovan is also a committee member of the rulemaking process.

Item 12 PROGRESS ON INTENSIVE ASSISTANCE PROCESS
Patty Muir

Ms. Patty Muir reported to the Board on the progress of the Intensive Assistance Process. All appointments with schools were held with all necessary parties at all 12 schools. The goal was to construct the schools' corrective plans and help devise solutions to the issues.

ACTION

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❖ **LICENSURE COMMITTEE – John Edwards (Items 13-15)**

Item 13 RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF NEW CURRICULAR PROGRAM IN THEATRE EDUCATION MINOR ENDORSEMENT
Dr. Linda Vrooman Peterson
Kristi Murphy, Assessment and Licensure Manager, PJW College of Education and Human Sciences, University of Montana

Dr. Peterson addressed the Board with the Superintendent's recommendations for the new programs in Theatre Education as well as Item 14 in the new programs for Early Childhood Education. Dr. Peterson gave a brief background for new Board members on how the new programs were created and how they move through the rule adoption process. Ms. Kristi Murphy from UM Missoula presented the Theatre program

Ms. Erin Williams moved to approve the Superintendent's recommendation to grant provisional approval to the new program in Theatre Education Minor Endorsement at the University of Montana Missoula Phyllis J Washington School of Education. Motion seconded by Ms. Mary Jo Bremner.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 14

RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF NEW CURRICULAR PROGRAMS IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION, PRESCHOOL THROUGH GRADE 3 (ECE P-3) PROGRAM PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Linda Vrooman Peterson

**Susan Harper-Whalen, M.Ed, Associate Dean of the Phyllis J. Washington (PJW) College of Education and Human Sciences, University of Montana
Kristi Murphy, Assessment and Licensure Manager, PJW College of Education and Human Sciences, University of Montana**

Julie Bullard, Ph.D, Director of the Early Childhood Program, University of Montana-Western

Cindy O'Dell, Ed.D, Dean of the Education Department, Salish Kootenai College (SKC)

Dr. Peterson discussed the rubric she passed out for the new programs, what courses are offered, and what teachers will need.

Ms. Susan Harper-Whalen University of Montana Missoula addressed the Board with the new programs UM Missoula will offer in Early Childhood Education.

Dr. Julie Bullard University of Montana Western presented her new programs to be offered at UM Western.

Dr. Cindy O'Dell of Salish Kootenai College presented the 3 new pathways for Early Education licensure through Salish Kootenai College.

Dr. Peterson and the group fielded questions from the Board regarding some of the new programs.

Both Superintendent Juneau and Ms. Siri Smilie commended all the programs on the strength of their programs and how quickly they were able to come together so students can begin their schooling.

Ms. Erin Williams moved to approve the new programs in Early Childhood Education at University of Montana, Salish Kootenai College, and University of Montana Western. Mr. Jesse Barnhart seconded the motion.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Chair Carroll commended everyone on their hard work.

Item 15

RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF REVISIONS TO ARM TITLE 10, CHAPTER 57 EDUCATOR LICENSURE

Shannon Koenig

Ms. Shannon Koenig reviewed the Notice of Adoption, noted comments from the public, and fielded questions from the Board. Board discussion ensued regarding some wording of the document and decided to leave as is.

Dr. Darlene Schottle moved to approve the Notice of Adoption of the Revisions to ARM Title 10 Chapter 57 Educator Licensure. Motion was seconded by Ms. Mary Jo Bremner.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

❖ ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE – Erin Williams (Items 16-18)

Item 16 RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE ADDENDUM OF THE 2014-2015 FINAL ACCREDITATION STATUS OF ALL SCHOOLS

Patty Muir

Dr. Peterson presented the Board with the 2014-2015 Final Accreditation Status of All Schools with the addendums included. Ms. Patty Muir discussed the reasons schools needed an addendum, most of which were to do with reporting errors or submission errors by the schools which have been corrected.

Ms. Erin Williams moved to approve the Addendum of the 2014-2015 Final Accreditation Status of All Schools. Motion seconded by Dr. Darlene Schottle.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 17 RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE 2014-2015 CORRECTIVE PLAN REPORT
Patty Muir

Ms. Patty Muir reviewed for the Board the 2014-2015 Corrective Plan Report. Ms. Muir noted that there are 2 reports contained within: Schools moved for approval and schools for disapproval.

Ms. Erin Williams moved to approve the 2014-2015 corrective plan report for approvals. Motion second by Mr. Paul Andersen.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Erin Williams moved to approve the 2014-2105 corrective plan report for disapprovals. Mr. Jesse Barnhart seconded the motion.

Mr. Rob Stutz questioned whether only the bold descriptions in the schools whose plans are recommended for disapproval are what is the Board is voting on, not the items in non-bold. Ms. Muir answered that is correct.

Motion passed unanimously.

Item 18 RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF REVISIONS TO ARM TITLE 10, CHAPTER 63 PRESCHOOL STANDARDS

Dennis Parman

Mr. Parman explained for the Board the reason for the change in hours for the preschool program.

Ms. Erin Williams moved to recommend for adoption the revisions to ARM Title 10 Chapter 63 Preschool Standards. Motion seconded by Mr. Paul Andersen.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS September 10-11th, 2015

Set Annual Agenda Calendar – C

Election of Board Officers Committee Appointments - C

BPE Goal Review - C

MACIE Update

Superintendent Goals

Assessment Update

Federal Update

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURN

Ms. Mary Jo Bremner moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Ms. Erin Williams.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 2:40 PM

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