

**BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**VisionNet Conference Call**

**November 15, 2013**  
**Office of Public Instruction**  
**1300 11<sup>th</sup> Ave**  
**Helena MT**

**Friday, November 15, 2013**

**8:30 AM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 8:41 AM by Chair Carroll.

Board members present in Helena included: Ms. Sharon Carroll, Chair; Ms. Patty Myers. Board members present via VisionNet included: Mr. Bernie Olson, Vice-Chair; Ms. Erin Williams; Mr. Paul Andersen; Ms. Charity Ratliff. Staff present in Helena included: Mr. Pete Donovan, Executive Director; Ms. Kris Stockton, Administrative Assistant. Guests present in Helena included: Mr. Dennis Parman, OPI; Mr. Neil Moisey, OCHE; Ms. Shannon O'Brien, Governor's Office via VisionNet; Ms. Nancy Coopersmith, OPI; Ms. Linda Peterson, OPI; Ms. Ann Gilkey, OPI; Mr. Tim Ravndal, Townsend, MT; Mr. Derek Brouwer, Helena Independent Record; Dr. Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana; Mr. Pat Schlauh, Student Assistance Foundation; Ms. Molly Wilkins, AmericaCorp Volunteer.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Tim Ravndal submitted public comment regarding his opposition to the Montana Common Core Standards.

No other public comment was given.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Consent agenda adopted as presented.

**ADOPT AGENDA**

Agenda adopted as presented.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

❖ **REPORTS – Sharon Carroll (Items 1-6)**

**Item 1                      CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**  
**Sharon Carroll**

Ms. Carroll updated the Board on the joint presentation by the Board, OPI, and Commissioner's Office at the MEA-MFT Conference in October. Ms. Myers discussed the By-Laws revision.

**ACTION**

**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.***

- **By-Laws Revision**

***Ms. Patty Myers moved to approve the Board of Public Education By-Laws as presented in the agenda packet. Motion seconded by Mr. Bernie Olson.***

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

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

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

Mr. Donovan updated the Board on upcoming events and meetings he will be attending, in particular the Board of Regents meeting where Mr. Donovan and Superintendent Juneau will be discussing Common Core with the Schools of Education. Mr. Donovan also discussed the report he will be giving for the Board of Public Education at the Education and Local Government Interim Committee in December.

9:08 AM break to handle some technical difficulties on OPI.  
9:12 reconvened.

### **Item 3 STATE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT Dennis Parman**

Mr. Dennis Parman gave the report for the Superintendent of Public Instruction. Mr. Parman discussed the waiver OPI received from the Department of Education to not double test students for the 2013-14 academic year and use the Smarter Balanced Assessment testing instead. Ms. Carroll asked if sophomores will be tested or juniors this year. Mr. Parman answered that juniors are the target but that Smarter Balanced would also like to test freshman and sophomores in the future as well. Mr. Parman added that the Science portion will still be assessed via the CRT test since the science piece is not yet ready for Smarter Balanced. Mr. Parman also updated the Board with a new international assessment report and that Montana scored very high in those results, his travels across the state updating schools and parents on Common Core, an update on Graduation Matters Montana and new partners joining the effort, and an Alternative Learning conference in Great Falls the previous week.

### **Item 4 COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION'S REPORT Commissioner Clayton Christian**

Dr. Neil Moisey gave the update for the Commissioner's Office. Dr. Moisey discussed the collaborative efforts between OPI, BPE, and Commissioner's Office in K-20. In addition issues such as dual enrollment, and developmental education to name a few were highlighted. The OCHE office is working on defining College Readiness, and increasing dual enrollment opportunities as well as looking at aligning math requirements and competencies with the different types of degree opportunities, and a common math assessment for placement.

