

BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION
MEETING AGENDA

MAY 10-11, 2007

MONTANA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND
3911 CENTRAL AVENUE
GREAT FALLS, MT 59401

May 10, 2007 - Thursday
8:30 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

- a. Pledge of Allegiance Presented by MSDB Pre-school Students and Lewis and Clark 2nd Grade Students
- b. Roll Call
- c. Statement of Public Participation
- d. Welcome Visitors
- e. Adopt Agenda

PUBLIC COMMENT

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. BPE Finance
- b. Approve March 8-9, 2007 Meeting Minutes
- c. Approve April 4, 2007 Conference Call Meeting Minutes

INFORMATION ITEMS

❖ **REPORTS – Patty Myers (Items 1 – 2)**

- Item 1 **CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT**
Patty Myers
Board Member Appearances
- Item 2 **EXECUTIVE SECRETARY’S REPORT**
Steve Meloy

❖ **CSPAC LIAISON - Angela McLean (Item 3)**

- Item 3 **CSPAC REPORT**
CSPAC APPOINTMENTS (ACTION)
Peter Donovan

❖ **REPORTS – Patty Myers (Items 4 – 7)**

- Item 4 **STATE SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**
INDIAN EDUCATION FOR ALL REPORT
State Superintendent Linda McCulloch
- Item 5 **COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION’S REPORT**
Commissioner Sheila Stearns
- Item 6 **GOVERNOR’S OFFICE REPORT**
Jan Lombardi
- Item 7 **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE’S REPORT**
Jenny Tiskus

❖ **MACIE LIAISON – Cal Gilbert (Item 8)**

Item 8 **MACIE REPORT**
Norma Bixby

❖ **LICENSURE COMMITTEE – Angela McLean (Item 9)**

Item 9 **INITIAL ACCREDITATION OF ELEMENTARY EDUCATION PROGRAM**
PROPOSED BY SALISH KOOTENAI COLLEGE PROFESSIONAL
EDUCATION UNIT
Dr. Linda Vrooman Peterson; Cindy O’Dell, Chairwoman, Department of
Education, Salish Kootenai College; and Audrey Peterson, Team Chair of
the Onsite Review Team

TIME CERTAIN

11:45-12:00 p.m.
TECHNOLOGY DEMONSTRATION IN THE CLASSROOM OF THE VISUALLY
IMPAIRED DEPARTMENT

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
LUNCH IN THE MSDB CAFETERIA

1:00 – 1:20 p.m.
VIDEO PRODUCTION PRESENTATION IN THE COMPUTER LAB OF THE
DEAF DEPARTMENT

DISCUSSION ITEMS

❖ **GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE– Dr. Kirk Miller (Items 10 - 13)**

Item 10 **REAUTHORIZATION OF NCLB**
Patricia Chlouber, Secretary Regional Representative, US Department of
Education Region 8

Item 11 **NASBE GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT**
Dr. Kirk Miller

Item 12 **NCLB UPDATE**
Nancy Coopersmith

Item 13 **NASBE RECOMMENDATIONS - CITIZENS FOR THE 21ST CENTURY**
John Fuller

❖ **ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE - Patty Myers (Item 14)**

Item 14 **FUTURE OF NORM REFERENCED TESTING**
Steve Meloy

❖ **LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE– John Fuller (Item 15)**

Item 15 **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**
Steve Meloy and John Fuller

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.

ACTION ITEMS

❖ **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - Patty Myers (Items 16 - 18)**

- Item 16 **BASE AID PAYMENT SCHEDULE**
Nancy Coopersmith
- Item 17 **COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**
Patty Myers
- Item 18 **DETERMINE LOCATION OF SEPTEMBER 13-14, 2007 BOARD OF PUBLIC
EDUCATION AND BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**
Patty Myers

MEETING WILL BE CLOSED FOR ITEMS 19 - 20

- Item 19 **MSDB SUPERINTENDENT PERFORMANCE EVALUATION & CONTRACT
EXTENSION DISCUSSION**
Patty Myers
- Item 20 **EXECUTIVE SECRETARY PERFORMANCE EVALUATION & CONTRACT
EXTENSION DISCUSSION**
Patty Myers
- Item 21 **ESTABLISH EXECUTIVE STAFF SALARIES**
Patty Myers

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May 11, 2007 – Friday
8:30 A.M.

❖ **DISTANCE LEARNING/ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE – Dr. Kirk Miller/Storrs
Bishop (Item 22)**

- Item 22 **RECOMMENDATION FOR FINAL ACTION – 10.55.907 DISTANCE, ONLINE,
TECHNOLOGY DELIVERED LEARNING; 10.55.602 DEFINITIONS; 10.55.701
BOARD OF TRUSTEES; AND 10.55.705 ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL:
AND ASSIGNMENT OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS/PRINCIPALS**
Dr. Linda Vrooman Peterson

❖ **ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE – Storrs Bishop (Item 23)**

- Item 23 **ACCREDITATION UPDATE – ADDENDUM TO THE 2006-2007
ACCREDITATION STATUS RECOMMENDATIONS – ALTERNATIVE TO
STANDARDS REQUESTS**
Al McMilin, Educator Quality Specialist

❖ **LICENSURE COMMITTEE – Angela McLean (Items 24 - 26)**

Item 24 **RECOMMENDATION FOR FINAL ACTION – MINOR IN PHYSICS 5-12
TEACHING ENDORSEMENT PROPOSED BY CARROLL COLLEGE
PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION UNIT
Dr. Linda Vrooman Peterson and Lynette Zuroff, Carroll College,
Chairwoman, Department of Education**

Item 25 **RECOMMENDATION FOR FINAL ACTION – MAJOR IN MATHEMATICS 5-12
TEACHING ENDORSEMENT PROPOSED BY MONTANA STATE
UNIVERSITY-NORTHERN PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION UNIT
Dr. Linda Vrooman Peterson and James Longin, Academic Dean, Montana
State University-Northern**

Item 26 **TEACHER LICENSURE ISSUES
NANCY GEDE APPEAL
Cathy Warhank**

❖ **GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE– Dr. Kirk Miller (Item 27)**

Item 27 **PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT NASBE’S GUIDING PRINCIPLES
FOR NCLB REAUTHORIZATION
Dr. Kirk Miller**

INFORMATION ITEM

❖ **MSDB LIAISON – Patty Myers (Item 28)**

Item 28 **MSDB COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT
Steve Gettel**

PRELIMINARY AGENDA ITEMS STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING – July 11, 2007

2-Year Annual Agenda Calendar
BPE Bylaws

PRELIMINARY AGENDA ITEMS BPE MEETING– July 12-13, 2007

Student Representative’s Last Meeting
Assessment Update
NCLB Update
MACIE Update
Annual GED Report
Special Education Report
High School Graduation Requirements

ACCOUNT	FUND	CURRENT MONTH	CURRENT YEAR	CM PRIOR YR	PROR YEAR	ELAPSED TIME YTD:	PERCENT
PART-A ACTUAL REVENUE ACCOUNT SUMMARY							
585125 Misc Revenue-Nonbudgeted	08073	2,000.00	2,000.00			75%	2,000.00
TOTAL FUND 08073 Student Leadership Initiat		2,000.00	2,000.00				2,000.00
TOTAL PART-A ACTUAL REVENUE ACCOUNT SUMMARY		2,000.00	2,000.00				2,000.00
PART-A ACTUAL EXPENSE ACCOUNT SUMMARY							
61101 Regular	01100	8,589.94	83,014.07				83,014.07
61301 Per Diem	01100	100.00	650.00				650.00
61401 FICA	01100	631.61	6,192.51				6,192.51
61402 Retirement - Other	01100	139.10	1,307.80				1,307.80
61403 Group Insurance	01100	1,058.30	9,654.50				9,654.50
61404 Workers Compensation Insur	01100	134.78	1,313.60				1,313.60
61410 State Unemployment Tax	01100	47.23	445.02				445.02
61411 Teachers Retirement	01100	491.07	4,785.25				4,785.25
TOTAL 61400 Employee Benefits		2,502.09	22,698.68				22,698.68
TOTAL 61000 Personal Services		11,192.03	106,362.75				106,362.75
PART-A ACTUAL EXPENSE ACCOUNT SUMMARY							
62102 Consult & Prof Services	01100		3.50				3.50
62104 Insurance & Bonds	01100		348.00				348.00
62113 Warrant Writing Services	01100		30.38				30.38
62113 Warrant Writing Services	02219	4.45	4.45				4.45
TOTAL 62113 Warrant Writing Services		4.45	34.83				34.83
PART-A ACTUAL EXPENSE ACCOUNT SUMMARY							
62114 Payroll Service Fees	01100		34.50				34.50
62122 Audit Fees	01100		2,302.69				2,302.69
62148 SABRS Administrative Costs	01100		1,548.27				1,548.27
62168 Read/Write Computer Trans/DOA	01100		0.06				0.06
62172 Batch CPU Seconds/DOA	01100		0.29				0.29
62174 Data Network Serv/D Of A	01100	15.00	105.00				105.00
62174 Data Network Serv/D Of A	02219	15.00	15.00				15.00
TOTAL 62174 Data Network Serv/D Of A		15.00	120.00				120.00
PART-A ACTUAL EXPENSE ACCOUNT SUMMARY							
62190 Printing/Pub & Graphics	01100		196.04				196.04
62190 Printing/Pub & Graphics	02219	97.25	97.25				97.25
TOTAL 62190 Printing/Pub & Graphics		97.25	293.29				293.29
PART-A ACTUAL EXPENSE ACCOUNT SUMMARY							
62191 Printing/Other Provider	01100		58.75				58.75
62199 General	01100		117.00				117.00
62199 General	02219	950.00	950.00				950.00
TOTAL 62199 General		950.00	1,067.00				1,067.00
TOTAL 62100 Other Services		1,066.70	5,811.18				5,811.18
PART-A ACTUAL EXPENSE ACCOUNT SUMMARY							
62210 Minor Tools, Instrum., & Equip	01100		462.65				462.65
62210 Minor Tools, Instrum., & Equip	02219	43.39	43.39				43.39
TOTAL 62210 Minor Tools, Instrum., & Equip		43.39	506.04				506.04
PART-A ACTUAL EXPENSE ACCOUNT SUMMARY							
62212 Photo & Reproduction	01100		1,042.20				1,042.20
62225 Books & Reference Materials	01100		38.00				38.00
62236 Ofc Supplies/Central Stores	01100		311.80				311.80

