

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

September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
State Capitol Building, Room 455  
Helena, MT

**Thursday September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014**  
**8:30 AM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM by Chair Carroll. The Board said the Pledge of Allegiance and recognized a moment of silence in recognition of the victims of September 11, 2001.

Chair Carroll read the Statement of Public Participation, and welcomed all visitors.

Board members present included: Ms. Sharon Carroll-Chair; Mr. Bernie Olson-Vice Chair; Ms. Erin Williams; Mr. Paul Andersen; Ms. Lila Taylor; Mr. John Edwards; Ms. Mary Jo Bremner; Ms. Greta Gustafson. Staff present included: Mr. Pete Donovan, Executive Director; Ms. Kris Stockton, Administrative Assistant. Ex-Officio members included: Ms. Shannon O'Brien, Education Policy Advisor to Governor Bullock; Superintendent Juneau; Deputy Commission of Higher Education Dr. Neil Moisey. Guests present included: Ms. Nancy Coopersmith, OPI; Mr. Marco Ferro, MEA-MFT; Mr. Eric Feaver, MEA-MFT; Ms. Norma Bixby, MACIE; Mr. Dennis Parman, OPI; Mr. Bob Currie, Digital Academy; Mr. Rob Miller, LFD; Ms. Nancy Hall, OBPP.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Gina Satterfield, Helena Montana gave public comment regarding Common Core.  
Ms. Jean Ruppert, Butte Montana gave public comment regarding Common Core.  
Mr. Tim Ravndal, Townsend Montana gave public comment regarding public education in Montana.

**ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA**

Consent agenda approved as presented.

**ADOPT AGENDA**

***Mr. Bernie Olson moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. John Edwards.***

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

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

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

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

**ACTION**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**





**Item 8 HIGH SCHOOL READING INTERVENTION PROGRAM  
Helena School District**

Mr. John Stillson, Reading Specialist from Helena High School introduced himself and his background with the reading intervention program at Helena High School. Mr. Stillson discussed the new Read 180 program, the impact it has had on students, and how the program has grown. The program was implemented in the 2013-14 school year and is starting in the middle schools this current year. Mr. Stillson fielded questions from the Board.

❖ **DIGITAL ACADEMY LIAISON – Paul Andersen (Items 9-10)**

**Item 9 MONTANA DIGITAL ACADEMY REPORT  
Bob Currie**

Mr. Currie introduced himself and quickly reviewed for the Board the history of the Digital Academy and its purpose. The presentation encompassed both the Digital Academy and Ed Ready. Mr. Currie discussed where the program started, where it's heading and projections for the future of the programs.

**Item 10 ED READY REPORT  
Bob Currie**

Mr. Currie further discussed Ed Ready, a tool used to help students determine where he/she wants to be in relation to being college and career ready. Currently the program is structured for math, but reading will be implemented for the next school year. The program is cost free. Mr. Currie did a quick run through of what the student sees and how it prepares them for the areas in which they are not ready.

❖ **MACIE LIAISON – Mary Jo Bremner (Item 11)**

**Item 11 MACIE Update  
Norma Bixby**

Ms. Norma Bixby gave the MACIE update to the Board. MACIE held a meeting the previous day in Helena and Ms. Bixby reported to the Board on the following items including: a presentation from Special Olympics and their effort to involve Indian Reservations in a new project, an update from OPI on Title I Part D, and a request to Senator Tester's office to have the FERPA laws changed to include Tribes. MACIE also received an update from Jobs for Montana Graduates in order to get the program implemented in the reservation schools, and an update from the ACLU. Other reports to MACIE included Schools of Promise, Title 3, and Professional Development Grants. Superintendent Juneau thanked Ms. Bixby for all of the hard work she does for Indian Education for All and for MACIE.

**Ms. Mary Jo Bremner moved that the BPE reauthorize the Montana Advisory Council on Indian Education until October 1, 2016. Motion was seconded by Mr. Bernie Olson.**

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

**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 – John Edwards (Items 12-19)**

**Item 12**                                    **RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF ARM TITLE 10, CHAPTER 57, EDUCATOR LICENSURE**  
**Dennis Parman**

Mr. Parman briefly reviewed the process of reviewing the Chapter 57 rules and highlighted a few of the proposed changes and requested the Boards approval of the Notice of Public Hearing and the Timeline. Mr. Parman fielded questions from the Board

***Mr. John Edwards moved to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to approve the Notice of Public Hearing of ARM Title 10 Chapter 57 Educator Licensure with the following changes: 10.57.102(b), 10.57.102(3)(iii), and 10.57.605(5). Motion was seconded by Ms. Lila Taylor.***

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

**\*\*\*TIME CERTAIN AT 1:30 PM THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2014\*\*\***

**Item 15**                                    **RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF PROVISIONAL ACCREDITATION OF THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN SECONDARY EDUCATION-MATHEMATICS AT SALISH KOOTENAI COLLEGE**  
**Dr. Linda Peterson, Dr. Cindy O'Dell**

Dr. Peterson reviewed the new program being requested for approval at Salish Kootenai College and introduced Dr. Sarada, Chair, Mathematics Dept. at SKC, and Dr. Cindy O'Dell, Chair of Education Dept. at SKC. Dr. Sarada and Dr. O'Dell reviewed the new program for Board with specifics regarding the need for math programs in Native American schools and the importance of having Native American teachers in the field of mathematics to teach math to Native American students. Dr. O'Dell then discussed how the education program at SKC is expanding and that future expansions are expected. Dr. Sarada then explained how the program was created using iNTASC Standards and the PEPS standards. Dr. Peterson requested the Board to approve the program for provisional accreditation status. A review will be conducted in two years for full approval.

