

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

**March 14-15, 2013**  
**Elkhorn Room A, Holiday Inn Conference Center**  
**Helena, MT**

**Thursday March 14, 2013**  
**8:30 AM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 AM by Chairperson Myers. Ms. Myers led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment was made.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**The agenda was approved as presented.**

**ADOPT AGENDA**

**Ms. Sharon Carroll moved to approve the agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Ms. Williams.**

***No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.***

Board Members Present: Ms. Patty Myers – Chair; Ms. Sharon Carroll – Vice Chair; Ms. Erin Williams; Ms. Lila Taylor; Mr. Bernie Olson; Mr. John Edwards. Absent: Ms. Charity Ratliff – Student Representative; Mr. Paul Andersen. Ex-Officio members present: Superintendent of Public Instruction Ms. Denise Juneau; Mr. Neil Moisey, representing the Commissioner of Higher Education’s Office; Mr. Jim Molloy, Governor’s Office. Guests: Ms. Elizabeth Keller, OPI; Dr. Linda Peterson, OPI; Ms. Nancy Coopersmith, OPI; Ms. Ann Gilkey, OPI; Ms. Christine Emerson, OPI; Ms. Margaret Bowles, OPI; Mr. TJ Eyer, OPI; Ms. Donelle Rosenthal, OPI; Ms. Teri Wing, OPI.

**Items are listed in the order in which they are presented.**

**INFORMATION**

❖ **REPORTS – Patty Myers (Item 1)**

**Item 1 CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT-Patty Myers**

Ms. Myers updated the Board on the Legislative work she and Executive Director Mr. Donovan have been involved with during the Legislative Session. Ms. Myers discussed the possibility of an upcoming Board of Education meeting in Great Falls in May, and a new Evaluation process for the Executive Director and the Superintendent of MSDB.

❖ **CSPAC LIASON – Sharon Carroll (Item 2)**

**Item 2 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT-Pete Donovan**

Mr. Donovan reviewed his meetings attended and thanked Chair Myers for her support and help during the Legislative session by attending hearings and testifying. Mr. Donovan reviewed bills directly affecting the Board of Public Education in particular HB 181, HJ 14, SB 257, and SB 302.

❖ **REPORTS – Patty Myers (Items 3-5)**

**Item 3 STATE SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT-State Superintendent Denise Juneau**

Superintendent Juneau asked Ms. Gilkey to speak about HB 158 regarding Administrative Rules. Ms. Gilkey discussed the bill and how it would affect the Board and OPI if passed. Superintendent Juneau discussed other bills affecting the Office of Public Instruction and Montana schools, and then presented the following three MACIE Nominations to the Board for approval:

- Ms. Dulce Whitford
- Ms. Leona Kienenberger
- Mr. Edward “Buster” Moore, Jr.

**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.*

*Mr. Bernie Olson moved to approve the three nominations from Superintendent Juneau to MACIE: Ms. Dulce Whitford, Ms. Leona Kienenberger; and Mr. Edward “Buster” Moore, Jr. Motion seconded by Mr. John Edwards.*

*No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.*

**Item 4 COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION’S REPORT-Associate Commissioner Neil Moisey**

Mr. Moisey discussed the most recent Board of Regents meeting making note of the tuition freeze and performance based funding model approved by the Board of Regents.

**Item 5 GOVERNOR’S OFFICE REPORT-Jim Molloy**

Mr. Molloy thanked the Board on behalf of Governor Bullock for their work. Mr. Molloy discussed some of the bills before the Legislature regarding education and the Governor’s stance on those bills. Newly appointed Board of Public Education member Paul Andersen was discussed and the calling of a Board of Education meeting to be held in May.

❖ **LICENSURE COMMITTEE – Sharon Carroll (Items 6-7)**

**Item 6 Educator License Surrender Reports- Ann Gilkey**

Ms. Gilkey presented to the Board a License Surrender of a teacher. Discussion ensued regarding how surrenders are reported to OPI and listed on their website.

**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 7 HEARING ON DENIAL OF EDUCATOR LICENSE BPE CASE #2012-04**

The hearing has been postponed to the May 2013 meeting at the request of the appellant. Ms. Katherine Orr from Agency Legal Services was introduced to the Board. Ms. Orr gave the Board a brief summary of how the hearing process will work and answered questions from Board members.

**Ms. Sharon Carroll motioned to authorize Katherine Orr to insistute a scheduling order and Interim matters in BPE Case 2012-04. Motion seconded by Mr. John Edwards.**

***No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.***

❖ **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – Patty Myers (Item 8-9)**

**Item 8 FEDERAL UPDATE-Nancy Coopersmith**

Ms. Coopersmith updated the Board on program cuts in education due to sequestration. Ms. Coopersmith also updated the Board on the Academic Yearly Progress timeline.

**Item 9 SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAMS ANNUAL REPORT-Christine Emerson**

Ms. Emerson presented the School Nutrition Annual report to the Board highlighting priority areas, accomplishments, and improvements over the last year.

**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.***

❖ **LICENSURE COMMITTEE – Sharon Carroll (Items 14-15)**

**Item 14 RECOMMENDATION OF APPROVAL OF THE STATE ACCREDITATION REVIEW EXIT REPORT OF THE PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION UNIT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF GREAT FALLS – Dr. Linda Peterson, Dr. Tim Laurent, Vice President for Academic Affairs, University of Great Falls, Angel Turoski, Director of Education Programs, University of Great Falls**

Dr. Peterson reviewed the report briefly. Ms. Carroll called for questions from the Board and there were none.