PART-A ACTUAL EXPENSE ACCOUNT SUMMARY		CURRENT MONTH	CURRENT YEAR	CM PRIOR YR	ELAPSED TIME YTD:
ACCOUNT	FUND				CURR+PRIOR
62236	Ofc Supplies/Central Stores	180.49	180.49		180.49
TOTAL	62236 Ofc Supplies/Central Stores	180.49	492.29		492.29
62241	Office Sup/Minor Equip-NonStat	120.29	1,379.60		1,379.60
62241	Office Sup/Minor Equip-NonStat	120.29	120.29		120.29
TOTAL	62241 Office Sup/Minor Equip-NonStat	120.29	1,499.89		1,499.89
62249	Minor Software.		58.00		58.00
62280	Program Expense	8.25	84.25		84.25
62280	Program Expense	8.25	8.25		8.25
TOTAL	62280 Program Expense	8.25	92.50		92.50
TOTAL	62200 Supplies & Materials	352.42	3,728.92		3,728.92
62304	Postage & Mailing		461.17		461.17
62304	Postage & Mailing	76.28	179.62		179.62
TOTAL	62304 Postage & Mailing	76.28	640.79		640.79
62309	Advertising - Non Recruiting		57.75		57.75
62309	Advertising - Non Recruiting	8.25	8.25		8.25
TOTAL	62309 Advertising - Non Recruiting	8.25	66.00		66.00
62319	Cellular Phones		110.00		110.00
62370	Telephone Equip Chrg/D Of A		574.00		574.00
62370	Telephone Equip Chrg/D Of A	82.00	82.00		82.00
TOTAL	62370 Telephone Equip Chrg/D Of A	82.00	656.00		656.00
62385	Long Distance Chrg/D Of A		183.96		183.96
62385	Long Distance Chrg/D Of A	12.00	12.00		12.00
TOTAL	62385 Long Distance Chrg/D Of A	12.00	195.96		195.96
62389	Telephone Directories		4.00		4.00
TOTAL	62300 Communications	178.53	1,672.75		1,672.75
62401	In-State Personal Car Mileage		3,455.67		3,455.67
62404	In-State State Motor Pool		325.37		325.37
62404	In-State State Motor Pool	38.15	38.15		38.15
TOTAL	62404 In-State State Motor Pool	38.15	363.52		363.52
62407	In-State Meals		90.00		90.00
62408	In-State Lodging		3,128.88		3,128.88
62410	In-State Meals Overnight		989.00		989.00
62412	Out-Of-State Commercial Trans		1,096.71		1,096.71
62417	Out-Of-State Meals		134.00		134.00
62418	Out-Of-State Lodging		1,021.39		1,021.39
62427	Commuter Allowance		64.00		64.00
62486	NonEmployeeInStateCommerc/Trans	434.71	434.71		434.71
62489	Non-Employee In State Mileage		4,177.95		4,177.95
62489	Non-Employee In State Mileage	664.48	840.06		840.06
TOTAL	62489 Non-Employee In State Mileage	664.48	6,018.01		6,018.01

ACCOUNT	FUND	CURRENT MONTH	CURRENT YEAR	CM PRIOR YR	PRIOR YEAR	ELAPSED TIME YTD	CURR+PRIOR
62490 Non-Employee In State Meals	01100	219.00	854.00			15	854.00
62490 Non-Employee In State Meals	02219	219.00	231.00			15	231.00
TOTAL 62490 Non-Employee In State Meals		219.00	1,085.00			15	1,085.00
62497 Non-Employee In-State Lodging	01100		2,198.32			15	2,198.32
62497 Non-Employee In-State Lodging	02219	501.83	501.83			15	501.83
TOTAL 62497 Non-Employee In-State Lodging		501.83	2,700.15			15	2,700.15
TOTAL 62400 Travel		1,858.17	19,631.04			15	19,631.04

62516 Meeting Rooms	01100		730.00			15	730.00
62528 Rent-Non Dept of Admin	01100		6.00			15	6.00
TOTAL 62500 Rent			736.00			15	736.00
62801 Dues	01100		10,174.50			15	10,174.50
62801 Dues	02219		9,694.00			15	9,694.00
TOTAL 62801 Dues			19,868.50			15	19,868.50

62802 Subscriptions	02219		50.00			15	50.00
62817 Meetings/Conference Costs	01100		2,025.00			15	2,025.00
62886 Statewide Indirect Costs	01100		99.00			15	99.00
TOTAL 62800 Other Expenses			22,042.50			15	22,042.50
TOTAL 62000 Operating Expenses		3,455.82	53,622.39			15	53,622.39

TOTAL FUND 01100 General Fund		11,626.74	146,929.11			15	146,929.11
TOTAL FUND 02219 Research Fund		3,021.11	13,056.03			15	13,056.03
TOTAL PART-A ACTUAL EXPENSE ACCOUNT SUMMARY		14,647.85	159,985.14			15	159,985.14

ACCOUNT	FUND	PROG	SUB-CLS	BUDGET	ENCUMBERED	EXPENDED	BALANCE
61000 Personal Services	01100	2007	235H1	133,294.00		106,362.75	26,931.25
62000 Operating Expenses	01100	2007	235H1	40,580.00		40,566.36	13.64
62000 Operating Expenses	01100	2007	235H2	2,323.00		2,323.00	
62000 Operating Expenses	02219	2007	235F2	2,706.00		2,479.28	226.72
62000 Operating Expenses	02219	2007	235H1	21,388.00		10,576.75	10,811.25
TOTAL 62000 Operating Expenses				66,997.00		53,622.39	13,374.61

TOTAL SUB-CLS 235H1 ADMINISTRATION				173,874.00		146,929.11	26,944.89
TOTAL SUB-CLS 235H2 AUDIT (RST/BIEN)				2,323.00		2,323.00	
TOTAL FUND 01100 General Fund				176,197.00		146,929.11	29,267.89

TOTAL SUB-CLS 235F2 FY2006 CARRYFORWARD				2,706.00		2,479.28	226.72
TOTAL SUB-CLS 235H1 ADMINISTRATION				21,388.00		10,576.75	10,811.25
TOTAL FUND 02219 Research Fund				24,094.00		13,056.03	11,037.97
TOTAL PROGRAM 2007				200,291.00		159,985.14	40,305.86

TOTAL PART-B BUDGET EXPENSE ACCOUNT SUMMARY				200,291.00		159,985.14	40,305.86
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REPORT ID: NTGL0106-0
 FRS. UNIT: 51010 Board of Public Education
 FOR THE FY PERIOD: MARCH 2007
 MGR NAME: MELCY, STEVE

PART-C CURR MONTH DETAIL REVENUE TRANSACTIONS
 ACCNT JRNL-ID DATE JRNL-IN DESCRIPTION
 565125 ARDL486667 03/29/2007 000001 1028

TOTAL PART-C CURR MONTH DETAIL REVENUE TRANSACTIONS
 2,000.00

PART-C CURR MONTH DETAIL EXPENSE TRANSACTIONS
 61101 PAY1480370 03/13/2007 000003 PPE 3/2/07 GE1 ON-CYCLE

61101 PAY1485281 03/27/2007 000003 PPE 3/16/07 GF1 ON-CYCLE
 TOTAL 61101 Regular 4,284.73
 4,305.21
 8,589.94

61301 ACC1480305 03/13/2007 000036 Per Diem 100.00 00001726 STORRS BISHOP

61401 PAY1480370 03/13/2007 000005 PPE 3/2/07 GE1 ON-CYCLE 315.03
 61401 PAY1485281 03/27/2007 000005 PPE 3/16/07 GF1 ON-CYCLE 316.58
 TOTAL 61401 FICA 631.61

61402 PAY1480370 03/13/2007 000007 PPE 3/2/07 GE1 ON-CYCLE 69.55
 61402 PAY1485281 03/27/2007 000007 PPE 3/16/07 GF1 ON-CYCLE 69.55
 TOTAL 61402 Retirement - Other 139.10

61403 PAY1480370 03/13/2007 000009 PPE 3/2/07 GE1 ON-CYCLE 529.15
 61403 PAY1485281 03/27/2007 000009 PPE 3/16/07 GF1 ON-CYCLE 529.15
 TOTAL 61403 Group Insurance 1,058.30

61404 PAY1480370 03/13/2007 000011 PPE 3/2/07 GE1 ON-CYCLE 67.23
 61404 PAY1485281 03/27/2007 000011 PPE 3/16/07 GF1 ON-CYCLE 67.55
 TOTAL 61404 Workers Compensation Insur 134.78

61410 PAY1480370 03/13/2007 000013 PPE 3/2/07 GE1 ON-CYCLE 23.56
 61410 PAY1485281 03/27/2007 000013 PPE 3/16/07 GF1 ON-CYCLE 23.67
 TOTAL 61410 State Unemployment Tax 47.23

61411 PAY1480370 03/13/2007 000015 PPE 3/2/07 GE1 ON-CYCLE 244.77
 61411 PAY1485281 03/27/2007 000015 PPE 3/16/07 GF1 ON-CYCLE 246.30
 TOTAL 61411 Teachers Retirement 491.07

62115 0001461295 03/14/2007 000001 Warrant Writing Services 4.45

62174 0001461289 03/14/2007 000001 Data Network Serv/D Of A 15.00

62190 0001475403 03/01/2007 000003 Printing/Pub & Graphics 0.05
 62190 0001475403 03/01/2007 000004 Printing/Pub & Graphics 18.00
 62190 0001475403 03/01/2007 000005 Printing/Pub & Graphics 79.20
 TOTAL 62190 Printing/Pub & Graphics 97.25

62199 0001467415 03/01/2007 000001 General 950.00

62210 ACC1481497 03/15/2007 000002 Cell Phone 43.39 00001739 VERIZON WIRELESS SERVICES LLC

62236 0001485808 03/28/2007 000002 Ofc Supplies/Central Stores 160.49

62241 ACC1411148 03/06/2007 000002 Wooden Clock 45.00 00001725 CROWN TROPHY

PART-A ACTUAL EXPENSE ACCOUNT SUMMARY	FUND	CURRENT MONTH	CURRENT YEAR	CM PRIOR YR	PRIOR YEAR	ELAPSED TIME YTD:	CURR+PRIOR
ACCOUNT	08116		137.00			754	137.00
62417 Out-Of-State Meals	08116		525.45				525.45
62418 Out-Of-State Lodging	08116		24.00				24.00
62427 Commuter Allowance	08116		686.45				686.45
TOTAL 62400 Travel							