### **Item 5 GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORT Shannon O'Brien**

Ms. Shannon O'Brien extended thanks from the Governor to the Board for their hard work and service. Ms. O'Brien also discussed the upcoming Board of Education meeting on January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 1:30, and gave an update on the Race to the Top Early Childhood grant the state applied for. The grant is \$37 million dollars over 4 years. Ms. O'Brien discussed the Governor's interest for dual enrollment opportunities, addressing the issue of high school drop outs and the possibility of a Task Force to discuss the issue and working with OPI and their Graduation Matters Initiative.



**Human Services at the University of Montana. Motion was seconded by Ms. Erin Williams.**

***No discussion. Motion passed unanimously via roll call vote.***

Item 11

**ACTION ON A NEW PROGRAM IN BROADFIELD SCIENCE FOR THE PHYLLIS J WASHINGTON (PJW) COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SCIENCES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA**

**Dr. Linda Peterson**

Dr. Peterson reviewed the request from the University for a new program in Science Broadfield – Physics at the University of Montana. Ms. Kristi Murphy discussed the background in developing the program.

**Ms. Patty Myers moved that the BPE provisionally approves the new program of Science Broadfield – Physics for the secondary education curriculum of the Phyllis J. Washington College of Education and Human Services at the University of Montana. Motion was seconded by Mr. Bernie Olson.**

***No discussion. Motion passed unanimously via roll call vote.***

❖ **ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE – Bernie Olson (Item 12-13)**

Item 12

**ACTION ON THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE VARIANCES TO STANDARDS APPLICATIONS**

**Dennis Parman**

Mr. Parman reviewed why these two applications were not in the original submission of applications.

**Mr. Bernie Olson moved to approve the Superintendent’s recommendation for the Variance to Standards to ARM 10.55.701 for Darby Elementary School, Darby 7-8 School, Darby High School, and Powell County High School. Motion was seconded by Ms. Patty Myers.**

***No discussion. Motion passed unanimously via roll call vote.***

Item 13

**ACTION ON HELENA PUBLIC SCHOOLS REQUEST FOR VARIANCE TO ARM 10.55.710**

**Bernie Olson**

**Mr. Bernie Olson moved the Board of Public Education adopt the Superintendent’s recommendation for a variance to ARM 10.55.710 for Helena elementary schools: Broadwater Elementary School, Bryant Elementary School, Central Elementary School, Four Georgians Elementary School, Hawthorne Elementary School, Jefferson Elementary School, Jim Darcy Elementary School, Kessler Elementary School, Rossiter Elementary School, Smith Elementary School, and Warren Elementary School with the following stipulations: a) That there must be a school counselor assigned to each elementary school b) The current use of licensed clinical social workers to meet counselor standards under 10.55.710 and 10.55.1901 must sunset at the start of the 2017 school year and c) granting this variance does not establish a precedent for the use of social workers or any other individuals or groups not licensed or endorsed under ARM 10.55.604. Motion was seconded by Ms. Patty Myers.**

Dr. Kultgen asked when the part of the motion regarding having a school counselor assigned to each elementary school became effective. Chair Carroll clarified it would begin with the start of the second semester of the current school year (2013-14).

***No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously via roll call vote.***

Dr. Kultgen thanked the Board for their work and for the collaboration to get this item passed and that the school district will work towards the goal.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **❖ MSDB LIAISON - Lila Taylor (Item 14)**

#### **Item 14 MSDB REPORT Lila Taylor**

Ms. Myers updated the Board on the recent MSDB meetings and happenings, including a visit from Lt. Governor Walsh to the school.

#### **Request for Public Comment from Chair Carroll.**

No public comment was made.

Ms. Carroll also introduced Derek Brouwer from the Independent Record, and Molly Wilkins, AmericaCorp Vista Volunteer for Montana College Access Network working with Student Assistance Foundation.

#### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS January 6-7<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

Exiting Board Member-Last Meeting  
Transportation Report  
MACIE Update  
Annual School Food Services Report  
Assessment Update  
Federal Update  
Accreditation Report  
Educator Preparation Program Report  
5 YCEP Process Update

***Ms. Myers moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Mr. Olson.***

#### **ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 11:32 AM.

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