

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

July 13-14, 2006

West Coast Outlaw Hotel  
1701 Hwy 93 S.  
Kalispell, MT 59901  
Ambush/Dry Gulch Room

**July 13 - Thursday**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING – FLATHEAD COMMUNITY COLLEGE – KALISPELL, MT  
8:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.**

**BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION MEETING - THE BULLDOG CONVENTION CENTER –WEST  
COAST OUTLAW HOTEL– KALISPELL, MT**

**1:30 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Kirk Miller called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 13, 2006. The Pledge of Allegiance occurred at the Board of Education Meeting in the morning at Flathead Community College. Carol Will took roll call; a quorum was noted. Dr. Miller proceeded to note some changes to the agenda; Item 5 has already been presented at the Board of Education Meeting by Commissioner Sheila Stearns, Item 6 will be dropped from the agenda due to the student representative being absent, and Item 25 will be moved after Item 13 on Thursday to accommodate a change in Superintendent Steve Gettel's schedule.

**MOTION: Ms. Diane Fladmo moved to adopt the agenda as revised. Mr. Storrs Bishop seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

Those in attendance at the meeting included the following board members: Chairperson Dr. Kirk Miller, Vice Chairperson Diane Fladmo, Storrs Bishop, Cal Gilbert, Patty Myers, and Angela McLean. Staff present at the meeting included Steve Meloy, Executive Secretary of the Board of Public Education, Peter Donovan, Administrative Officer, Certification Standards and Practices Advisory Council, Steve Gettel, Superintendent of the Montana School for the Deaf and Blind, and Carol Will, Administrative Assistant, Board of Public Education. Ex-officio Board members present included Superintendent Linda McCulloch, Jan Lombardi, Governor's Education Policy Advisor. Visitors in attendance at the meeting included Kris Wilkinson, LFA; Cathy Warhank, OPI; Gary Warhank, OPI; Eric Feaver, MEA-MFT; Nancy Coopersmith, OPI's Assistant Superintendent; Dr. Linda Peterson, OPI; Nancy Hall, Governor's Financial Analyst; Bud Williams, OPI's Deputy Superintendent; Joe Lamson, OPI; Patricia M. Chlouber, Secretary's Regional Representative, U.S. Department of Education; Representative Elsie Arntzen – House District 53; Linda Simon, RN; and Mark Halgren, Principal of Belgrade School District.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment at this time.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Ms. Patty Myers noted that her name was misspelled in the draft copy of June 7, 2006 Conference Call meeting minutes. She also noted that the Alternative Standard "Class Size" was not addressed in the draft copy of Item 22 in May 11-12, 2006 meeting minutes.

**MOTION: Ms. Patty Myers moved to adopt the consent agenda as revised. Ms. Diane Fladmo seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

*Items are listed in the order they were discussed at the meeting.*

**Item 1 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT - Dr. Kirk Miller**

- Responded to requests from Kris Wilkinson, Nancy Hall, and Jan Lombardi.
- Letters to Jack Jessop, Regent Mike Foster, Regent appointees, and the University of Montana concerning the DinoMap: Spatial Analysis of Fossil Finds in the Northern Plains Program.
- Attended NASBE Government Affairs Committee in Alexandria, Virginia; planning session put on by representatives of Infinite Campus Student Information Systems; MTSBA's Leadership Symposium for Board Chairs, Superintendents and new Trustees; BOE Finance Committee Meeting; and brief portions of the Montana Board of Regents Meeting in Havre.
- Action was taken to adopt a resolution regarding the impact of CI-97 – Conference Call.
- Conversations with Katie Bark, MSU-Bozeman Dietary Expert and Steve Meloy, Executive Secretary.
- Notice from Superintendent McCulloch's office that Montana's highly qualified teacher methods have been approved by the USED. The USED approved the use of multiple measures to demonstrate new elementary teachers meet the federal definition.