TOTAL FUND 08116 Montana Commission on Teaching 686.45

TOTAL PART-A ACTUAL EXPENSE ACCOUNT SUMMARY 686.45

ACCOUNT	FUND	CURRENT MONTH	CURRENT YEAR	CM PRIOR YR	PRIOR YEAR	ELAPSED TIME YTD:	CURR+PRIOR
PART-A ACTUAL EXPENSE ACCOUNT SUMMARY							
61101 Regular	02122	6,580.76	63,080.38			752	63,080.38
61301 Per Diem	02122	100.00	150.00				150.00
61401 FICA	02122	483.44	4,634.52				4,634.52
61402 Retirement - Other	02122	137.68	1,313.36				1,313.36
61403 Group Insurance	02122	1,169.70	9,565.50				9,565.50
61404 Workers Compensation Insur	02122	107.02	1,025.92				1,025.92
61410 State Unemployment Tax	02122	36.20	346.93				346.93
61411 Teachers Retirement	02122	342.52	3,290.22				3,290.22
TOTAL 61400 Employee Benefits		2,276.56	20,176.45				20,176.45
TOTAL 61000 Personal Services		8,957.32	83,406.83				83,406.83
62102 Consult & Prof Services	02122		3.50				3.50
62104 Insurance & Bonds	02122		348.00				348.00
62113 Warrant Writing Services	02122		30.36				30.36
62114 Payroll Service Fees	02122		34.50				34.50
62148 SABHRS Administrative Costs	02122		1,548.20				1,548.20
62168 Read/Write Computer Trans/DOA	02122		0.06				0.06
62172 Batch CPU Seconds/DOA	02122		0.28				0.28
62174 Data Network Serv/D Of A	02122	15.00	120.00				120.00
62190 Printing/Pub & Graphics	02122	260.47	260.47				260.47
62199 General	02122		17.00				17.00
TOTAL 62100 Other Services		275.47	2,362.37				2,362.37
62212 Photo & Reproduction	02122		241.40				241.40
62225 Books & Reference Materials	02122		25.68				25.68
62236 Ofc Supplies/Central Stores	02122	30.77	331.77				331.77
62241 Office Sup/Minor Equip-NonStat	02122	22.47	457.88				457.88
62249 Minor Software.	02122		58.00				58.00
62280 Program Expense	02122	8.25	92.50				92.50
TOTAL 62200 Supplies & Materials		61.49	1,207.23				1,207.23
62304 Postage & Mailing	02122	76.27	617.41				617.41
62309 Advertising - Non Recruiting	02122	8.25	66.00				66.00
62370 Telephone Equip Chrg/D Of A	02122	82.00	656.00				656.00
62385 Long Distance Chrg/D Of A	02122	8.53	71.28				71.28
62389 Telephone Directories	02122		4.00				4.00
TOTAL 62300 Communications		175.05	1,414.69				1,414.69
62401 In-State Personal Car Mileage	02122		1,663.56				1,663.56
62404 In-State State Motor Pool	02122	72.78	178.00				178.00
62407 In-State Meals	02122		11.00				11.00
62408 In-State Lodging	02122		1,690.80				1,690.80
62410 In-State Meals Overnight	02122		462.00				462.00
62412 Out-Of-State Commercial Trans	02122		493.20				493.20
62417 Out-Of-State Meals	02122		226.03				226.03
62418 Out-Of-State Lodging	02122		392.50				392.50
62427 Commuter Allowance	02122		50.00				50.00
62489 Non-Employee In State Mileage	02122	769.21	1,548.12				1,548.12
62490 Non-Employee In State Meals	02122	253.00	362.00				362.00
62497 Non-Employee In-State Lodging	02122	709.41	1,067.86				1,067.86

PART-A ACTUAL EXPENSE ACCOUNT SUMMARY
 ACCOUNT FUND CURRENT MONTH CURRENT YEAR CM PRIOR YR PRIOR YEAR ELAPSED TIME YTD: 753
 TOTAL 62400 Travel 1,804.40 8,145.07 8,145.07 CURR-OFFICR

62516 Meeting Rooms 02122 85.00 85.00 85.00
 62528 Rent-Non Dept of Admin 02122 6.00 6.00 6.00
 TOTAL 62500 Rent 91.00 91.00 91.00

62888 Statewide Indirect Costs 02122 99.00 99.00 99.00
 TOTAL 62000 Operating Expenses 2,316.41 13,319.36 13,319.36

TOTAL FUND 02122 Advisory Council 11,273.73 96,726.19 96,726.19
 TOTAL PART-A ACTUAL EXPENSE ACCOUNT SUMMARY 11,273.73 96,726.19 96,726.19

PART-B BUDGET EXPENSE ACCOUNT SUMMARY
 ACCOUNT FUND PROG SUB-CLS BUDGET ENCUMBERED EXPENDED BALANCE
 6100C Personal Services 02122 2007 240H1 105,559.00 83,406.83 22,152.17 79
 62000 Operating Expenses 02122 2007 240F2 2,693.00 2,055.94 637.06 76
 62000 Operating Expenses 02122 2007 240H1 16,276.00 11,263.42 5,012.58 69
 62000 Operating Expenses 02122 2007 240H2 1,711.00 1,711.00 1,711.00 64
 TOTAL 62000 Operating Expenses 20,680.00 13,319.36 7,360.64 64

TOTAL SUB-CLS 240F2 FY2006 CARRYFORWARD 2,693.00 2,055.94 637.06 76
 TOTAL SUB-CLS 240H1 ADVISORY COUNCIL 121,835.00 94,670.25 27,164.75 76
 TOTAL SUB-CLS 240H2 AUDIT (RST/BIEN) 1,711.00 1,711.00 1,711.00 77
 TOTAL FUND 02122 Advisory Council 126,239.00 96,726.19 29,512.81 77

TOTAL PROGRAM 2007 126,239.00 96,726.19 29,512.81 77
 TOTAL PART-B BUDGET EXPENSE ACCOUNT SUMMARY 126,239.00 96,726.19 29,512.81 77

PART-C CURR MONTH DETAIL EXPENSE TRANSACTIONS
 ACCOUNT JRNAL-ID DATE JRNAL-LN DESCRIPTION AMOUNT VCHR-ID VENDOR NAME
 61101 PAY1480370 03/13/2007 000004 PPE 3/2/07 GE1 ON-CYCLE 112.00
 61101 PAY1480371 03/13/2007 000002 PPE 3/2/07 GE1 ON-CYCLE 3,178.38
 61101 PAY1485281 03/27/2007 000004 PPE 3/16/07 GF1 ON-CYCLE 112.00
 61101 PAY1485282 03/27/2007 000002 PPE 3/16/07 GF1 ON-CYCLE 3,178.38
 TOTAL 61101 Regular 6,580.76

61301 ACC1480205 03/13/2007 000037 per diem 100.00 00001731 IONIA BLOOM

61401 PAY1480370 03/13/2007 000006 PPE 3/2/07 GE1 ON-CYCLE 8.07
 61401 PAY1480371 03/13/2007 000003 PPE 3/2/07 GE1 ON-CYCLE 233.66
 61401 PAY1485281 03/27/2007 000006 PPE 3/16/07 GF1 ON-CYCLE 8.07
 61401 PAY1485282 03/27/2007 000003 PPE 3/16/07 GF1 ON-CYCLE 233.64
 TOTAL 61401 FICA 483.44

61402 PAY1480370 03/13/2007 000008 PPE 3/2/07 GE1 ON-CYCLE 7.73
 61402 PAY1480371 03/13/2007 000004 PPE 3/2/07 GE1 ON-CYCLE 61.11
 61402 PAY1485281 03/27/2007 000008 PPE 3/16/07 GF1 ON-CYCLE 7.73
 61402 PAY1 82 03/27/2007 000004 PPE 3/16/07 GF1 ON-CYCLE 61.11
 TOTAL 61402 Retirement - Other 137.68

ELAPSED TIME YTD: 751

PART-C	CURR	MONTH	DETAIL	EXPENSE	TRANSACTIONS	AMOUNT	VCHR-ID	VENDOR NAME
ACCT	JRNL-ID	DATE	JRNL-LN	DESCRIPTION				
61403	PAY1480370	03/13/2007	00010	PPE 3/2/07 GE1	ON-CYCLE	27.85		
61403	PAY1480371	03/13/2007	00005	PPE 3/2/07 GE1	ON-CYCLE	557.00		
61403	PAY1485281	03/27/2007	00010	PPE 3/16/07 GF1	ON-CYCLE	27.85		
61403	PAY1485282	03/27/2007	00005	PPE 3/16/07 GF1	ON-CYCLE	557.00		
TOTAL	61403	Group Insurance				1,169.70		
61404	PAY1480370	03/13/2007	00012	PPE 3/2/07 GE1	ON-CYCLE	1.82		
61404	PAY1480371	03/13/2007	00006	PPE 3/2/07 GE1	ON-CYCLE	51.69		
61404	PAY1485281	03/27/2007	00012	PPE 3/16/07 GF1	ON-CYCLE	1.82		
61404	PAY1485282	03/27/2007	00006	PPE 3/16/07 GF1	ON-CYCLE	51.69		
TOTAL	61404	Workers Compensation Insur				107.02		
61410	PAY1480370	03/13/2007	00014	PPE 3/2/07 GE1	ON-CYCLE	0.62		
61410	PAY1480371	03/13/2007	00007	PPE 3/2/07 GE1	ON-CYCLE	17.48		
61410	PAY1485281	03/27/2007	00014	PPE 3/16/07 GF1	ON-CYCLE	0.62		
61410	PAY1485282	03/27/2007	00007	PPE 3/16/07 GF1	ON-CYCLE	17.48		
TOTAL	61410	State Unemployment Tax				36.20		
62174	PAY1480371	03/13/2007	00008	PPE 3/2/07 GE1	ON-CYCLE	171.26		
62174	PAY1485282	03/27/2007	00008	PPE 3/16/07 GF1	ON-CYCLE	171.26		
TOTAL	62174	Teachers Retirement				342.52		
62174	0001481289	03/14/2007	000005	Data Network Serv/D Of A		15.00		
62190	0001475403	03/01/2007	000001	Printing/Pub & Graphics		249.47		
62190	0001475403	03/01/2007	000002	Printing/Pub & Graphics		11.00		
TOTAL	62190	Printing/Pub & Graphics				260.47		
62236	0001485808	03/28/2007	000001	Ofc Supplies/Central Stores		30.77		
62241	ACC1480205	03/13/2007	000038	Food - Non-State		22.47	00001737	MEGAN KERZMAN
62260	0001481238	03/14/2007	000004	Program Expense		8.25		
62304	0001485404	03/27/2007	000002	Postage & Mailing		76.27		
62309	0001481289	03/14/2007	000006	Advertising - Non Recruiting		8.25		
62370	0001481289	03/14/2007	000007	Telephone Equip Chrg/D Of A		82.00		
62385	0001481289	03/14/2007	000008	Long Distance Chrg/D Of A		8.53		
62404	0001485804	03/28/2007	000002	In-State State Motor Pool		72.78		
62489	ACC1480205	03/13/2007	000040	mileage, lodging, meals		176.54	00001736	JUDIE WOODHOUSE
62489	ACC1480205	03/13/2007	000046	mileage, lodging, meals		155.20	00001731	TONIA BLOOM
62489	ACC1480205	03/13/2007	000047	mileage, lodging, meals		112.52	00001732	DOUG REISIG
62489	ACC1480205	03/13/2007	000048	mileage, lodging, meals		92.15	00001734	KIMBERLY WARRICK
62489	ACC1480205	03/13/2007	000049	mileage, lodging, meals		232.80	00001735	MARY SUSAN E FISHEAUGH
TOTAL	62489	Non-Employee In State Mileage				769.21		

