

BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION CONFERENCE CALL **MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday April 22, 2015 - 4:00 PM
Board of Public Education Offices
46 N Last Chance Gulch
Helena MT 59601

WEDNESDAY APRIL 22, 2015
4:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Carroll at 4:00 PM. Ms. Stockton took roll call and read the Statement of Public Participation.

Present in Helena: Mr. Pete Donovan, Executive Director Board of Public Education; Ms. Kris Stockton, Administrative Assistant, Board of Public Education; Mr. Rob Stutz, Agency Legal Services. Present on conference line: Ms. Sharon Carroll, Chair; Mr. Paul Andersen, Vice-Chair; Mr. John Edwards; Ms. Mary Jo Bremner; Ms. Darlene Schottle; Ms. Greta Gustafson; Superintendent Denise Juneau, OPI; Ms. Judy Snow, OPI; Ms. Madalyn Quinlan, OPI; Ms. Nancy Coopersmith, OPI.

Chair Carroll called for public comment. No public comment was given.

Ms. Mary Jo Bremner moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Ms. Darlene Schottle seconded the motion.

Roll call vote was taken: Chair Carroll, aye; Vice-Chair Andersen, aye; Ms. Mary Jo Bremner, aye; Ms. Darlene Schottle, aye; Mr. John Edwards, aye.

No discussion. Motion passed.

DISCUSSION ITEM

❖ ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE – Paul Andersen (Item 1)

Item 1 SMARTER BALANCED CONSORTIUM TESTING

Mr. Andersen thanked everyone for taking time to be on the call. Mr. Andersen turned the item to Mr. Stutz for a general overview of the assessment rule ARM 10.56.101(3), and 20-2-121 MCA. Mr. Stutz briefly discussed the two items. Mr. Andersen then turned the item to Superintendent Juneau. The Superintendent reviewed the process of how the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium was created, the vendor, AIR, who created the testing format, the process that the OPI took in issuing an Request for Proposal (RFP), and how the vendor Measured Progress was selected. The Superintendent then discussed the testing issues that states had with Measured Progress that led to her decision to allow school districts to “opt out” of testing their students due to the problems the vendor was experiencing. The Superintendent then fielded questions from the Board members and addressed concerns they have regarding the decision made by the Superintendent to suspend the Boards rule, ARM 10.56.101, and any consequences the state may face from the Department of Education.

Mr. John Edwards moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Mary Jo Bremner seconded the motion.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 PM.