***Mr. John Edwards moved to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to approve the Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education-Mathematics at Salish Kootenai College. Motion seconded by Mr. Olson.***

***Public comment from member of the public, from Mr. Eric Feaver, Dr. Neil Moisey, all in favor of the new program.***

***Motion passed unanimously.***

**\*\*\*TIME CERTAIN AT 2:00 PM THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2014\*\*\***

**Item 16**                                    **CONTESTED CASE HEARING OF BPE CASE #2014-01**  
**Rob Stutz**

**See item 19**

**Item 17**                                    **CONTESTED CASE HEARING OF BPE CASE #2014-02**  
**Rob Stutz**

**See item 19**

**Item 18**                                    **CONTESTED CASE HEARING OF BPE CASE #2014-03**  
**Rob Stutz**



## ACTION

### PUBLIC COMMENT

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#### ❖ ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE – Bernie Olson (Items 21-22)

##### Item 21 RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE ADDENDUM TO THE 2013-14 FINAL ACCREDITATION STATUS OF ALL SCHOOLS

Dr. Teri Wing

Dr. Wing presented the addendum to the Accreditation report to the Board and explained why some of the changes were necessary.

**Mr. Bernie Olson moved to approve recommendation of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to approve the addendum to the 2013-14 Final Accreditation Status of All Schools. Motion was seconded by Ms. Erin Williams.**

***Public Comment by Jean Ruppert, Butte, regarding accreditation of Butte schools.***

***Motion passed unanimously.***

##### Item 22 RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF ARM TITLE 10, CHAPTER 63, PRESCHOOL STANDARDS

Dennis Parman

Superintendent Juneau reviewed for the Board the new Chapter 63 Preschool Standards and the process of how the standards were created. Mr. Parman fielded questions from the Board. Dr. Moisey discussed the importance of Early Childhood and the impact it has on the child throughout their academic life, and also read notes from Dr. Bobbi Evans-University of Montana, and Dr. Linda Ransdal, Dean of College of Education-MSU in support of the standards. Ms. Shannon O'Brien extended thanks from the Governor to everyone who worked on the Early Learning Standards project.

**Mr. Bernie Olson moved to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to approve the Notice of Public Hearing of ARM Title 10, Chapter 63, Preschool Standards. Motion seconded by Ms. Lila Taylor.**

#### Public Comment

##### Opponents

Ann Moran-Conrad Montana representing herself  
Jean Ruppert – Butte Montana representing herself  
Tim Ravndal – Townsend Montana representing himself

##### Proponents

Tammy Lacey, Superintendent of Great Falls Public Schools and CSPAC Chair, representing GFPS, and CSPAC  
Tara Ferriter-Smith, OPI  
Heather O'Loughlin-Montana Budget & Policy Center  
Kirk Miller – School Administrators of Montana

Marco Ferro – MEA MFT  
Denille Miller – Bozeman Montana representing herself  
Terri Barclay - OPI  
Sharon Dibrito – Florence Montana Executive Director of the Montana Association of Young Children

**Motion passed unanimously.**

❖ **MSDB LIAISON - Lila Taylor (Items 23-24)**

**Item 23**                    **APPROVE AMENDMENT TO ARM TITLE 10, CHAPTER 59, MSDB FOUNDATION**  
**Pete Donovan**  
**Ms. Lila Taylor moved to approve the amendment to ARM Title 10, Chapter 59, MSDB Foundation. Motion seconded by Mr. Bernie Olson.**

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

**DISCUSSION ITEM**

**Item 24**                    **MSDB REPORT**  
**Donna Sorensen, MSDB Superintendent**

Ms. Sorensen gave the report to the Board on the happenings of the MSDB including enrollment numbers of 45 students on campus. Ms. Sorensen reported on several changes in Human Resources including the scheduling secretary who has now been replaced, 4 new staff members in the cottage, and an open counselor position. The Outreach Director Position has been offered and accepted. Ms. Sorensen highlighted happenings at the school including back to school activities, new technology at the school including new computers for staff and iPads for students. 19 current students are living in the cottage this year. Ms. Donna Schmidt reported on safety and facility issues as well as budget and finance. Ms. Schmidt reported on a major water leak in one of the cottages which required a complete gut and remodel of one section of the cottages, as well as a remodel of the locker rooms in the pool area, repair of the pool, and a replacement of the windows, as approved in the last biennium. Ms. Sorensen reported that the budget is in good shape as well. Ms. Sorensen also noted a \$23,000 donation to the Foundation from 1<sup>st</sup> Interstate Bank. Discussion then ensued regarding how to handle the MSDB reports in the future, whether to have face to face or conference call meetings for the MSDB committee. Mr. Olsen suggested putting the report at the beginning of the meeting. Ms. Taylor suggested Ms. Carroll and Ms. Sorensen discuss it and let the Board know.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Ruppert, Butte Montana gave public comment about having a member of the public on the Board and also her concerns about the cost of all the programs the Board approves.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS November 13-14<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

*Assessment Update*  
*Federal Update*  
*Accreditation Report*  
*Annual Renewal Unit Providers List – C*  
*Alternative to Standards Requests*

**ADJOURN**

**Mr. Bernie Olson moved to adjourn the Board of Public Education Meeting.**  
**Motion seconded by Mr. John Edwards.**

**No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.**

**ADJOURN 4:56 PM**

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