

BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES

September 13-14, 2012

**Wolf Point High School
Wolf Point, MT**

September 13th, 2012
8:30 AM

CALL TO ORDER

MACIE PRESENTATION

Board members were presented with a Native American Poetry book titled Birthright: Born to Poetry – A Collection of Montana Indian Poetry. Ms. Jennifer Stadum presented a slideshow of the new Ft. Peck Place Names project.

MACIE REPORT – Norma Bixby

Ms. Bixby gave a report to the Board on the most recent MACIE meeting and reviewed a list of items ***being considered by*** MACIE. She presented the Board with a list of issues about which the council would like more information.

Board meeting resumed at 10:31 after a short break

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was made.

CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Myers requested that the financials be put aside for discussion.

Consent agenda approved.

ADOPT AGENDA

Item 8 deleted. Appellant requested hearing date change.

Mr. Bernie Olson moved to adopt the agenda. Ms. Lila Taylor seconded.

No discussion. Motion approved unanimously.

Board members in attendance: Ms. Patty Myers – Chair, Ms. Sharon Carroll - Vice-Chair, Ms. Lila Taylor, Mr. Doug Cordier, Mr. Bernie Olson, Ms. Charity Ratliff, Student Representative. Board Staff present were Mr. Peter Donovan, Executive Director; Ms. Kris Stockton, Administrative Assistant. Ex-Officio members present included Superintendent of Public Instruction, Ms. Denise Juneau. Guests present included: GEAR UP Coordinator, Ms. Jan Lombardi representing the Commissioner of Higher Education, Ms. Maggie Ratliff; Ms. Nancy Coopersmith, OPI; Ms. Ann Gilkey, OPI; Dr. Linda Peterson, OPI; Mr. Eric Feaver, MEA-MFT; Mr. Marco Ferro, MEA-MFT; Ms. Norma Bixby, MACIE; Mr. Neil Taylor, MACIE; Mr. James Rickly, Poplar School District; Mr. John Bercier, MACIE; Ms. Julie Saylor, OPI; Ms. Jennifer Stadum, OPI; Ms. Lynn Hinch, OPI; Ms. Sandra Boham, MACIE; Ms. Dawn Bishop Moore, MACIE; Mr. Mark Irwin, Box Elder; Mr. Zack Hawkins, GEAR UP.

INFORMATION – (Items are listed as presented)

❖ EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE –Patty Myers

Item 1 Chairpersons Report - Patty Myers

- Set BPE Annual Calendar

Ms. Lila Taylor moved to approve the 2013 Board of Public Education Calendar. Motion was seconded by Ms. Sharon Carroll.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

- BPE Committee Appointments

No action was taken regarding committees. Committees will be reviewed with action at the November 2012 meeting.

- Review of BPE Goals

Mr. Bernie Olson moved to approve the Board of Public Education Goals for 2012 as amended. Mr. Doug Cordier seconded the motion.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

- Discuss Legislative Committee Process

Thursday afternoon of the November 8-9, 2012 meeting will be dedicated to a Legislative discussion with the education partners of the Board (OPI, OCHE, MEA-MFT, MTSBA, MREA, SAM). Invitations will be sent to the partner groups.

❖ CSPAC LIASON – Sharon Carroll

Item 2 Executive Director/CSPAC Officer Update – Pete Donovan

Mr. Donovan discussed the upcoming meeting in October of the Certification Standards and Practices Advisory Council with the Council of Deans. Other updates included the interview and hiring process for the part time Administrative Assistant to the Board, upcoming events he will be attending and the resignation letter received from Ms. Patty Muir resigning her position on CSPAC.

REPORTS

Item 3 State Superintendent Report – Ms. Denise Juneau

Superintendent Juneau updated the Board on her recent meetings and appearances across the state. Superintendent Juneau recommended that the Board reaffirm the Montana Advisory Council on Indian Education (MACIE) until September 2014.

Mr. Doug Cordier moved to approve MACIE for an additional 2 years. Ms. Sharon Carroll seconded the motion.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 4 Commissioner of Higher Education Report – Ms. Jan Lombardi

Ms. Lombardi introduced herself as the new GEAR UP Director. She is replacing Ms. Sandy Merdinger. Ms. Lombardi also updated the Board on several other staff changes within the Commissioner's office and introduced Mr. Zack Hawkins as the new GEAR UP liaison for the eastern part of the state.

Item 5 Governor's Office Report

No one from the Governor's Office was available to report

Item 6 Student Representative Report – Ms. Charity Ratliff

Ms. Ratliff updated the Board on the Montana Behavioral Initiative at Hardin Middle School. She explained how the program was implemented and successes the school has seen since implementation.

DISCUSSION

❖ **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE –Patty Myers**

Item 7 Federal Update – Ms. Nancy Coopersmith

Ms. Coopersmith gave an update on the Federal Budget and Annual Yearly Progress (AYP). Ms. Coopersmith reviewed sequestration process. These are cuts that would take place to unprotected programs if Congress does not pass the budget.

❖ **LICENSURE COMMITTEE –Sharon Carroll**

Item 8 Denial Hearing of Academic License BPE Case #2012-05 – Pete Donovan

Hearing rescheduled at appellant's request.

❖ **MSDB LIAISON – Patty Myers**

Item 9 MSDB Report – Bernie Olson

Mr. Olson gave the MSDB update. Items updated include the retirement of Mr. Bill Sykes at the end of September 2012. The recruitment for this position as well as that of the Outreach Director is ongoing. The Board noted Mr. Syke's retirement and expressed their gratitude and best wishes.

