

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

July 14-15, 2016  
Montana State Capitol, Room 317  
Helena, MT

**Thursday, July 14, 2016**  
**8:30 AM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Carroll called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM. The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance and Ms. Stockton took roll call. Board members present included: Ms. Sharon Carroll, Chair; Mr. Paul Andersen, Vice Chair; Dr. Darlene Schottle; Ms. Erin Williams; Ms. Mary Jo Bremner; Mr. Jesse Barnhart; Ms. Molly DeMarco; Ms. Tammy Lacey (via phone). Ex-officio members included: Superintendent Denise Juneau; Ms. Siri Smillie, Governor's Office; Ms. Angela McClean, OCHE. Staff present included: Mr. Peter Donovan, Executive Director; Ms. Kris Stockton, Administrative Assistant. Guests present included: Ms. Ann Gilkey, OPI; Ms. Shannon Koenig; Ms. Patty Muir, OPI; Mr. Nathan Miller, OPI; Dr. Linda Peterson, OPI; Ms. Nancy Coopersmith, OPI; Ms. Jael Prezeau, OPI; Ms. Madalyn Quinlan, OPI; Ms. Candy Urbanski, OPI; Ms. Colette Bartow, OPI; Ms. Christy Stutz, OPI; Ms. Terry Kendrick, OPI; Ms. Karin Billings, OPI; Mr. Brian Kessler, Helena High Health Teacher; Ms. Melissa Romano, Helena; Mr. Frank Podobnik, OPI; Senator Mary Moe, Great Falls; Ms. Katy Wright, Helena Public Schools Montessori;

Chair Carroll read the Statement of Public Participation.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Mr. Paul Andersen moved to approve the Consent Agenda with corrections to the minutes. Dr. Darlene Schottle seconded the motion.**

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

**ADOPT AGENDA**

Items 14 and 15 will be reversed but still begin at Time Certain at 2:00 PM.

**Mr. Jesse Barnhart moved to adopt the agenda with changes to items 14 and 15. Mr. Paul Andersen seconded the motion.**

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

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

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

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

Chair Carroll reviewed a conference she and Executive Director Donovan will attend in August regarding promoting quality teaching.









- Lavina High School**  
 Lavina Superintendent Duane Walker addressed the board and discussed the district plan of action for correcting a misassigned teacher in the PE department. The teacher is working on the courses he needs and has applied for a Class 5 license. The Superintendent has applied for a Class 5 for the K-4 endorsement section of his principal's license and will be taking the needed course next summer. Parents will be notified in the Welcome Back to School letter of the infractions.
- Lustre School**  
 Mr. Wes Young, Administrator at Lustre Elementary addressed the Board regarding a misassigned teacher issue which has been resolved. The Board of Trustees is aware of the issue and the parents will be notified at the return of school of the district appearance before the BPE.
- Box Elder High School**  
 Mr. Tom Heck, Superintendent, and the School Board Chair addressed the Board regarding the district attendance rate and steps they have taken to resolve the situation. Those steps began in the fall of 2015 by adding a bus route to pick up students and get them to school, ensuring the kids had breakfast when they got there. Teen pregnancy is an issue for students and the high school added a daycare for students, and for teachers, to bring their children to during the day. Student activities such as cross country, robotics, art club, music, etc., were brought back so the students had a reason to come to school. 22 out of 23 seniors graduated in 2016, 21 of whom are now going to college and 7 of them are on athletic/academic scholarships. The additional 14 students also have academic scholarships. The non-licensed principal issue has been resolved – all principals are now fully endorsed. The non-licensed teacher issue has been taken care of, and science scores are being worked on.
- Northern Cheyenne Tribal Schools**  
 No one appeared from Northern Cheyenne

Item 14

**RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE 2015-2016 CORRECTIVE PLANS AND TIMELINES OF ACCREDITED SCHOOLS IN STEP 2 OF THE INTENSIVE ASSISTANCE PROCESS**  
**Patty Muir**

**Dr. Darlene Schottle moved to approve the 2015-2016 Corrective Plans and Timelines for Lavina, Lustre, Conrad, and Box Elder schools. Motion seconded by Mr. Paul Andersen.**

***Mr. Andersen and Ms. Bremner thanked the schools for coming to Helena and presenting their plans to the Board and wished them luck in the future.***

***Chair Carroll supported those comments and commended the efforts of each school to rectify their deviations.***

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

Meeting adjourned for the day at 2:58 PM.

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**Friday, July 15, 2016**  
**8:00 AM**

Chair Carroll called the meeting to order at 8:03 AM

❖ **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – Sharon Carroll (Item 16)**

**Item 16**                    **RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF REVISED BASE AID SCHEDULE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017**  
**Ken Bailey**

Mr. Ken Bailey addressed the requested date change for disbursement of funds from June 29 to June 30, 2017.

**Mr. Paul Andersen moved to approve the recommendation of the Revised BASE Aid Schedule for Fiscal year 2017. Ms. Mary Jo Bremner seconded the motion.**

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

❖ **ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE – Paul Andersen (Item 17)**

**Item 17**                    **RECOMMEND ADOPTION OF AMENDMENT OF ARM TITLE 10, CHAPTER 56, STUDENT ASSESSMENT**  
**Rob Stutz**

Mr. Stutz briefly reviewed the history of the rule change.

**Mr. Paul Andersen moved to adopt the revisions to ARM 10.56.101 as proposed. Mr. Jesse Barnhart seconded the motion.**

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

❖ **LICENSURE COMMITTEE – Darlene Schottle (Item 18)**

**INFORMATION**

**Item 18**                    **INITIAL PRESENTATION OF THE REVISIONS TO ARM TITLE 10, CHAPTER 57, EDUCATOR LICENSURE**  
**Ann Gilkey**

Ms. Ann Gilkey discussed the review process and walked the Board through each revision, explaining the reasons behind the change. Ms. Gilkey answered questions from the Board regarding the revisions.

**Ms. Mary Jo Bremner moved to approve the timeline with changes to the November BPE meeting dates. Motion seconded by Mr. Jesse Barnhart**

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

❖ **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – Sharon Carroll (Items 19-20)**

Senator Mary Moe addressed the Board with an update on the progress of the School Funding Interim Commission and the areas the commission has heard updates on, discussed, and work done in the areas of: school facilities funding; special education funding; Gifted and Talented Education; and the Quality Educator Loan Forgiveness Program. The Commission will be wrapping up their work on August 29, 2016 and will be taking public comment at that time. Senator Moe answered Board questions.



**ADJOURN**

**Ms. Mary Jo Bremner moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Paul Andersen seconded the motion.**

**No discussion. Meeting adjourned at 11:18 AM.**

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