**BOARD MEMBER APPEARANCES**

**Diane Fladmo**

- Attended Science Forum at the University of Montana (Improving Science Achievement in Montana)

**Storrs Bishop**

- OBPP Unified Budget Meeting (Conference Call)
- BPE/OPI Accreditation Committee (Conference Call)

**Patty Myers**

- MSDB Graduation
- NASBE Study Group on Early Childhood

**Item 2 EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT- Steve Meloy**

- Attended Ed Forum, State's Resource Officers on broadband, CSPAC meeting, Legislative Interim Committee on Education, OBPP unified budget meeting, P-20 Counsellorship Initiative meeting, and Budget Director's meeting with MSDB.
- Met with Chief Justice Gray, Commissioner of Higher Education, and Representative Arntzen.
- Continued to work on performance based pay system, BPE strategic planning session, job profiles and competencies, BPE audit, OPI License denial appeal, '09 budget, Board involvement with educator conference in the fall of 2006, and LSD on fiscal responsibility processes for SB 152 and other issues including legislative interest in financial education.

**Item 3 CSPAC REPORT – Peter Donovan**

- Announced Peter Donovan as Vice President of NASDTEC.
- Presented press release for new study to examine Impact of Interstate Teacher-Mobility Policies on Teacher Supply and Demand
- Ten Tidbits from the June 2-7, 2006 NASDTEC Conference in Minneapolis, MN
- Presentation of the application for appointment to the Montana Certification Standards and Practices Advisory Council – Applicant: Mary Susan E. Fishbaugh, Ed.D

**MOTION: Ms. Patty Myers moved to appoint Mary Susan E. Fishbaugh, Ed.D to the vacant Higher Education Position on the Certification Standards and Practices Advisory Council (CSPAC). Ms. Diane Fladmo seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Item 4 STATE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Superintendent Linda McCulloch**

- “Paint the State” Public Art Contest Sponsored by Montana Meth Project
- Distributed Montana Meth wrist bands – “NOT EVEN ONCE”
- RFP Issued for English Language Proficiency Test
- Career, Technical and Adult Education Staff Changes
- Indian Education Professional Development
- Indian Education for All Curriculum Materials
- Indian Education for All Ongoing Initiatives July 2005 – July 2006
- Montana Mentor Institute 2006
- Presented 2005 Youth Risk Behavior Survey – Montana vs. National Comparisons and State Ranges
- Superintendent McCulloch concerned about the amount of travel due to expenditures.
- Superintendent McCulloch suggested that the Board look at the Eastern side of the state to meet in schools.
- Executive Secretary, Steve Meloy addressed that this particular meeting was scheduled to be in Helena. It was changed to Kalispell, MT in order to meet with the Board of Regents and the Governor to hold the Board of Education meeting.

**Item 5 COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION REPORT - Commissioner Sheila Stearns**

**\*Presented at the Board of Education meeting July 13, 2006**

- The Presentation to the Board of Regents on Affordability, by Regent Mark Semmens, was distributed to Board of Education members. This report covered: the expenditures per student in 4-year public institutions; economic growth indicators; state and local government support for higher education per capita; state and local government support for higher education per \$1000 of personal income; share of Educational Unit Funding Provided Through State Appropriations; Analysis of Campus expenditures, state funding and tuition; and an excerpt on affordability from the Board of Regents Strategic Plan.
- Included in this report to the Board of Education members was a performance audit on the transfer of credits, student mobility, 2-year transition, and persistence and attainment.
- A chronological overview of Board of Education P-20 committee activities was presented. Commissioner Stearns referred to it as the new resolution, “Kindergarten to College”, instead of P-20.
- Writing Proficiency Report: 2006
- WICHE Region 2006

**Item 6 STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT - Jenny Tiskus**

**\*Presentation not provided due to Jenny Tiskus’s absence**

**Item 7 ASSESSMENT UPDATE - Joe Lamson**

- Assessment Update: 2006 Preliminary Statewide Aggregated Data Grades 4 and 8, Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS)  
Grade 11, Iowa Test of Education Development (ITED)
- Joe Lamson commented that the state is doing a much better job with math instruction
- Joe Lamson recommended that the State of Montana continues to use a Norm Reference Test to gauge ourselves nationally.
- Dr. Kirk Miller questioned how closely Montana state standards align to the assessments and if the data was similar to a Criterion Referenced Test?
- Eric Feaver commented on the huge angst in our classrooms about too much testing.