ELAPSED TIME YTD: 754

PART-C	CURR MONTH	DETAIL EXPENSE	TRANSACTIONS	AMOUNT	VCHR-ID	VENDOR NAME
ACCNT	JRNL-ID	DATE	JRNL-LN DESCRIPTION			
62490	ACC1480205	03/13/2007	000050 mileage, lodging, meals	29.00	00001735	MARY SUSAN E FISHERAUGH
62490	ACC1480205	03/13/2007	000051 mileage, lodging, meals	52.00	00001736	JUDIE WOODHOUSE
62490	ACC1480205	03/13/2007	000057 mileage, lodging, meals	46.00	00001731	TONIA BLOOM
62490	ACC1480205	03/13/2007	000058 mileage, lodging, meals	46.00	00001732	DOUG REISIG
62490	ACC1480205	03/13/2007	000059 lodging, meals	46.00	00001733	MELODEE SMITH BURRESON
62490	ACC1480205	03/13/2007	000060 mileage, lodging, meals	34.00	00001734	KIMBERLY WARRICK
TOTAL	62490	Non-Employee In State Meals		253.00		
62497	ACC1480205	03/13/2007	000061 mileage, lodging, meals	64.20	00001735	MARY SUSAN E FISHERAUGH
62497	ACC1480205	03/13/2007	000062 mileage, lodging, meals	143.38	00001736	JUDIE WOODHOUSE
62497	ACC1480205	03/13/2007	000067 mileage, lodging, meals	143.38	00001731	TONIA BLOOM
62497	ACC1480205	03/13/2007	000068 mileage, lodging, meals	143.38	00001732	DOUG REISIG
62497	ACC1480205	03/13/2007	000069 lodging, meals	143.38	00001733	MELODEE SMITH BURRESON
62497	ACC1480205	03/13/2007	000070 mileage, lodging, meals	71.69	00001734	KIMBERLY WARRICK
TOTAL	62497	Non-Employee In-State Lodging		709.41		

TOTAL 11,273.73

TOTAL PART-C CURR MONTH DETAIL EXPENSE TRANSACTIONS 11,273.73

ACCOUNT	FUND	CURRENT MONTH	CURRENT YEAR	CM PRIOR YR	PRIOR YEAR	ELAPSED TIME YTD:	CURR+PRIOR
PART-A ACTUAL EXPENSE ACCOUNT SUMMARY							
62191	02219		127.00			75%	127.00
62199	02219		6,000.00				6,000.00
TOTAL			6,127.00				6,127.00
62225	02219		140.00				140.00
62320	02219		663.13				663.13
62401	02219		92.15				92.15
62407	02219		6.00				6.00
62408	02219		199.35				199.35
62410	02219		69.00				69.00
62412	02219		85.00				85.00
62418	02219		553.85				553.85
62427	02219		70.17				70.17
62495	02219	1,088.80	2,636.30				2,636.30
62489	02219	112.52	874.96				874.96
62490	02219		24.00				24.00
62492	02219	97.00	598.00				598.00
62493	02219	562.29	1,678.14				1,678.14
TOTAL		1,860.61	6,686.92				6,686.92
62601	02219		299.00				299.00
62602	02219		180.00				180.00
62809	02219		150.00				150.00
62817	02219	995.00	2,987.00				2,987.00
TOTAL		995.00	3,616.00				3,616.00
TOTAL		2,855.61	17,433.05				17,433.05
TOTAL		2,855.61	17,433.05				17,433.05
TOTAL		2,855.61	17,433.05				17,433.05
PART-B BUDGET EXPENSE ACCOUNT SUMMARY							
62000	02219		60,000.00			BALANCE	17,433.05
TOTAL SUB-CLS 240HI ADVISORY COUNCIL			60,000.00			EXPENDED	42,566.95
TOTAL FUND 02219 Research Fund			60,000.00			ENCUMBERED	17,433.05
TOTAL PROGRAM 2007			60,000.00				42,566.95
TOTAL PART-B BUDGET EXPENSE ACCOUNT SUMMARY			60,000.00				42,566.95
PART-C CURR MONTH DETAIL EXPENSE TRANSACTIONS							
62485	ACC1485676	03/28/2007	000002	Airfare	1,088.80	00001742	CARLSON WAGONLIT TRAVEL
62489	ACC1483457	03/20/2007	000004	mileage, lodging, meals	112.52	00001740	KIRK MILLER
62492	ACC1483457	03/20/2007	000005	mileage, lodging, meals	97.00	00001740	KIRK MILLER
62493	ACC1483457	03/20/2007	000006	mileage, lodging, meals	562.29	00001740	KIRK MILLER

ACCOUNT	JRNL-ID	DATE	JRNL-LN	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	VCHR-ID	VENDOR NAME	ELAPSED TIME YTD:
PART-C CURR MONTH DETAIL EXPENSE TRANSACTIONS								
62817	ACCI484670	03/23/2007	000002	Conference fees	200.00	00001741	NCATE	75*
62817	PRO1486474	03/21/2007	000001	NASDTEC	395.00			
62817	PRO1486474	03/21/2007	000009	NASBE	400.00			
TOTAL	62817	Meetings/Conference Costs			995.00			

TOTAL PART-C CURR MONTH DETAIL EXPENSE TRANSACTIONS 2,855.61

JOINT BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION/CERTIFICATION STANDARDS AND PRACTICES
ADVISORY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES

March 8-9, 2007

FRONT STREET LEARNING CENTER
815 FRONT STREET
HELENA, MT 59601

March 8, 2007 - Thursday
8:30 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Patty Myers called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 8, 2007. The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Student Representative, Ms. Jenny Tiskus. Ms. Carol Will took roll call; a quorum was noted. Ms. Patty Myers noted that the State Superintendent's Report will be presented when Superintendent Linda McCulloch arrives at the BPE meeting from the legislature.

MOTION: Ms. Angela McLean moved to adopt the agenda with the noted change.
Mr. John Fuller seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Those in attendance at the meeting included the following board members: Chairperson Ms. Patty Myers, Vice Chairperson Ms. Angela McLean, Mr. Storrs Bishop, Mr. John Fuller, and Ms. Jenny Tiskus. Staff present at the meeting included Mr. Steve Meloy, Executive Secretary of the Board of Public Education; Mr. Peter Donovan, Administrative Officer, Certification Standards and Practices Advisory Council; Ms. Megan Kerzman, Administrative Assistant, Certification Standards and Practices Advisory Council; and Ms. Carol Will, Administrative Assistant, Board of Public Education. Ex-officio board members present were Ms. Linda McCulloch, State Superintendent, and Dr. Sheila Stearns, Commissioner of Higher Education. Certification Standards and Practices Advisory Council members present at the meeting included Chairperson Dr. Douglas Reisig, Vice Chairperson Ms. Melodee Smith-Burreson, Dr. Mary Susan Fishbaugh, Ms. Tonia Bloom, Ms. Kim Warrick, and Ms. Judie Woodhouse. Visitors in attendance at the meeting included: Mr. Eric Feaver, MEA-MFT; Ms. Nancy Coopersmith, OPI Assistant Superintendent; Mr. Bud Williams, OPI Deputy Superintendent; Dr. Linda Vrooman Peterson, OPI Accreditation Division Administrator; Dr. Claudette Morton, MSSA; Ms. Elizabeth Keller, OPI Educator Licensure Unit Manager; Mr. Larry Nielsen, MEA-MFT; Ms. Bonnie Jones Graham, MSU-Billings; Mr. Willie Sharp, Blackfeet Tribal Council; Ms. Beck McLaughlin, Montana Arts Council; Mr. Al McMilin, OPI Math Science Specialist; Mr. Tom Kallay, Summit Preparatory School; Mr. Doug Ruhman, Salish Kootenai College; Ms. Cindy O'Dell, Salish Kootenai College; Mr. Joelfre Grant, Salish Kootenai College; Ms. Nikki Sandve, OPI Special Education Compliance Specialist; Ms. Denise Juneau, OPI Indian Education Director; Ms. Lynn Hinch, OPI Bilingual Education Specialist; and Mr. Bob Vogel, MTSBA.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Ms. Patty Myers requested a moment of silence in honor and respect for the passing of Mr. Ted Hazelbaker and Mr. Wilbur Anderson who were both former Montana Board of Public Education Chairmen.
- Ms. Patty Myers announced that Ms. Jenny Tiskus is the State Extemporaneous Speaking Champion.
- Mr. Steve Meloy thanked the Helena School District trustees for the use of Front Street Learning Center. Mrs. Harriett Meloy, Mr. Steve Meloy's mother, was the curator for the pictures that were on display in the Board room of the Front Street Learning Center.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Mr. Storrs Bishop moved to adopt the consent agenda. Ms. Angela McLean seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Items are presented in the order in which they appeared.

BPE/CSPAC Joint Meeting

Item 1 CSPAC ANNUAL REPORT - Dr. Douglas Reisig

Dr. Reisig presented the Board of Public Education with the *2006 Annual Report of the Montana Certification Standards and Practices Advisory Council*. This report includes the mission statement, Professional Educators of Montana Code of Ethics, Certification Advisory Council 2006 membership, CSPAC goals and strategies for 2006, and highlights of 2006 CSPAC meetings.

Item 2 MARCH 7, 2007 MEETING SUMMARY - Dr. Douglas Reisig

Dr. Reisig reviewed the following items from the Certification Standards and Practices Advisory Council's (CSPAC) March 7, 2007 meeting: Troops to Teachers, update on Montana mentoring, licensure and endorsement, professional preparation and continuing education, and plans for future conferences. There was an active discussion between BPE and CSPAC in regard to distance learning, dual enrollment, and supplementing versus supplanting. Dr. Reisig stressed that CSPAC would continue to work as partners with the Board of Public Education and further deliberate the amendments as proposed by the BPE's Distance Learning Task Force.

Item 3 CSPAC ACTIVITIES - Dr. Douglas Reisig

Dr. Reisig presented a handout of CSPAC goals with the current and future accomplishments. A few items listed were: NCATE reviews, PEPPS Standards update recommended to BPE, poverty and student achievement correlation for Montana students, instructors of Braille rule, initial review of Chapter 57, instructors of hearing-impaired children rule (if passes in Legislature), annual NASDTEC conference, information about diploma mills and false accrediting bodies, and exploring alternate routes for building a highly qualified teaching force.