**Ms. Sharon Carroll moved to approve the State Accreditation Review Exit Report of the Professional Education Unit at the University of Great Falls. Motion seconded by Ms. Erin Williams.**

***No discussion. Motion approved unanimously.***

**Item 15 RECOMMENDATION OF APPROVAL OF THE PROGRESS REPORT AS PRESENTED BY THE PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION UNIT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF GREAT FALLS-Dr. Linda Peterson, Dr. Tim Laurent, Vice President for Academic Affairs, University of Great Falls, Angel Turoski, Director of Education Programs, University of Great Falls**

Dr. Peterson reviewed the progress report then turned the report over to Dr. Laurent. Dr. Laurent



### **ADULT SECONDARY EDUCATION-Margaret Bowles**

Ms. Bowles gave the Board members the strike out language from current ARM rules on the GED, and reviewed the history of the process to update the GED rules. Ms. Bowles also reviewed the new process, changes, and recommendations. Questions from the Board were answered by Ms. Bowles.

**Ms. Sharon Carroll moved to approve the repeal of ARM 10.66.101 through ARM 10.66.109 relating to high school level test of General Education Development (GED) and adopt new rule ARM 10.66.110 through ARM 10.66.118 with change noted by the HSE Administrator in ARM 10.66.110 to replace “state” with “Board of Public Education”. Motion seconded by Ms. Erin Williams.**

***No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.***

### **Item 12 RECOMMENDATION OF APPROVAL OF HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY TEST FOR 2014-Margaret Bowles**

Ms. Bowles reviewed the process of selecting a new vendor, the Task Force, Request for Information, and the work the Task Force did in selecting a new High School Equivalency Test vendor. Ms. Bowles requested the Board's approval of the new vendor.

**Ms. Sharon Carroll moved to approve that beginning on January 1, 2014 the ETS High School Equivalency Assessment, HiSET, be the Board of Public Education's approved testing program to demonstrate an eligible applicant has satisfied requirements for equivalency of completion of secondary education. Motion seconded by Ms. Lila Taylor.**

***No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.***

### **❖ EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – Patty Myers (Item 13 )**

### **Item 13 RECOMMENDATION OF APPROVAL OF NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF AMENDMENT PERTAINING TO ADMINISTRATIVE RULES OF MONTANA TITLE 10, CHAPTER 7 SCHOOL BUS STANDARDS-Donell Rosenthal**

Ms. Rosenthal reviewed the hearing held February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013 and requested the Board's approval of the new school bus standards.

**Mr. Bernie Olson moved to approve the Notice of Adoption of Amendment Pertaining to Administrative Rules of Montana Title 10, Chapter 7, School Bus Standards. Motion seconded by Ms. Erin Williams.**

***No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.***

### **❖ LICENSURE COMMITTEE – Sharon Carroll (Items 16)**

### **Item 16 RURAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS QUALITY EDUCATOR REPAYMENT-Madalyn Quinlan**

Ms. Quinlan reviewed the Critical Quality Educator Report approved by the Board in November 2012 and discussed the request to expand the program to rural elementary teachers in high poverty areas in an effort to reach more applicants.

**Ms. Sharon Carroll moved to adopt the revised Critical Quality Educator Repayment List. Motion seconded by Ms. Erin Williams.**

***No discussion. Motion passed unanimously***

❖ **ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE – Bernie Olson (Items 17-19)**

**Item 17**      **RECOMMENDATION OF APPROVAL OF THE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT AND ADOPTION PERTAINING TO ADMINISTRATIVE RULES OF MONTANA TITLE 10, CHAPTER 55 STANDARDS OF ACCREDITATION**  
**Dr. Linda Peterson**

Dr. Peterson reviewed the proposed public hearing and timeline for changes to the Chapter 55 Standards of Accreditation. The proposed changes are to create consistency by correcting errors in the language, modify the Gifted and Talented language, and add new language pertaining to high school transcripts. Dr. Peterson requested the Board's approval.

**Mr. Bernie Olson moved to approve the Notice of Public Hearing of the Proposed Amendments and Adoption Pertaining to Administrative Rules of Montana Title 10, Chapter 55 Standards of Accreditation. Motion seconded by Ms. Sharon Carroll.**

***No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.***

**Item 18**      **RECOMMENDATION OF APPROVAL OF THE 2012-13 FINAL ACCREDITATION STATUS ALL SCHOOLS-Teri Wing**

Ms. Wing presented the 2012-13 Final Accreditation Report to the Board, reviewing new deviations, repeating deviations, removals from deviation, recommendations, and request for approval of the report from the Board.

**Mr. Bernie Olson moved to approve the 2012-13 Final Accreditation Status All Schools, and to remove the following schools from Deviation (see Apendix). Motion seconded by Ms. Lila Taylor.**

***No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.***

**Item 19**      **RECOMMENDATIONS RELATING TO ALTERNATIVE TO STANDARDS REQUESTS-Teri Wing**

Ms. Wing reviewed an Alternative to Standards Request from the Corvallis School 7-8.

**Mr. Bernie Olson moved to approve the Recommendation of Superintendent Juneau to Approve the Alternative to Standards Request for Corvallis School 7-8. Motion seconded by Ms. Lila Taylor.**

***No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.***

Meeting adjourned at 11:19 AM.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS May 9-10, 2013**

CSPAC Appointments  
Student Representative Last Meeting  
BASE Aid Payment Schedule – C  
Assessment Update  
Alternative to Standards Requests & Renewals  
MACIE Update  
Federal Update

Executive Director Evaluation  
Superintendent MSDB, Evaluation & Contract Extension

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**APPENDIX**

Schools recommended for removal from Deviation Status Item 18:

Margaret Leary Elementary  
Emerson Elementary  
Whittier Elementary  
Billings Central  
Columbia Falls – all schools  
Fairview Elementary and High School  
Northern Cheyenne Tribal Elementary  
Mount Ellis Academy  
Two Eagle River High School

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