**Item 8 NCLB UPDATE - Nancy Coopersmith**

- This presentation included information on Superintendent McCulloch's request to the U.S. Department of Education of amendments to the Montana Accountability Workbook, the federal requirement for Highly Qualified Teachers, and an update on the federal appropriations process.
- A letter was presented that was written by Superintendent Linda McCulloch to Henry Johnson, the

Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education from the U.S. Department of Education, proposing amendments to the Montana Accountability Workbook along with rationales. Two amendment requests were attached: 1) Expansion of Montana's Valid and Reliable Statewide Rural Small Schools Process 2) Extension of our Exception to the 1% Limit (Alternate Achievement Test) and Extension of the 2% Interim Flexibility

- Henry L. Johnson responded in a letter to Superintendent McCulloch that states: "Because the composite test requirement may not be fully implemented before the FY 2006 ESEA grants are awarded on July 1, 2006, the Department will place a condition on Montana's ESEA Title I, Part A and Title II, Part A grants. The conditions will remain in force until such time as the Montana OPI has fully implemented the composite score approach as described in its June 2, 2006, correspondence. If the State fully complies with this requirement, we do not anticipate imposing any additional sanctions or penalties on the Montana OPI regarding this issue."
- Letter to Dr. Robert M. Stonehill, Deputy Director of the Academic Improvement and Teacher Quality Programs from the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education of the U.S. Department of Education was also included.
- A Rigorous, Interim Montana Assessment (Test) for Content Knowledge: Elementary Education – New-to-the-Profession document was provided.

#### **Item 9 UPDATE FROM U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – SSR Patricia Chlouber**

- On February 8, 2006, President Bush signed into law two new student grant programs – the Academic Competitiveness (AC) Grants and National Science and Mathematics Access to Retain Talent (SMART) Grants, which were created by the Higher Education Reconciliation Act of 2005.
- The grants will encourage students to take more challenging courses in high school – making success in college more likely, according to research – and to pursue college majors in high demand in the global economy, such as science, mathematics, technology, engineering and critical foreign languages. In addition to the Pell Grant amount, up to \$750 will be awarded to eligible first-year AC Grant students, and up to \$1,300 to second-year AC Grant students. Up to \$4,000 will be awarded to eligible National SMART Grant students for each year in addition to the Pell Grant funds.
- Patricia Chlouber presented a booklet titled: Answering the Challenge of a Changing World: Strengthening Education for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. This report was sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education.
- "Six Questions on the Path to 2014" was a handout provided by Patricia Chlouber.

#### **Item 10 MIEA RESOLUTIONS/2006 SPRING CONFERENCE – Joyce Silverthorne**

- A letter from Carol Juneau, Chairperson of MIEA was presented to the Board of Public Education with resolutions that were passed by MIEA's Membership at the May conference in Billings, MT.
- The following Resolutions were highlighted by Joyce Silverthorne at the BPE Meeting:
  - \*Resolution No.4: Do not use Closing the Achievement Gap funds for Indian Students and At Risk funds to supplant existing programs.
  - \*Resolution No. 5: Accountability for use of funds by schools for Indian Education for All, Closing the Achievement Gap, and At Risk Funding.
  - \*Resolution No. 9: MACIE is recognized as the formal group to advise OPI and BPE.
  - \*Resolution No. 12: Annual report on Indian Education by MBPE and BOR.
  - \*Resolution No. 16: Accreditation Standards Review for Inclusion of Indian Education for All.
  - \*Resolution no. 17: Tribal College History Projects collaboration with MACIE and OPI.

#### **3:45 Superintendent Linda McCulloch leaves the BPE Meeting**

#### **Item 11 HEALTH CARE DELIVERY TASK FORCE - Representative Elsie Arntzen - House District**

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- School safety and liability are the top driving forces of the School Health Partner's study. She referenced four policy ideas that are currently being researched by School Health Partners: 1) Delegation 2) Med administration 3) Epinephrine 4) Diabetic care.
- The group asks the question – How can Montana ensure that each child has equal access to an

education despite disabilities and that health needs are met legally and safely in a very rural state where funding is limited?

- Concerns:
  - \*Storage Security – How, when, and where are these medication stored?
  - \*Delegation – How much is enough? Is training delegation?
  - \*Administrating – Who? Privacy . . .
- Linda Simon, RN, provided example after example where students' safety was compromised due to the lack of adequate health care.
- Executive Secretary Steve Meloy suggested that the BPE needs to continue in this conversation with the School Health Partners.