10:20 a.m. Commissioner Sheila Stearns arrived

Item 4 PROGRESS ON CSPAC GOALS - Dr. Douglas Reisig

The CSPAC goals for 2006-2007 school year are as follows:

1. Study and make recommendations to the Board of Public Education on the status and efficacy of approved teacher educator programs in Montana.
2. Study and make recommendations to the Board of Public Education in the areas of precertification training and educational requirements and in certification renewal requirements and procedures.
3. Study and make recommendations to the Board of Public Education on policies related to the denial, suspension, and revocation of teachers' certificates and the appeals process.
4. Study and make recommendations to the Board of Public Education on the feasibility of establishing standards of professional practices and ethical conduct.
5. Study and make recommendations to the Board of Public Education on the status and efficacy of alternative and/or nontraditional teacher preparation opportunities.

Item 5 DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE RESEARCH PROJECTS

Some potential research projects presented are:

- Research on Montana school district Adequate Yearly Progress success rates in reading and

mathematics in relation to teacher demographic characteristics such as age, gender, years in profession, years teaching specific subject, academic preparation, etc. Can use random sample of large schools, small schools, elementary schools, middle schools, high schools, etc.

- Research on Montana student Adequate Yearly Progress success rates in middle school mathematics in relation to teacher preparation, i.e. generalist versus mathematics specialist academic preparation.
- Research on how do alternative certification states' student NAEP (National Assessment of Educational Progress) achievement scores compare with student scores educated by traditionally educated professional preparation programs.
- Research on the effects (positive as well as negative) of mentoring with respect to impact on student AYP or NAEP achievement, teacher retention, teacher occupational satisfaction, teacher academic preparation through advanced degree attainment, etc.

Dr. Reisig presented a PowerPoint titled Did you Know that addressed the value of CSPAC to the work of BPE.

March 8, 2007 – Thursday BPE MEETING - 1:00 p.m.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Item 1 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT - Patty Myers

- January 17, 2007 Reception for Mark Semmens
- January 18, 2007 Special BPE meeting and BOE meeting
- February 2, 2007 Meeting with OPI on the future of the NRT
- February 9, 2007 State of Education Address
- February 9, 2007 Meeting with Jan Lombardi
- February 9, 2007 MEA-MFT education reception
- February 14, 2007 Call with Lori Meyer from NASBE on the MetLife Grant
- February 16, 2007 Call with Linda Peterson and Pete Donovan on the Council of Deans and NCATE
- February 27, 2007 MSDB committee meeting
- March 6, 2007 Call with Superintendent Linda McCulloch on the March agenda

Ms. Myers congratulated Dr. Bruce Messinger and his staff for the excellent things that are happening in Helena as highlighted in Northwest Education magazine. Ms. Myers asked the Board to read the December issue of The State Education Standard on the restructuring and reforming of America's high schools.

BOARD MEMBER APPEARANCES

Angela McLean

- January 16, 2007 CSPAC Meeting
Conference call with the Pennsylvania Department of Education
- February 9-10, 2007 MEA-MFT Legislative Days
- February 28, 2007 Bullying Summit

Item 2 EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT - Steve Meloy

- Completed phase 1 of the Distance Learning Task Force with the hearing scheduled on March 5, 2007
- Met with Senator Ryan regarding the Distance Learning rule notice
- Continued work with LSD on fiscal responsibility processes for SB 152
- Attended all meetings of the Ed Forum
- Testified against HB 230, SB 257, HB 404, and HB 352
- Met with Representative Barrett on HB 352 expanding bullying policy
- Supported OPI's budget request

- Attended State of Education address
- Met with OPI staff and BPE members regarding the future of the NRT

Mr. Meloy addressed the present education budget that is being proposed by the Republican Party. He didn't rise as a proponent or an opponent. If the budget passes as proposed then the Board of Public Education will receive an increase of funds and an additional FTE.

Item 3 CSPAC REPORT - Peter Donovan

Mr. Donovan thanked Mr. Meloy for his work to represent the Board of Public Education and CSPAC. He also thanked Ms. McLean for the opportunity to present at the Bullying Summit in Anaconda, MT. Mr. Donovan presented the preliminary agenda for the NASDTEC Conference scheduled in Salt Lake City, Utah June 3-6, 2007.

Item 6 GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORT - Jan Lombardi

No one was present to deliver this report.

Item 7 STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT - Jenny Tiskus

Ms. Tiskus presented a draft of the MetLife Grant from NASBE. NASBE awarded \$2,000 to the Montana Board of Public Education for participation in the *Student Leadership Initiative*, funded by the MetLife Foundation. The initiative encompasses several strategies designed to increase student representation on state boards of education and to improve communication among student members and their peers. The Memorandum of Understanding was sent to Ms. Myers to be signed if the Board accepts its roles and responsibilities outlined by NASBE. In addition to the grant, Ms. Tiskus has been compiling a student representative handbook to better prepare students for serving on the Board of Public Education.

MOTION: Mr. Storrs Bishop moved to accept the Memorandum of Understanding Enhancing Peer Communication for Student Leaders. Ms. Angela McLean seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 5 COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION REPORT - Commissioner Sheila Stearns

Commissioner Stearns addressed the executive action of HB 807 that occurred in the morning of March 8, 2007. The core of the Higher Education's budget primarily remains intact if HB 13 passes with some cuts. The Regents' three top strategic plans are: 1) access and affordability, 2) enhancement of economic development, and 3) being more efficient and effective in areas of transferability and dual enrollment. Commissioner Stearns believes that the Regents' plans could still be carried out with HB 807 if it passes as proposed.

Commissioner Stearns touched upon the distance learning rule as an area of concern. At the hearing held March 5, 2007 in the matter of the proposed amendment of ARM 10.55.602, 10.55.701, 10.55.705, and 10.55.907 relating to accreditation standards, Commissioner Stearns claimed that she wasn't aware of the rule to inform the Regents with the implications that would occur at the higher education level if the rule passed as amended. Commissioner Stearns took responsibility for not being as informed as she should have been with this rule since acknowledging that it was presented at the Board of Education meeting in January 2007 and addressed that higher education representatives were actively involved on the Distance Learning Task Force.

2:00 p.m. Superintendent Linda McCulloch arrived

Ms. Myers presented Superintendent Linda McCulloch with a book titled *Shep - Our Most Loyal Dog*, written by Steve Pollard, a Missoula author.

Item 4 STATE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - State Superintendent Linda McCulloch

Superintendent McCulloch's report contained information of her many appearances through January and February of 2007. In addition, she addressed the following items:

- Professional development opportunity of the Summit on Bullying, Harassment, and Intimidation that was held in Anaconda, MT on Wednesday, February 28, 2007.
- The first administration of the CRT and the CRT-Alternate Science Tests in grades 4, 8, and 10 will be in the spring of 2008. The CRT Science test will be field tested in grades 4, 8, and 10 during the spring of 2007.
- The State Assessment Conference is on April 23 – 24, 2007. The conference is intended to provide a broad base of assessment and data information for test coordinators, curriculum directors, teachers, pre-service teachers, staff responsible for student information systems and information related to student achievement, and department/grade level chairs. More information can be found at www.opi.mt.gov/assesscon/.
- The 2007 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) was administered in participating schools on February 26, 27, or 28. The self-reporting student survey provides a measurement of health behaviors for unintentional injury, violence, tobacco use, alcohol use, drug use, sexual behaviors, physical inactivity, and dietary behaviors.

INDIAN EDUCATION FOR ALL REPORT

Superintendent McCulloch addressed the following items during this report: Indian Education for All Capitol Rotunda Day, Indian Education for All materials, Indian Education for All Best Practices Conference scheduled in Bozeman May 7-8, 2007, Call to Greatness II Conference, Montana Indian Education Association 26th Annual Conference in Bozeman April 12-15, 2007, and Indian education social studies lessons posted to the OPI website at www.opi.mt.gov/indianed/SocialStudies.

Superintendent McCulloch handed out two additional documents titled: "Indian Education for All (IEFA) Ready-To-Go-Teacher Grants" and "Indian Education for All Ongoing Initiatives from July 2005 – March 2007."

Item 8 ANNUAL SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE REPORT - Christine Emerson

This presentation included information about the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, Afterschool Snack Program, Special Milk Program, USDA Donated Foods Program, Cooperative Purchase Program and Team Nutrition Program for the 2005-2006 school year. The presentation showed changes in program participation and funding over five school years. It also covered nutritional education activities for schools, parents, and the community. Other topics included the acceptability of school meals and promoting the health and education of children. The only request of the School Nutrition Program is to have the continued support of the Board of Public Education to help Montana's children get the nutrition they need to learn, play, and grow.

Item 9 MACIE REPORT - Norma Bixby

The MACIE report was presented by Ms. Denise Juneau. MACIE held its first meeting of 2007 on February 5-6, 2007 in Helena. Topics discussed at the meeting were a legislative update by Superintendent McCulloch, reports on Indian Education for All, Indian student achievement, NCLB (AYP status and English language proficiency assessment), and Gear Up. MACIE reviewed the goals developed at the retreat held in May of 2006 and held the two-year election of officers. Ms. Norma Bixby was re-elected as Chair, Mr. Voyd St. Pierre was elected Vice-Chair, and Ms. Louise Stump was re-elected as Secretary.

MACIE NOMINATION (Action)

Four nominations to the Montana Advisory Council on Indian Education were presented to the Board. 1) Mr. William Walksalong is the Executive Administrator for the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council 2) Mr. Spike Bighorn is the Tribal Chairperson of the Fort Peck Tribes 3) Mr. Russ Boham represents the Little Shell Tribe and 4) Mr. Steve Lohning represents the urban Indian community in Missoula.

MOTION: Mr. John Fuller moved to approve all four nominations to the Montana Advisory Council on Indian Education. Ms. Angela McLean seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Item 10 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS - Patty Myers

Ms. Myers presented to the Board a draft of the 2007 committee assignments. She asked the Board to review the assignments and think of the changes they would like to make to the standing committees, advisory group liaisons, and/or task forces. The Board will revise in May when the new appointee, Ms. Sharon Carroll, is present.

Item 11 FUTURE OF NORM REFERENCED TESTING - Steve Meloy

Mr. Meloy provided a status report as to Norm Referenced Testing (NRT) that was provided in a memorandum to Superintendent McCulloch on February 13, 2007. The Board of Public Education is interested in seeking assistance from the Office of Public Instruction to identify some other appropriate classroom-based assessments that will inform classroom teachers about the progress of students and inform instruction according to the standards. OPI has the research capabilities in many areas including assessments in reading, mathematics, and science, as well as the staffing to bring teachers together to develop research-based and meaningful assessments to drive instruction. Superintendent McCulloch responded to the Board requesting more guidance and direction. Mr. Meloy referred Superintendent McCulloch to the Government Affairs Committee Chair, Dr. Kirk Miller. Ms. Myers will await recommendations from OPI at the May BPE meeting.

