

**BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION
CONFERENCE CALL MEETING MINUTES
JULY 3RD, 2014
46 N LAST CHANCE GULCH, SUITE 2B
HELENA MT**

July 3rd, 2014

2:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 2:01 PM by Chair Sharon Carroll.

Board members present on the call included: Ms. Sharon Carroll, Chair; Mr. Bernie Olson, Vice Chair; Ms. Lila Taylor; Mr. Paul Andersen; Ms. Mary Jo Bremner. Absent: Mr. John Edwards; Ms. Erin Williams. Staff present included: Mr. Pete Donovan, Executive Director-Board of Public Education; Ms. Kris Stockton, Administrative Assistant, Board of Public Education. Guests on the call included: Ms. Donna Schmidt, MSDB; Ms. Judy Scharhag, MSDB; Ms. Joan Kavalla, MSDB; Ms. Paula Mix, MSDB. Guests at the BPE Office included: Ms. Emily LaSalle, MSDB Outreach Consultant, Helena.

Ms. Carroll announced that Ms. Donna Sorensen is the candidate the MSDB Committee is recommending for the position of Superintendent of the MSDB.

Ms. Carroll then read the Statement of Public Participation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was made.

ADOPT AGENDA

Mr. Bernie Olson moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Mr. Paul Andersen seconded the motion.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Carroll read the Executive Session statement and at 2:07 PM the Board went into Executive Session with Ms. Sorensen to discuss the nomination for the MSDB Superintendent. Members of the public on the call and in attendance were asked to leave temporarily.

ITEM 1

SUMMARY OF MSDB SUPERINTENDENT INTERVIEWS

Pete Donovan

At 2:30 PM the Board came out of Executive Session and members of the public were allowed back on the conference call and to return to the Board offices.

ACTION ITEM

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Item 2

REQUEST APPROVAL OF MSDB COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FOR SUPERINTENDENT FOR THE MONTANA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND

Mr. Bernie Olson moved to offer the MSDB Superintendent contract to Ms. Donna Sorensen for a period of one year at a salary of \$90,000 with the stipulation that she begin work on her superintendent endorsement as required by Administrative Rule. Motion seconded by Ms. Lila Taylor.

Ms. Donna Schmidt stated that she was pleased with the committee's selection. Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURN

Mr. Bernie Olson moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Ms. Mary Jo Bremner.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 2:39 PM.