#### **Item 12 STRATEGIC PLANNING UPDATE - Steve Meloy**

- Mr. Steve Meloy presented the top 5 Performance Objectives selected by the Board of Public Education during the strategic planning meeting July 12, 2006:
  1. Bold approach (legislation) to funding solution that addresses recruitment and retention of highly qualified educators – 30% solution – long range plan.
  2. Expand public outreach and marketing efforts for the Board and public education with more involvement of non-state and private sector dollars.
  3. Work with all education partners to apply data that will help school districts employ strategies to retain students. (K-20)
  4. Develop and implement **ONE\*** Montana Educational Strategic plan that is results driven based on data and research. (Monitored based on continued improvement)  
\*Joint direction
  5. Promote efficiency and effectiveness through Kindergarten to College alignment. Structure such as regional services, financing, professional development, administrative, shared staffing etc. How can we be more efficient?
    - AP
    - Dual enrollment
    - Transferability
    - E-learning
    - Transportation
    - Others
- Ms. Angela McLean suggested that each of the Board members assist with the homework assignments that were presented by Governor Schweitzer and the performance objectives that were written at the BPE strategic planning session. Executive Secretary Steve Meloy would oversee this project.

#### **Item 13 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS - Dr. Kirk Miller**

- Montana Board of Education Committee Descriptions and present members were provided.
- Dr. Kirk Miller raised the question: Are the committees in alignment with the work that needs to be done?
- Ms. Diane Fladmo suggested that we give these committees more thought due to the change of P-20 to Kindergarten to College at the Board of Education meeting that took place in the morning. The committee members and the committee chairs must determine what they want to accomplish.
- Continued discussion about the necessity of each committee and the potential changes by the BPE members.
- Dr. Kirk Miller requested each board member provide him with input about the committees. Do you want to continue working on the same committee? Do you want to work on a new one? What changes need to occur within the present committee structure?
- Dr. Kirk Miller also requested that the board member who would like to serve as the Board of Public Education Representative to the K-College group notify him soon. The K-College group will have 1 or 2 meetings prior to January 2007.

**Item 25 MSDB COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT- Steve Gettel**

- MSDB Annual Report
- Human Resources
  - Personnel actions
  - Update on negotiations with MEA-MFT
  - Update on core competencies project
- School Improvement
  - Update on activities
- Professional Development
  - Orientation plans for 2006-2007
- 2007 Legislative Session
  - Update on proposals
- MSDB Foundation
  - Revision of committee structure and goals
- Conferences, Meeting and Contacts
- Finance and Facilities
  - Update on year end FY06
  - Update on maintenance projects
- School Calendar of Events
- Student News
  - Summer Programs

❖ *Action item will take place on Friday, July 14, 2006 under action items. Steve Meloy will present.*

**6:00 p.m. Meeting Adjourned**

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**July 14 – Friday**  
**8:30 A.M.**

**Bud Williams – Sitting in for Superintendent McCulloch**  
**Diane Fladmo – Absent**  
**John Fuller - Present**

**Item 15 MONTANA TEAM NUTRITION PROGRAM – MONTANA ACTION FOR HEALTHY KIDS –**  
**Katie Bark – Nutritionist**

How does Montana rank with School Wellness?

- Children are overfed but undernourished.
- 2005 Youth Risk Behavior Survey Results:
  - 9% are overweight; 13% are at risk for becoming overweight
  - 83% ate fewer than 5 servings of fruits and vegetables/day
  - 25% had not participated in sufficient vigorous physical activity during the past 7 days
  - 72% had not participated in sufficient moderate physical activity during the past 7 days
- National School Nutrition Policies – Montana scores a “F” on Policies for Foods and Beverages outside the Cafeteria (2006 CSPI report)
- National Physical Education Standards – Montana mandates PE in elementary through high school years. Montana doesn’t meet the National recommendations for time requirements for elementary

schools (150 minutes/week) but does meet it for middle and high schools (225 minutes/week).

- Since 2003, Montana legislature has passed two resolutions to encourage schools provide more opportunities for healthy food options, physical activity and health enhancement.
- Montana schools are taking action to improve the nutrition and physical activity opportunities and create healthier school environments:
  1. 2005 MT School Nutrition & Physical Activity Survey Administrator Results (Attachment)
  2. 20% of Montana elementary schools are instituting a Recess Before Lunch policy (2005-06 OPI sponsor's data). Montana school data on this policy indicates children eat better and waste less food. Student behavior improves and the amount of afternoon teaching time increases for teachers.
- Ms. Katie Bark provided the Board with copies of *Making It Happen! School Nutrition Success Stories* and *Montana Nutrition and Physical Activity State Plan to Prevent Obesity and Other Chronic Diseases – 2006-2010*.
- Discussion about nutrition and eating/exercise habits and trends followed her presentation.