Ms. Myers asked Superintendent McCulloch, as the secretary to the Board of Education, about the updated changes to the bylaws that reflect the action that was taken at the Board of Education meeting on September 11, 2003. This action stated that the Board of Education meetings will take place in conjunction with the Board of Public Education in September and in conjunction with the Board of Regents in January.

Item 12 RULEMAKING PROCESS – 10.55.907 DISTANCE, ONLINE, TECHNOLOGY DELIVERED LEARNING; 10.55.602 DEFINITIONS; 10.55.701 BOARD OF TRUSTEES (Rule noticed on February 8, 2007) - Dr. Linda Vrooman Peterson

Mr. Meloy reviewed the process that occurred to date with the proposed amendment of ARM 10.55.602, 10.55.701, 10.55.705, and 10.55.907 relating to accreditation standards. Mr. Williams and Dr. Vrooman Peterson included additional detail to the process in regard to how the decisions were made by the Distance Learning Task Force. In-depth discussion ensued in regard to the licensure and endorsement requirements of the facilitator and teacher of the distance, online, and technology delivered learning programs and/or courses to ensure quality of instruction. Mr. Fuller addressed the concerns of rural schools and questioned what would be their alternatives. Ms. McLean felt that the remediation of students was overlooked in the comments presented to the Board. She continued to state that the Board cannot lose sight of the fact that a lot of on-line learning is for remediation. Mr. Fuller and Ms. McLean agreed that this is more of a K-12 issue that reaches beyond those students involved with dual enrollment since it is the Board of Public Education's responsibility to ensure the quality of the education of all students receiving Montana High School Diplomas. Commissioner Stearns stressed that those in higher education didn't intend to undermine the work of the Distance Learning Task Force in which they were represented, but feels that the entire Board of Regents need to be fully aware of the implications of this rule. She believes strongly that it is possible for Montana students to continue to receive their quality Montana high school degrees and continue to have the opportunity to obtain higher education credits at a decreased expense. Mr. Williams continued the discussion with supplementing versus supplanting issues and stressed that the Board of Public Education has the responsibility to ensure the quality of education for K-12 students. Superintendent McCulloch said that the amendments as proposed meet the definition of a highly qualified teacher in the state of Montana according to NCLB. Mr. Feaver, MEA-MFT, stated that the Board should follow the consensus process it established through the Distance Learning Task Force and adopt its recommendations. Commissioner Stearns said that the Board of Public Education and the Board of Regents share a common obligation and bond to make the most efficient and quality use of the resources of well educated and highly qualified educators at all levels to meet the needs of all Montana students. Additional

handouts were Montana Distance Learning Task Force Findings and Recommendations – Part I January 2007 and a memorandum from Dr. Claudette Morton, Executive Director, Montana Small Schools Alliance.

**Item 13 REPORT ON THE FOLLOW-UP ON-SITE VISIT TO SUMMIT PREPARATORY SCHOOL –
Al McMilin**

In May 2006, the Board of Public Education requested the Office of Public Instruction to conduct an on-site follow-up of Summit Preparatory School to verify compliance of the accreditation standards. OPI conducted a review of the Summit Preparatory School on February 26, 2007. This report provided a summary of the findings from that on-site visit for discussion and consideration by BPE. The on-site accreditation team confirmed that the deviations that had resulted in the school receiving deficiency status in 2005-2006 had been corrected. Mr. Tom Kallay, Education Director of Summit Preparatory School, presented a handout that contained information on student profiles from the 5 year comprehensive educational plan, academic team profile from the 5 year comprehensive educational plan, updates as of March 6, 2007, and OPI's education credential/detail. Some issues and other areas reviewed were:

- All teachers are licensed and endorsed for the areas in which they are teaching.
- The school completed work on their initial five year comprehensive educational plan and it was submitted in October of 2006.
- Special education procedures are in place and are being followed.
- Both aspects of the library facility and program continue to grow and improve in terms of program design and direct budget support.

**Item 14 PEPPS – MAJOR IN MATHEMATICS 5-12 TEACHING ENDORSEMENT PROPOSED BY
MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY – NORTHERN PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION UNIT – Dr. Linda
Vrooman Peterson**

The Office of Public Instruction reviewed the material submitted by the Professional Education Unit from the Montana State University – Northern regarding the proposed Mathematics Major in Secondary Education. OPI followed the process outlined in the Professional Educator Preparation Program Standards 10.58.802 Standards for Approval and 10.58.518 Mathematics. The Superintendent of Public Instruction recommends to the Board that the program be granted provisional approval with an on-site review conducted within two years. Two documents included were: PEPPS Draft Mathematics from the Office of Public Instruction and approval of item 132-2800-R0706 from the Board of Regents.

**Item 15 PEPPS – INITIAL ACCREDITATION OF ELEMENTARY EDUCATION PROGRAM
PROPOSED BY SALISH KOOTENAI COLLEGE PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION UNIT -
Dr. Linda Vrooman Peterson**

OPI provided to the Board of Public Education information pertaining to the request by Salish Kootenai College to initiate accreditation for an Elementary Education endorsement program. The Board of Public Education was invited to attend the on-site review on April 10-12, 2007. The Salish Kootenai College Elementary Education Program team, which consisted of Mr. Doug Ruhman, Ms. Cindy O'Dell, Mr. Joelfre Grant, presented the following documents on behalf of their proposed program:

- 2006-2007 Policy & Procedures Manual
- Salish Kootenai College 2006-2007
- Institutional Report on the Teacher Education Program: Elementary Education
- Conceptual Framework for Education Programs
- Course Syllabi
- Facts at a Glance
- Associate of Arts and Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education and Elementary Education
- Letters to Dr. Vrooman Peterson from the following people from Salish Kootenai College: Ms. Cindy O'Dell, Education Department Chair; Ms. Alice Chumrau, Academic Vice President; and Dr. Joseph F. McDonald, President.

March 9, 2007 – Friday
8:30 A.M.

Ms. Carol Will took roll call. Board members in attendance at the meeting included: Chairperson Ms. Patty Myers, Mr. Storrs Bishop, Mr. John Fuller, and Ms. Jenny Tiskus. A quorum was not present to take action on any action items scheduled.

Item 16 NASBE GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT - Dr. Kirk Miller

This item was not discussed at this meeting and will be placed on the May agenda.

Item 17 NCLB UPDATE - Nancy Coopersmith

This presentation included: an analysis of the 2005-2006 Adequate Yearly Progress status of Montana schools and districts; the State Superintendent's requests for amendments to the Montana Accountability Workbook; and information about federal funding for the 2007-2008 school year; and the budget request from President George Bush for the 2008-2009 school year. The following documents were provided:

- Summary of 2006 Final AYP Determinations as of 1-17-2007
- Letter to Mr. Ray Simon, Acting Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education for the U.S. Department of Education from Superintendent McCulloch with proposed amendments to the Montana Accountability Workbook
- Attachment 1- Expansion of Montana's Valid and Reliable Statewide Rural Small School Process
- Attachment 2 – Extension of the 2 Percent Interim Flexibility
- President Bush's budget proposing to fund discretionary education programs with \$56 billion published in www.educationdaily.com on February 6, 2007
- A comparison of the Democrats' continuing resolution to fund the government in the current fiscal year and President Bush's request for FY 2008 as published in www.educationdaily.com on February 7, 2007
- Funds for State Formula-Allocated and Selected Student Aid Programs from the U.S. Department of Education Funding in Montana

Discussion ensued about the reauthorization of No Child Left Behind.

9:00 a.m. Commissioner Sheila Stearns arrived

Item 18 DUAL ENROLLMENT/CREDIT UPDATE - Dr. Linda Vrooman Peterson

This item was not discussed at this meeting and will be placed on the May agenda.

Item 19 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE - Steve Meloy and John Fuller

Mr. Meloy addressed the issues behind HB 2 and present law adjustment. He continued to explain how the Republican Party want to address HB 2 in six different bills called the "six-pack". Governor Schweitzer refuses to sign any of the bills if they are passed until he sees the entire package together. The Board of Public Education's budget is found in HB 809. Mr. Meloy then proceeded to review some of the bills on the "Bills to Follow" list.

ACTION ITEMS

Item 20 was presented as an information item.

Item 20 ACCREDITATION STATUS RECOMMENDATIONS – REGULAR, ADVICE, DEFICIENCIES - Al McMilin

Mr. Al McMilin made the following recommendations to the Board of Public Education on behalf of the Office of Public Instruction:

1. Improvement plans to correct accreditation deviations. This report provided to the Board of Public Education follows up with information on the action taken by schools to meet the 2006 improvement

- plans. By August 1, 2007 all schools receiving Advice or Deficiency Accreditation Determinations are required to submit an improvement plan describing planned corrective action
2. Accreditation Status Recommendations. This report provided to BPE the 2006-2007 accreditation status determinations for all schools as recommended by Superintendent McCulloch

It was suggested by Mr. Storrs Bishop, Chair of the Accreditation Committee, to set a special meeting to take action on this item.

Item 21 FINAL ACTION – AMENDMENT OF ARM 10.55.716 RELATING TO SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS (Rule noticed on February 8, 2007) - Peter Donovan

Item 22 FINAL ACTION – AMENDMENT OF ARM 10.55.602 DEFINITIONS, 10.55.701 BOARD OF TRUSTEES, 10.55.705 ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL, AND 10.55.907 DISTANCE, ONLINE. AND TECHNOLOGY DELIVERED LEARNING RELATING TO ACCREDITATION STANDARDS (Rule noticed on February 8, 2007) - Dr. Linda Vrooman Peterson

Item 23 ADOPT PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT NASBE’S GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR NCLB REAUTHORIZATION - Dr. Kirk Miller

Item 24 FINAL ACTION ON MINOR IN PHYSICS PROPOSED BY CARROLL COLLEGE PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION UNIT - Dr. Linda Vrooman Peterson and Lynette Zurhoff

Item 25 EDUCATOR LICENSURE (Tentative) - Catherine Warhank

MEETING WAS CLOSED FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Meeting closed at 10:25 a.m.

Discussion ensued on Items 26 – 27.