ACTION

PUBLIC COMMENT

The public was afforded the opportunity to comment before the Board on every action item on the agenda prior to final Board action.

❖ **ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE –Patty Myers**

Item 10 Recommendation of Approval of Alternative to Standards Requests – Dr. Linda Peterson

Dr. Peterson reviewed for the Board 3 Alternative to Standards requests. Those requests were:

1. Shields Valley Elementary & High School – Library Media
2. Brockton Elementary & High School – Library Media and School Counseling
3. Ramsay Elementary – Library Media and School Counseling.

Ms. Lila Taylor moved to Recommend Approval of the Alternative to Standards Requests; Ms. Sharon Carroll seconded the motion.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 11 Recommendation of Approval/Disapproval of 2012-13 Corrective Action Plans – Dr. Linda Peterson

Dr. Peterson presented new Corrective Action plans from 6 school districts totaling 9 schools. These plans were not completed in time for the July meeting:

1. Belgrade Middle School
2. Centerville 7/8
3. Centerville High School
4. Charlo High School
5. Geysers High School
6. Geysers School
7. Geysers 7/8
8. Hays-Lodgepole High School
9. Troy High School

Mr. Bernie Olson moved to Recommend Approval of the 2012-13 Corrective Action Plans. Ms. Lila Taylor seconded the motion.

Discussion – Mr. Olson asked if there will be a specific plan from the Helena School District addressing the overcrowded classrooms at Helena High School. Dr. Peterson assured Mr. Olson that plan would be available at the November meeting.

Motion passed unanimously.

❖ ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE –Sharon Carroll

Item 12 Recommendation of Approval of Notice of Adoption of Amendment Pertaining to Administrative Rules of Montana Title 10, Chapter 56 Student Assessment – Nancy Coopersmith, Pete Donovan

Ms. Nancy Coopersmith reviewed the amendment being placed before the Board for approval. Mr. Donovan summarized the hearing held on August 21, 2012 during which we received no testimony or written comment.

Ms. Sharon Carroll moved to Recommend Adoption of the Amendment Pertaining to Administrative Rules of Montana Title 10, Chapter 56 Student Assessment. Mr. Doug Cordier seconded the motion.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

FRIDAY September 14th, 2012
8:00 AM

❖ ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE – Patty Myers

ACTION

PUBLIC COMMENT

The public was afforded the opportunity to comment before the Board on every action item on the agenda prior to final Board action.

Item 13 Recommendation of Approval of Notice of Adoption of Amendment Pertaining to the Administrative Rules of Montana Title 10, Chapter 55 Standards of Accreditation – Dr. Linda Peterson, Pete Donovan

Dr. Linda Peterson reviewed the changes made based upon comments and testimony received after the August 20, 2012 hearing.

Ms. Myers then called for public comment.

Those in attendance who commented were:

Mr. James Rickly, Superintendent Poplar School District addressing concerns with Comment #12.

Mr. Eric Feaver, President MEA-MFT representing the Associations. Mr. Feaver reviewed the language drafted by the MEA-MFT, Montana School Boards Association, Montana Rural Education Association, and School Administrators of Montana concerning 10.55.604 and 10.55.701.

Ms. Denise Juneau, Superintendent of Public Instruction, presented new language concerning 10.55.604 and 10.55.701.

A lengthy discussion followed concerning language changes, concerns over those changes, and the process of the adoption and timeline.

Ms. Sharon Carroll moved to include in the Notice of Adoption and Amendment Pertaining to the Administrative Rules of Montana Title 10, Chapter 55 Standards of Accreditation a response to comments #5 and #14 reflecting the Boards proposed language and removing “meet or” from response #19 and response #23. Ms. Lila Taylor seconded the motion.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Sharon Carroll moved to amend Administrative Rules of Montana 10.55.604 as proposed by the associations with the exception that “school district” will be replaced throughout the document with “local board of trustees”, (h) add “within 60 calendar days of the review board being referred an application”. Mr. Bernie Olson seconded the motion.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Sharon Carroll moved to amend Administrative Rules of Montana 10.55.701 as proposed by the associations with exception of #3 to remove phrase “perceptions and” and to reword (b) “shall develop and publish model evaluation instruments”. Strike “as an appendix to Chapter 55 rules”. Mr. Doug Cordier seconded the motion.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Sharon Carroll moved to adopt the new Administrative Rules of Montana Title 10, Chapter 55 Standards of Accreditation as proposed, amend the current rules as depicted in the draft “Notice of Adoption and Amendment” document as amended by the Board September 14, 2012 in previous motions, and to direct the publication of the Notice of Adoption and Amendment of the Administrative Rules of Montana Title 10, Chapter 55 Standards of Accreditation. Mr. Bernie Olson seconded the motion.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Myers extended her appreciation to everyone who was involved in the Chapter 55 Task Force. Their time, efforts, and hard work over the previous 2 years are appreciated.

****Full testimony is available upon request*

Future Agenda Items:

Election of Officers

MACIE Recommendations

Assessment Update

Federal Update

Alternative to Standards Requests

Accreditation Report

Annual Renewal Unit Providers (List) – C

Association Updates/Legislative Forum

Committee Appointments

Youth at Risk Survey Report

Meeting Adjourned at 11:38.

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