#### **Item 14 GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORT - Jan Lombardi**

Ms. Jan Lombardi presented the Board with a copy of the newspaper article that was published in the Missoulian on July 14, 2006. This article is in reference to the Board of Education Meeting that took place on Thursday, July 13, 2006 in Kalispell, MT. Some of the main points of the article include:

- In order to be competitive in a world economy and to grow the state's economy, Schweitzer said, "Montana must have a more seamless approach to its education system. That approach must also be responsive to needs in the ever-changing job market – particularly in the technology sector, where it doesn't matter where you live, but what you know."
- Kindergarten for All
- Promote accessibility to higher education by improving the transferability of student credits from one Montana campus to another; providing programs that produce qualified people who fit industry and business needs; and providing desirable and accessible programs for the population Schweitzer believes to be sorely misnamed – "nontraditional students."

#### **Item 16 INITIAL ACCREDITATION PROCEDURES - Gary Warhank/Dr. Linda Peterson**

This presentation provided the Board with information regarding the application procedure for schools seeking initial accreditation. This informational page that was included will be added to Appendix E (Accreditation Procedures/Applications/Forms) of the Montana School Accreditation Standards and Procedures Manual. The Procedures below represent the steps and general timeline for the accreditation process:

- Prospective applicant submits letter of intent to the OPI
- School personnel meets with the OPI
  - Accreditation Manual reviewed (School must meet all standards)
  - School must submit course schedule(s), administrative schedule(s) with folio numbers, and teacher schedule(s) with folio numbers
- First on-site visit with OPI team may include, but not limited to:
  - An OPI Accreditation Staff Member
  - A District Superintendent
  - A School Principal
  - A Special Education Representative
  - A Curriculum Coordinator
- Follow-up report to school personnel from OPI team
- First progress report to the BPE
  - Public Comment
- Second on-site visit with same OPI team
- Follow-up report to school personnel from OPI team
- Second progress report to the BPE

- Public Comment
- Third progress report to the BPE
  - Recommendation for Provisional Accreditation status from the OPI
    - \*Provisional Accreditation status has a three-year probationary period.
    - \*Any accreditation deviations resulting in Advice or Deficiency status during this period will result in the loss of Provisional Accreditation.
  - Public Comment
- BPE approval of Provisional Accreditation
- Annual OPI on-site follow-up visit each year for three years.
- After completion of three-year Provisional Accreditation, the OPI may recommend regular Accreditation status to the BPE.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **Item 17 2006 ACCREDITATION STATUS REPORT ADDENDUM - Gary Warhank & Dr. Linda Peterson**

This presentation provided to the Board of Public Education for consideration an addendum to the 2005-2006 accreditation determinations for all schools as recommended by state Superintendent Linda McCulloch. These changes are due to errors identified by the OPI after the accreditation determinations were acted on during the March 2006 BPE meeting. There were three documents included in this presentation: 1) 2005-2006 Accreditation Action Report Addendum 2) Advice Status Criteria 3) Deficiency with Assistance Status Criteria.

**MOTION: Mr. Storrs Bishop moved to accept the state Superintendent's recommendation of the 2006 Accreditation status report addendum. Ms. Patty Myers seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

### **Item 18 ALTERNATIVE STANDARD REQUESTS - Gary Warhank, Nancy Coopersmith & Dr. Linda Peterson**

A history of the alternative standards was reviewed with the Board by Mr. Gary Warhank. He provided the Board with the report for the Initial Alternative Standard and Five-Year Renewal Alternative Standard Requests that were recommended either for approval or for disapproval by state Superintendent Linda McCulloch. Another report was distributed titled: *Montana Small Schools Alliance (MSSA) Plan for Alternative Standard Collaboration*. This report indicated that two licensed librarians and counselors were hired. In-services are going to provide and will include the following topics:

- Library program area standards.
- The four Library media content and performance standards along with the four benchmarks
- School Counseling program area standards.
- Emphasis on academics, careers, and personal/social development.
- Participants will be given the MSSA guidance curriculum (career/vocational/technical education in the workplace).
- Discuss the health enhancement curriculum standard five (critical thinking), standard six (interpersonal relationships), and standard seven (demonstrating group goals).