Item 26 MSDB SUPERINTENDENT PERFORMANCE EVALUATION & CONTRACT EXTENSION DISCUSSION - Patty Myers

Item 27 EXECUTIVE SECRETARY PERFORMANCE EVALUATION & CONTRACT EXTENSION DISCUSSION - Patty Myers

Item 28 ESTABLISH EXECUTIVE STAFF SALARIES - Patty Myers – This item was not discussed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION CONCLUDED – Meeting opened at 10:55 a.m.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Item 29 MSDB COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT - Steve Gettel

- Student Enrollment/Evaluation
- Human Resources
 - Personnel Actions
 - Update on core competencies project and agency move to PP2
- School Improvement
 - Update on current year CEP and effectiveness report
 - Update on work of task force to implement guidelines for early intervention
 - Update on work of transition committee

- Review proposal to revise strategic plan
- 2007 Legislative Session
 - Status of appropriations/pay plan bills
 - Status of other bills affecting MSDB
- MSDB Foundation Activities
 - Update on project and development of a marketing plan
- Conferences, Meetings and Contacts
- Finance and Facilities
 - Update on budget and current projects
- School Calendar of Events
- Student News and School Events

- Public Comment for Non Agenda Item

Ms. Cleo Klepsig from Helena has a 7year old son who is deaf and significantly visually impaired. She addressed the Board as a proponent of MSDB, but was concerned that the school needs to serve all students in Montana and not just the residential students on the MSDB campus. In addition, she expressed her concern that the Board of Public Education is the presiding Board of MSDB without parental representation. Another point of concern was the need for standards for the interpreters and teachers of the deaf and blind. House Bill 354, carried in the legislature per Ms. Klepsig's request, would require that the state develop standards for teachers and interpreters of the deaf. Discussion ensued following Ms. Klepsig's comments.

PRELIMINARY AGENDA ITEMS – May 10-11, 2007

Alternative Standards Requests and Renewals
 Special Education Annual Report
 Distribute Survey Instruments
 Student Representative Survey Report
 CSPAC Appointments
 BASE Aid Payment Schedule
 Assessment Update
 MACIE Update
 NCLB Update
 NASBE Citizens for the 21st Century
 Accreditation Status Recommendations – Regular, Advice, Deficiencies (possible conference call)
 Final Action – Amendment of ARM 10.55.716 Relating to Substitute Teachers
 Final Action – Amendment of ARM 10.55.602 Definitions; 10.55.701 Board of Trustees; 10.55.705 Administrative Personnel; and 10.55.907 Distance, Online, and Technology Delivered Learning Relating to Accreditation Standards
 Adopt Proposed Resolution to Support NASBE's Guiding Principles for NCLB Reauthorization
 Final Action on Minor in Physics Proposed by Carroll College Professional Education Unit
 Educator Licensure (Tentative)
 MSDB Superintendent Performance Evaluation & Contract Extension Action
 Executive Secretary Performance Evaluation & Contract Extension Action
 Establish Executive Staff Salaries
 Committee Assignments
 Recommendations of the NRT
 PEPPS – Major in Mathematics – MSU Northern (Action)
 PEPPS – Salish Kootenai College (Discussion in May and Action in July)
 Pat Chlouber Addressing Reauthorization of NCLB
 NASBE Government Affairs Committee Report
 Dual Enrollment/Credit Update
 Identify September BPE/BOE Meeting Location

BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION
CONFERENCE CALL MEETING MINUTES

April 4, 2007

April 4, 2007
4:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Patty Myers called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 4, 2007. Carol Will took roll call; a quorum was noted.

Those in attendance at the meeting included the following Board members: Chairperson Patty Myers, Vice Chairperson Angela McLean, Dr. Kirk Miller, Sharon Carroll, Storrs Bishop, and Jenny Tiskus. Staff present at the meeting included: Steve Meloy, Executive Secretary, Board of Public Education; Megan Kerzman, Administrative Assistant, Certification Standards and Practices Advisory Council; and Carol Will, Administrative Assistant, Board of Public Education. Ex-officio Board member State Superintendent Linda McCulloch was represented by Bud Williams, OPI Deputy Superintendent. Visitors in attendance at the meeting included: Nancy Coopersmith, OPI Assistant Superintendent; and Dr. Linda Vrooman Peterson, OPI Accreditation Division Administrator.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Ms. Angela McLean moved to adopt the consent agenda. Mr. Storrs Bishop seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Items are presented in the order in which they appeared.

ACTION ITEMS

Item 1 ACCREDITATION STATUS RECOMMENDATIONS – REGULAR, ADVICE, DEFICIENCIES - Dr. Linda Vrooman Peterson

This item was discussed in depth at the March 8-9, 2007 Board of Public Education meeting. The Superintendent of Public Instruction made the following recommendations to the Board of Public Education:

1. Improvement plans to correct accreditation deviations. This report provided follow-up information on the action taken by schools to meet the 2006 improvement plans. All schools receiving advice or deficiency accreditation determinations are required to submit an improvement plan describing planned corrective action.
2. Accreditation Status Recommendations. This report provided the 2006-2007 accreditation status determinations for all schools as recommended by State Superintendent Linda McCulloch.

MOTION: Mr. Storrs Bishop moved to accept the improvement plans to correct accreditation deviations for the 2005-2006 school year. Ms. Angela McLean seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Mr. Storrs Bishop moved to accept the Accreditation Status Recommendations as reported for the 2006-2007 school year. Ms. Angela McLean seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 2 FINAL ACTION – AMENDMENT OF ARM 10.55.716 RELATING TO SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS (Rule noticed on February 8, 2007) - Steve Meloy

A comprehensive review of the Montana educator licensure rules was conducted in 2001 and 2002. The revised rules that were adopted by the Board of Public Education in 2002 contained an error. The waiver language in subsection (5) of 10.55.716 was intended to apply only to subsections (2), (3), and (4) of the rule. As written, subsection (5) also appears to apply to subsection (1). This was not the intent of the language developed by the review committee. The current language found in 10.55.716 regarding substitute teachers would allow trustees to waive this rule and theoretically let a non-licensed substitute to work in excess of 35 consecutive days. The final action of this item would correct the error in 10.55.716.

MOTION: Mr. Storrs moved to approve the proposed amendment of ARM 10.55.716 relating to substitute teachers. Dr. Kirk Miller seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEM

Item 3 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE - Steve Meloy

Mr. Steve Meloy presented several House and Senate Bills that are currently being heard in this legislative session. Discussion ensued on some of the following bills:

- HB820 Biennial funding for certain executive branch agencies
- HB417 Revising school finance laws
- SB152 Education funding including early childhood development for 5 year olds
- SB56 Retirement costs to pay benefits for Federally funded school employees
- SB255 May choose new mill levy election date after legislative session

MOTION: Ms. Angela McLean moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Storrs Bishop seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Executive Secretary Report

Thursday, May 10, 2007

By: Steve Meloy/ Executive Secretary

The 60th Legislative session is almost over with mixed results as to process and final product. Many pieces of Legislation were in the hopper affecting the Board with everything from revising school funding to abolishing compulsory education to expanding the duties of the Board. All of the pieces of legislation having an adverse effect on the Board have died. The Board will consider the Distance Learning rule on May 11, 2007. We had good success with the appropriations sub-committee and all of the committees that handled our budget in the approval of the same. As of this writing K-12 funding is very much still in limbo and subject to political maneuverings over tax relief. We wait to see.

Board work continues to include but is not limited to: A full Legislative agenda; the future of the NRT; the K-College Workgroup; Distance Learning Task Force phase 1 and phase 2; the Dual Enrollment/ Credit work; the Counsellorship Initiative; the Assessment Alignment work; MSDB; the Quality Schools Interim Committee work follow-up and monitoring the MQEC and their efforts; CSPAC Assessment Study Group; Pilot (Praxis II) testing efforts; NCLB implications and future reauthorization of ESEA; the work of the Montana E-Learning Consortium; meetings of the Ed Forums; the Special Purpose Schools Task Force; Chapter 55 review process; the PEPPS Review Advisory Panel and public hearings before adoption; the BPE five year plan; the BPE communications plan and a possible BPE flyer; the Writing Assessment Consortia Project; the writing implementation committee work; the Indian Education For All work; the High School Improvement Initiative; results of the Legislative Audit Committee on high school drop-out rate in Montana; performance-based budgeting proposals; work on issues revolving around “alternative to our standards” requests; the bullying issue; financial education curricular concerns; school nutrition and physical education; civic education; site planning for the BPE in the next biennium; NASBE grant in student leadership; special meeting of the BPE; continued strategy development for the 2007 Legislative session; and the fielding of an increasing number of calls from the public regarding current issues before the Board.

Most of the other issues with which I have dealt have been brought to your attention through direct communication, *week in review* report or correspondence copied to the Board. However I have highlighted the following:

- Continued work with LSD on fiscal responsibility processes for SB 152.
- Worked with Megan on continuous modifications to our website.
- Attended all meetings of the Ed Forum.
- Followed budget through the entire process for the 2009 biennium.
- Continued work on the state’s broadband system.
- Work in progress on developing performance evaluation documents for employees.

- Testified for SB 152 and full-time kindergarten.
- Continued discussions with Commissioner on office prospects for the future.
- Attended the hearing on HB 809.
- Worked with Jenny and Carol on leadership grant from NASBE.
- Attended state MASS meeting in Helena.
- Worked on license denial appeals.
- Testified on SB 123 in House Education.
- Appointed program chair for the National Association of Executives.
- Participated with BPE and staff in special meeting.
- Attended and observed most hearings involving funding and major amendments to educational governance.

We have received more comment from the field on two issues before the Board. Those include the future of the NRT and amendments to our distance learning rule. Hopefully these items will be resolved in the near future to enable districts to operationally plan for the coming school year.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
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State Boards of Education Association Issues
“Guiding Principles” for Changes to No Child Left Behind Act

Alexandria, VA – The National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) is issuing “guiding principles” for Congress to consider as it makes modifications to the No Child Left Behind Act during the reauthorization process. “Ultimately, these ‘guiding principles’ are about transitioning NCLB from a law of absolutes to one that recognizes that a one-size-fits-all approach is difficult, if not impossible, to put into practice. We all want to achieve the goals of NCLB, but states must be given the flexibility and opportunity to innovate to reach these goals in their own ways while still being held to firm benchmarks of progress,” said Brenda Welburn, NASBE Executive Director.

The core components of No Child Left Behind—standards, assessments, accountability, and teacher quality—are fundamental to the work and authority of state boards of education. The “guiding principles” are the result of the experiences of state boards of education, which have been working on the ground for several years now implementing NCLB, and thus know first-hand what has worked and what has been a challenge in putting the law into practice. “Congress simply cannot undertake improvements to the law without the expertise and the input of state boards of education. These recommendations represent the fundamental priorities identified by state board of education members for any federal education reforms,” said Brad Bryant, NASBE President and member of the Georgia State Board of Education.

