

BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES

January 18, 2007

**Helena College of Technology
1115 N. Roberts
Helena, MT**

Room 207

January 18 - Thursday
10:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairperson Patty Myers called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. on Thursday, January 18, 2007. The Pledge of allegiance was lead by Patty Myers. Carol Will took roll call; a quorum was noted. A message was received from Superintendent Linda McCulloch that she would not be able to attend the meeting.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Those in attendance at the meeting included the following board members: Vice-Chairperson Patty Myers, Dr. Kirk Miller, Storrs Bishop, Cal Gilbert, John Fuller, Angela McLean and Student Representative Jenny Tiskus. 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; and Carol Will, Administrative Assistant, Board of Public Education. Visitors in attendance at the meeting included Bud Williams, OPI Deputy Superintendent; Nancy Coopersmith, OPI Assistant Superintendent; Linda Vrooman Peterson, OPI Accreditation Division Administrator; Dr. Jim Longin, Dean, MSU Northern; Darrell Rud, School Administrators of Montana; and Jan Clinard, OCHE.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this time.

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

ACTION ITEMS

Item 1 ELECTION OF OFFICERS - Steve Meloy

The chairmanship was turned over to Mr. Steve Meloy to open the item for election of officers. Mr. Steve Meloy opened the floor to nominations for chair.

MOTION: Dr. Kirk Miller moved to nominate Patty Myers for the Board of Public Education Chair. Mr. Storrs seconded. Mr. Meloy asked for any other nominations. There were none. Motion passed 5 to 1. Dissension was Mr. John Fuller.

Mr. Steve Meloy congratulated Ms. Patty Myers as new Chair of the Board and turned the chairmanship

to her. Ms. Patty Myers opened the floor to nominations for vice-chair.

MOTION: Dr. Kirk Miller moved to nominate Angela McLean for the Board of Public Education Vice-Chair. Mr. Cal Gilbert seconded. Ms. Myers asked for any further nominations. There were none.

Before the final vote was taken, comments were made by Mr. John Fuller, Mr. Storrs Bishop, and Dr. Kirk Miller in regard to the delicate role of the leadership positions and the relationships between the executive branch and the Board's partners. The Board commended the quality of the nominees to be able to move forward and work with all partners to meet the needs of Montana's children.

Motion passed 5 to 1. Dissension was Mr. John Fuller.

Item 2 FINAL ACTION – 10.58.102 – 802 PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM STANDARDS - Dr. Linda Vrooman Peterson

Dr. Linda Vrooman Peterson distributed the same notice of adoption document to the Board that was issued at the BPE January 11-12, 2007 meeting with corrections that has been posted on the web. It is the recommendation of OPI to take action on the proposed adoption. There was further discussion by
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Clinard, representing the English/Language Arts PEPPS Team; Darrel Rud, School Administrators of Montana; and Dean Jim Longin, MSU-Northern.

MOTION: Ms. Angela McLean moved to adopt the amendment of ARM 10.58.102 through 10.58.104, 10.58.210, 10.58.304 through 10.58.309, 10.58.501 through 10.58.503, 10.58.505, 10.58.507 through 10.58.528, 10.58.601 through 10.58.603, 10.58.707, 10.58.801, 10.58.802, and the repeal of 10.58.201 through 10.58.204, 10.58.208, 10.58.409, 10.58.410, 10.58.701, and 10.58.704, rules relating to educator preparation programs. Dr. Kirk Miller seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 3 ADOPTION OF NOTICE OF HEARING – 10.55.602 DEFINITIONS; 10.55.701 BOARD OF TRUSTEES; 10.55.907 DISTANCE, ONLINE, AND TECHNOLOGY DELIVERED LEARNING - Dr. Linda

Vrooman Peterson

Dr. Linda Vrooman Peterson presented the *Proceedings of the Montana Distance Learning Task Force: Phase I* as established by the Montana Board of Public Education on September 14, 2006. This document will be available to be viewed on the web in a PDF file with links. Dr. Peterson presented the deliberations and the minority vote extensively. Discussion pursued.

MOTION: Dr. Kirk Miller moved to adopt the notice of public hearing for the proposed amendment of ARM 10.55.602, 10.55.701, and 10.55.907 relating to accreditation standards. Mr. Storrs Bishop seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 4 ADOPTION OF NOTICE OF HEARING – 10.55.705 ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL: ASSIGNMENT OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS/PRINCIPALS - Dr. Linda Vrooman Peterson

Dr. Linda Vrooman Peterson stated that there have been no changes to the document that was presented
to the Board on January 11-12, 2007. It has just been placed in a notice of hearing document. Some discussion pursued.

MOTION: Mr. Storrs Bishop moved to adopt the notice of public hearing for the proposed Amendment of ARM 10.55.705 relating to accreditation standards. Ms. Angela McLean seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

A timeline was presented for the proposed accreditation rules 10.55.602, 10.55.701, 10.55.705, and 10.55.907 dated January 17, 2007.

- January 18, 2007 – Action by BPE to approve publication of notice
- January 29, 2007 – Proposed notice to SOS for notice in MAR
- February 8, 2007 – MAR publication out
- March 5, 2007 – Hearing date
- March 8, 2007 – Final Public Input deadline
- March 9, 2007 – Action by BPE to adopt amendments
- March 12, 2007 – Final rule changes to SOS for notice in MAR
- March 22, 2007 – MAR publication out
- March 23, 2007 – Effective Date of Rules

Mr. Steve Meloy stressed that the hearing date and the action of the Board as noted on this timeline may cause some discomfort with the Board's constituents.

MOTION: Mr. Storrs moved to adopt the proposed timeline. Ms. Angela McLean seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE NOTE BY THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, STEVE MELOY

Mr. Steve Meloy presented a "Bills to Follow" list. Included in this list was House Bill 152 which is the Superintendent's education bill. Mr. John Fuller was asked by the Board to testify in support of House Bill 152 on January 19, 2007 at 3:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

Approved