#### **I. Initial Alternative Standard Applications**

##### **Recommended Approvals:**

1. Hammond School
2. Camas Prairie School - Pg. 3 correction – On line 6 and line 10 Hot Springs Public School should be replaced with Plains Public School
3. Melrose School
4. Golden Ridge School
5. Greenfield School and 7-8

**MOTION: Mr. Storrs Bishop moved to approve the Initial Alternative Standards as recommended by the state Superintendent Linda McCulloch. Ms. Angela McLean seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

**I. Initial Alternative Standard Applications**

**Recommended Disapprovals:**

1. Belgrade Public Schools

**Standard 10.55.709 – Library Media Services**

– Attachment A with corrections: Number of Certified Librarians 6.5 and Total Number of Multi-Media Personnel 6.5

The proposed alternative standard states:

- One full-time librarian will be employed at each of the five schools in the district.
- Four library assistants will be employed to assist with the day-to-day functions of the library such as maintaining circulation des, cleaning, preventive book repair, and office duties.
- Licensed librarians will be able to focus more on instructional duties and there will be more time for classroom collaboration opportunities.
- The district feels they can provide more effective student contact time with additional library assistants as opposed to meeting the minimum library FTE standard. (See attachment A provided with report)

Mr. Mark Halgren, Principal of Belgrade School District, said that they are spending more money now with the intent to increase time with children vs. shelving books. He wants more aide time to extend hours and have librarians interact with children and patrons. Treat the librarians as professionals. There was group discussion in response to Mr. Mark Halgren's appeal. However, the Board believes that the standards need to be upheld as written.

**MOTION: Mr. Storrs Bishop moved to accept the state Superintendent Linda McCulloch's recommendation to disapprove these schools for the alternative standard request. Ms. Patty Myers seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

2. Bozeman Elementary

**Standard: 10.55.709 – Library Media Services**

- It is stated in the report that OPI made the following observations and conclusions: a) **Each school would have the flexibility to determine how much/little certified library FTE they employ.** There is no guarantee that the minimum standard for library FTE would be met using certified staff. b) There is not enough evidence that the proposed alternative would increase direct services to students. The FTE that each school would be required to have on staff (classified and/or certified) is not specified in the application.

**MOTION: Mr. Storrs Bishop moved to accept the state Superintendent Linda McCulloch's recommendation to disapprove Bozeman Elementary for the alternative standard request. Ms. Patty Myers seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

Bozeman Elementary\_Continued. . .

**Standard: 10.55.712 – Class Size: Elementary**

-It is stated in the report that OPI made the following observations and conclusions: a) The class size rule seeks to promote and insure a quality,

effective level of teacher – student interaction and effective, efficient classroom management. b) Allowing for higher class sizes at this grade level lessens the likelihood that such a classroom environment would exist.

**MOTION: Mr. Storrs Bishop moved to accept the state Superintendent Linda McCulloch's recommendation to disapprove Bozeman Elementary for the alternative standard request. Ms. Angela McLean seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

3. Libby High School –  
**Standard: 10.55.709 – Library Media Services**
  - The proposed alternative standard states that the school intends to employ 1.0 FTE educational assistant with 20 years of experience in the library. The school believes this will strengthen their library services for the next three years when the high school enrollment is anticipated to drop below 500 students.
  - The question was raised that if their student population drops below 500 students prior to school starting, will they be in compliance with the standard? The response was yes.

**MOTION: Mr. Storrs Bishop moved to accept the state Superintendent Linda McCulloch's recommendation to disapprove Libby High School for the alternative standard request. Ms. Patty Myers seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

4. Ashland School and 7-8 – The school wants to resubmit another application at a later date. Pull this application for both requests at this time.

## II. Five-year Renewal Alternative Standard Applications

### Recommended Approvals:

1. Judith Basin County - Geyser High School/Surprise Creek Colony  
**Standard: 10.55.907 – Distance, Online, and Technology Delivered**

### Learning

- This same request was tabled during the September 2005 meeting. It is the same application with some minor changes.
- North Dakota standards do align with the Montana standards
- Indian Ed for All is addressed in Communication Arts & History
- Library Science services will be provided
- Mr. Gary Warhank believes this program is good for kids
- Superintendent Linda McCulloch recommends approval
- Some money does go to North Dakota, but some money does stay within the state of Montana.