Specifically, the principles recommend:

- Better alignment of state and federal accountability systems, and allowing the use of growth model measures in all states;
- Flexibility in state assessment requirements, particularly for special needs students such as students with disabilities and limited-English proficient students;
- Increasing state resources targeted to turning around low-performing schools;
- Greater transparency and full disclosure of federal negotiations and approvals of state applications.
- Completion of reauthorization in 2007.

The principles can be viewed at http://www.nasbe.org/NCLB_Principles.htm. NASBE’s Governmental Affairs Committee undertook a yearlong review of the No Child Left Behind Act, which resulted in the development of these guiding principles. The principles were unanimously approved by the NASBE membership at its national meeting. The recommendations are being distributed to Congress, the U.S. Department of Education, and other national education organizations.

NASBE, www.nasbe.org, represents America’s state and territorial boards of education. Our principal objectives are to strengthen state leadership in education policymaking; advocate equality of access to educational opportunity; promote excellence in the education of all students; and assure responsible lay governance of education.

Republican "A-Plus" Bill Would Allow States Out of Most NCLB Provisions

★ Other Congressional Bills Address ELL Students, National Standards, and Head Start Reauthorization

A bill that would allow states to opt out of most No Child Left Behind (NCLB) requirements has been introduced in Congress. The legislation, known as the "A-Plus Act," has the support of more than fifty House Republicans, including some party leaders and senior members on the Education Committee. A companion bill introduced in the Senate includes such prominent leaders as Senator John Comyn (R-TX), Senator Mel Martinez (R-FL), and GOP presidential candidate Sam Brownback (R-KS) among its supporters.

The measure would allow states to consolidate most NCLB program funds into a single pot and use the money for any educational purpose the state wishes. The bill would eliminate nearly all federal education requirements imposed upon states, except for continuing to disaggregate student performance, publicly disseminate the information, describe efforts to close the achievement gap, and adhere to federal civil rights laws.

"No Child Left Behind has created more testing, more paperwork, and has cost schools more money to comply with federal mandates. We will soon have federal government schools should we continue to follow the current trajectory of adding more tests in more subjects such as science, geography, history, economics, government, civics and physical education with new federal mandates and penalties," said Rep. Peter Hoekstra (R-MI), one of the bill's sponsors. "No Child Left Behind has created a one-size-fits-all approach to education when students and schools are very unique with very different needs that require very different approaches. The A-PLUS Act will restore accountability to parents and schools as states advance individually tailored academic policies."

Aside from starkly repudiating the No Child Left Behind Act, the bill is notable for the way in which it addresses governance. Under A-Plus, a state can only opt out of NCLB requirements if two of three state entities give their assent: the governor, state legislature, and/or the "highest elected education officials of the state, if any."

The bill's introduction has roiled the developing reauthorization process. Its endorsement by Republican Whip Roy Blunt (R-MO) and several other Republicans who voted for the original version of the No Child Left Behind Act signals that a significant bloc of Republicans are unwilling to support the President's signature domestic policy achievement out of party loyalty, as they did in 2001. Combined with a substantial number of freshmen Democrats who campaigned on making significant changes to the No Child Left Behind Act, a cursory count suggests that up to a quarter of House members are currently opposed to the No Child Left Behind Act in its present form. Congressional leaders and the White House will have their hands full in crafting a reauthorization bill that preserves NCLB's core elements while making enough substantive revisions to satisfy the concerns of recalcitrant lawmakers.

English Language Learner Waiver Legislation Introduced

In other legislative news, Virginia Senators John Warner (R) and James Webb (D) have introduced a bill to give states a one-year exemption from NCLB's testing requirements for English language learners (ELL). Under NCLB, states and districts

must measure the reading proficiency of ELL students—reading in English—by giving them the same grade-level tests as those given to native English speaking students. ELL students in the country less than a year do not have to take the English reading exams.

The Warner-Webb bill would give states that have a U.S. Department of Education approved testing system already in place a one-year exemption from federal sanctions (though not from testing the students) if a governor certifies that administering a new or alternative English reading test for ELL students, without the benefit of being able to prepare for it, is not in the best interest of the school system.

Virginia has emerged as a battleground over federal ELL testing requirements, though seventeen states have been identified by federal officials as having similar problems. Virginia had requested permission from the U.S. Department of Education to use in 2006-07 the ELL tests it had used in years past while the state developed a new ELL test for the next school year. That request was denied, and several districts in the state threatened to not administer the exams, which would make them noncompliant with the No Child Left Behind Act and at risk of losing millions in federal funds.

Dodd Unveils National Standards Bill

Senior Senate Education Committee member Chris Dodd (D-CT) unveiled one of the first NCLB-related bills this congressional term, a measure associated with the growing interest in national

education standards. Dodd's bill would direct the National Assessment Governing Board, which oversees the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), to develop rigorous content standards for all grades in math and science and would provide up to \$4 million to help subsidize state education data systems as a financial incentive for states to adopt these national standards as their own.

Head Start Moves Forward

The House Education Committee overwhelmingly passed a bipartisan bill to reauthorize the Head Start program. The committee vote was 42-1 to bolster the expertise of providers by increasing funds for teacher salaries and professional development, enhance coordination among Head Start and state and local child care programs, and suspend the controversial Head Start tests under the National Reporting System.

Previously, the Senate Education Committee unanimously approved a Head Start bill that tracks many of the House reforms. The Senate bill would require that all Head Start teachers have an associate's degree by September 2012 and that in 2013 at least 50 percent of center-based teachers in each state would have a college degree in early childhood education or a related field. The bill also seeks to better coordinate federal, state, and local early childhood programs. As with its House counterpart, the Senate bill would suspend the National Reporting System assessments. Floor action in both chambers is expected soon, but is not yet scheduled.

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Bush Administration Releases *Blueprint* for NCLB Reauthorization

The Bush administration has released its recommendations for reauthorizing the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB). Entitled *Building on Results: A Blueprint for Strengthening the No Child Left Behind Act*, the proposal touts the early successes of NCLB: increases in NAEP scores, the narrowing of achievement gaps between white and minority students, and having more than ninety percent of teachers rated as “highly qualified.” In addition to claiming that NCLB has “evolved from an idea to a law to a way of life,” the administration’s outline suggests that NCLB has prompted a nationwide conversation about achievement standards, assessments, and sanctions, a conversation that is now manifesting itself in the reauthorization debate.

The *Blueprint* emphasizes the core principles of NCLB that must be maintained in any new version of the law. The four fundamental elements are:

- ★ 100 percent of students proficient in reading and math by the end of the 2013-14 school year;
- ★ Annual assessments and the disaggregation of student achievement data;
- ★ Highly qualified teachers in every classroom for every core academic subject;
- ★ District and state performance information to parents and the public, and “options” for all parents.

The *Blueprint* offers states the opportunity to use growth models in the federal accountability system, a major issue for state board of education members. According to the proposal, the

administration envisions allowing states to incorporate growth models into their overall accountability systems so long as the model is based on grade-level proficiency (not student background or school characteristics) and ensures that all students are proficient by 2014 in both reading and math. Thus, the proposal implicitly recognizes that all children start school at various levels of preparedness, that they learn at different speeds, that schools should receive credit for imparting a year’s worth of education regardless of a child’s grade-level ability, but that all students will still have to ultimately arrive at the same proficiency standard at the same time.

In a nod to criticisms of the uneven gap between student performance on state exams and the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), the administration’s new NCLB would require states to report the proficiency rates for state and NAEP assessments on the same report card distributed to parents and the public.

The *Blueprint* suggests that states should be allowed to reorder their corrective action priorities for low-performing schools, including the ability to focus the public school choice and supplemental service options to those students that have not met proficiency (although schools in the third year of sanctions—restructuring—would have to offer these options to all students).

The administration also wants to increase the ability of states and districts to transfer funds among the various NCLB programs to best meet local needs. Currently, states and districts that are making adequate yearly progress can transfer 50 percent of received funds among a limited number

of federal programs (most notably Title I). Under the Department's proposal, the percentage of funds would be increased to 100 percent and the Perkins career-technical education funding would be added to the available pool of money.

The *Blueprint* also advocates extending the deadline for rural schools with teachers who are teaching multiple subjects to meet the current highly qualified teacher requirements.

The administration's proposal addresses the challenges of getting students with disabilities and English language learners (ELL) to proficiency, but is vague on substantive details. For instance, the *Blueprint* notes that "states will have the option of assessing a small groups of students with disabilities based on alternate and modified achievement standards" but does not reference any specific figures like the one percent/two percent limits currently in regulations. Similarly, the *Blueprint* promises that under new reforms "more attention will be focused on English language acquisition as the foundation for academic achievement" and that "state accountability systems will include a provision to recognize schools making significant progress in moving LEP students toward English language proficiency," but offers no further specific policy recommendations.

With regard to high school reform, the White House's proposals are not as expansive or far-reaching as those it put forth in each of the past two years. Nevertheless, the *Blueprint* calls for more rigorous high school course work and an increase in Title I funding specifically targeted to high schools (above and beyond current Title I funding to preserve what is now received by elementary and middle schools). States would be required to establish course-level academic standards for two years of high school English and math for college readiness by 2010 and administer assessments based on these standards by 2013 (such results would not be included in the school accountability formula, but would be made publicly available).

Under the current NCLB, states are required to administer science assessments in three grades beginning in 2007-08. According to the

Department's reauthorization proposal, these disaggregated test scores would be incorporated into state accountability calculations with the goal of all students reaching proficiency in science by the 2019-20 school year.

The administration's outline of reforms is not without controversial elements. In an effort to expand school choice options and to facilitate shifting veteran teachers to low-performing schools, the *Blueprint* calls for any new version of NCLB to include federally funded private school vouchers for students in low-performing schools, to override any state law limits on the number of charter schools allowed to operate in a state, and to invalidate collective bargaining agreements between local districts and teacher unions. As expected, Democratic leaders were cool to these initiatives. Indeed, some political observers expressed surprise that the administration would even raise the issues of vouchers and collective bargaining agreements when trying to foster a bipartisan consensus on NCLB reauthorization with a Democratically controlled Congress—especially since these very same proposals were essentially non-starters when the Republican Congress in 2001 rejected any voucher provisions and approved language in the final law stipulating that NCLB did not trump collective bargaining rights.

The 20-page *Blueprint* follows the form and format of the administration's original No Child Left Behind Act, which was a 25-page outline of reform proposals and ambitious goals. In the first go-round, the White House deferred to the House and Senate Education Committees to draft specific legislative language in consultation with administration officials. However, in recent congressional testimony, Secretary Spellings said the Department was working on more specific legislative language fleshing out these broader policy recommendations that will be shared with Congress in the near future.

The *Blueprint* is available on the U.S. Department of Education's website at www.ed.gov/policy/elsec/leg/nclb/buildingonresults.pdf.

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