**MOTION: Ms. Patty Myers moved to table this renewal. Mr. Cal Gilbert seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

- The Board expresses concerns about the current standard.
- Mr. Storrs Bishop recommends that the Board take a very aggressive approach with reviewing the Distance, Online, and Technology Delivered Learning Standard.

The schools listed below meets or exceed the current standard 10.55.709 for a five-year renewal.

2. Lincoln County – McCormick School, Sylvanite School, and Yaak School
3. Toole County – Galata School
4. Yellowstone County – Morin School

**MOTION: Mr. Storrs Bishop moved to approve the state Superintendent's approval of these alternative standard requests. Ms. Patty Myers seconded. Motion Passed unanimously.**

## **II. Five-year Renewal Alternative Standard Applications**

### **Recommended Disapprovals:**

1. Liberty County – Liberty Elementary and Whitlash Elementary
2. Missoula County – Clinton Elementary, Swan Valley Elementary, Seeley Lake Elementary and Frenchtown K-12
3. Ravalli County – Florence-Carlton K-12
4. Mineral County – Superior K-12
5. Granite County – Drummond Elementary and Drummond High School
6. Stillwater County – Fishtail Elementary and Nye Elementary
7. Yellowstone County – Morin Elementary

**MOTION: Mr. Storrs Bishop moved to approve the state Superintendent's disapproval of alternative standard renewal. Ms. Angela McLean seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

### **Item 19 NOTICE OF HEARING 10.65.101 PUPIL INSTRUCTION RELATED DAYS - Gary Warhank**

Mr. Gary Warhank presented to the Board the proposed changes to ARM 10.65.101 to align with state law. The words to be struck from the context of 10.65.101 POLICY GOVERNING PUPIL INSTRUCTION-RELATED DAYS APPROVED FOR BASE FUNDING PROGRAM CALCULATIONS (1) A school which in any fiscal year was in session for at least 180 pupil instruction days and provided the minimum aggregate hours required (20-1-301, MCA) may count for the year's foundation program a maximum of seven PIR days in addition to the required 180 pupil instruction days and the minimum aggregate hours may be counted provided that such additional days did not include any time counted for pupil instruction as provided in 20-1-302.

**MOTION: Mr. Storrs Bishop moved to approve the state Superintendent's recommendation to change ARM 10.65.101. Ms. Patty Myers seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

### **Item 20 NOTICE OF HEARING 10.54.5010-10.54.5098 SCIENCE CONTENT AND PERFORMANCE DESCRIPTORS – Dr. Linda Peterson**

Dr. Linda Peterson requested the Board to take the following actions: 1) approve the preparation of the notice of hearing document and time line of the draft K-12 Science Content Standards and Performance Descriptors; and 2) approve the modifications to the Board of Public Education Standards Revision Statement of Purpose.

1. The presentation highlighted the additions and changes made to the draft standards and statement of purpose. The public's comments were incorporated into the draft document as appropriate by the writing team. Replace the document *Montana Board of Public Education Standards Revision 2005-2010 Statement of Purpose* with the document *Montana Board of Public Education Standards Revision 2006 Statement of Purpose*. The correction is on line 8 where the word comments was replaced with the word recommendations.
  - Mr. Eric Feaver commented that CSPAC and other professional educator programs are not listed in this statement.
  - Ms. Nancy Coopersmith suggested that another line should be added that reads, "Involve Montana educators and the public."
  - It was decided to return the document titled *Montana Board of Public Education Standards Revision 2006 Statement of Purpose* back to OPI for continued revision. No action was taken on this portion of the item. This action will come before the Board at the September meeting.

2. The draft Montana K-12 Science Standards are posted on the OPI Web site, have been distributed to the field using the OPI official e-mail, and have been disseminated directly to Montana educators – K-12 and postsecondary educators and professional education associations. The OPI continues to accept comments from the public.
  - Suggested revisions – P.1 Box – Leave off the last sentence that reads, “In Montana, the American Indian knowledge and worldviews of science make up a significant part of tribal communities, cultures and societies.” This suggestion was brought up due to the concern of not addressing other cultural views of science.
  - Discussion continued about what science is and how the language needs to be written on the science standards.

**MOTION: Mr. Storrs Bishop moved to request OPI to prepare a notice of hearing document and time line for the Montana Science Content Standards and Performance Descriptors. Ms. Angela McLean seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Item 21 MACIE APPOINTMENT - Cal Gilbert**

Mr. Cal Gilbert presented a letter from Denise Juneau, Indian Education Division Director, nominating Russell Boham to represent the Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Montana on the Montana Advisory Council on Indian Education (MACIE).

**MOTION: Mr. Cal Gilbert moved to accept the nomination of Russell Boham to the Montana Advisory Council on Indian Education. Ms. Patty Myers seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Item 22 ROCKY MOUNTAIN COLLEGE STATE REPORT ON ACCREDITATION REVIEW - Dr. Linda Peterson and Dr. Barbara Vail**

- Dr. Linda Peterson and Dr. Barbara Vail are requesting final action for the approval of the Revised Exit Report and Accreditation Recommendation of the Rocky Mountain College Professional Education Unit. The Revised Exit Report is included.
- The Office of Public Instruction conducted a State Review of the Professional Education Unit at Rocky Mountain College in Billings, December 4-7, 2005. Dr. Cheri Jimeno, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Montana State University – Northern, served as chairperson for the onsite review. At the March 2006 meeting of the Board of Public Education, the exit report was provided for review.
- At the May 2006 meeting of the BPE, Dr. Barbara Vail, Education Department Chair at Rocky Mountain College, reported to the BPE that Rocky Mountain College has eliminated the teaching minor in music education. With the elimination of the music education program, it is the consensus of the team that all sub-standards are met and all program standards are met. The programs within the Rocky Mountain College Professional Education Unit are recommended for approval.

**MOTION: Ms. Patty Myers moved to approve the Revised Exit Report and Accreditation Recommendations of the Rocky Mountain College Professional Education Unit. Ms. Angela McLean seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Item 23 NOTICE OF HEARING CHAPTER 58 PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES - Dr. Linda Peterson**

- The Office of Public Instruction requests approval from the Board of Public Education to prepare the document and time line for notice of hearing for the draft Professional Educator Preparation Program Standards. The presentation highlighted the major additions or changes to the draft standards since the May meeting.
- Discussion of the transferability of credit.

**MOTION: Ms. Patty Myers moved that OPI prepares the document and time line for notice of hearing for the draft Professional Educator Preparation Program Standards. Ms. Angela McLean seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Item 24 LICENSURE ISSUES - Cathy Warhank (Informational Item)**

- Ms. Cathy Warhank presented to the BPE a need to review the procedures for the actions that the Board takes upon recommendation of adverse action by the Superintendent.
- Ms. Cathy Warhank advised that the Superintendent may bring forth one or more licensure issues with recommendation(s) for suspension or revocation, as required by 20-4-111 MCA.
- The Administrative Rule 10.57.601A was presented to the Board
- Ms. Cathy Warhank wanted to present this information to the BPE as an information item to review how to proceed in the event that they may need to take action on licensure issues.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Item 24 LICENSURE ISSUES - Cathy Warhank (Action Item)**

**MOTION: Mr. John Fuller moved in the case of 2006-01, BPE serves notice that subject's license is revoked within the statutorily prescribed timeline if subject does NOT request a hearing. Mr. Storrs Bishop seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

**MOTION: Ms. Angela McLean moved in the case of 2006-02, BPE serves notice that subject's license is revoked within the statutorily prescribed timeline if subject does NOT request a hearing. Mr. John Fuller seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

**OPEN MEETING**

**Item 25 MSDB COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT – (Re-opened item for Action)**

**MOTION: Ms. Patty Myers moved that the BPE approve the MSDB application for IDEA discretionary grant funds. Ms. Angela McLean seconded. Motion passed 5-0. Mr. John Fuller was absent for the motion.**

**PRELIMINARY AGENDA ITEMS – September 14-15, 2006**

- Set Annual Agenda Calendar
- Election of Board Officers
- Committee Appointments
- GED Report
- Superintendent Goals
- BPE Goal Review – Strategic Plan – Homework Assignments
- Assessment Update
- NCLB Update Report
- MACIE Update Report
- Indian Education for All Report
- Rule Standard 10.55.907
- Statement of Purpose – Revision
- Public Hearing – Science Standards
- Notice of PEPPS Standards
- Action on possible Licensure Issues
- PIR Days – Rule
- Distance Learning – Information Item in September – Possible Action in November

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

Meeting adjourned 2:28 p.m.

APPROVED