

BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES

March 17-18, 2016
Montana State Capitol Building
Room 137
Helena, MT

Thursday March 17, 2016
1:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM by Chair Sharon Carroll. Chair Carroll welcomed guests and the Board said the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Stockton took roll call.

Board members present included: Ms. Sharon Carroll, Chair; Mr. Paul Andersen, Vice-Chair; Ms. Erin Williams; Ms. Tammy Lacey; Mr. Jesse Barnhart; Dr. Darlene Schottle; Ms. Greta Gustafson; Ms. Mary Jo Bremner. Ex Officio members present included: Superintendent of Public Instruction Denise Juneau; Ms. Angela McLean, Director of American Indian and Minority Achievement and K-12 Partnerships for the Commission on Higher Education's Office. Staff present included: Mr. Pete Donovan, Executive Director; Ms. Kris Stockton, Administrative Assistant. Guests present included: Mr. Rob Stutz, Agency Legal Services; Ms. Nancy Coopersmith, OPI; Dr. Linda Peterson, OPI; Ms. Ann Gilkey, OPI; Mr. Dennis Parman, OPI; Mr. Marco Ferro, MEA-MFT; Ms. Kelly Cresswell, Student Assistance Foundation; Dr. Mary Susan Fishbaugh, MSU-Billings; Ms. Katy Wright, Helena Public Schools Montessori Program; Ms. Donna Sorensen, MSDB; Ms. Mandy Smoker Broadus, OPI; Mr. James Fryer, Hobson, MT; Dr. Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana; Ms. Jael Prezeau, OPI; Dr. Linda Peterson, OPI; Ms. Karin Billings, OPI; Mr. John Edwards, Billings; Ms. Ms. Donelle Rosenthal, OPI.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda was approved as presented, with notation that Ms. Lacey was not yet on the Board in January to approve the January 2016 minutes.

ADOPT AGENDA

Ms. Erin Williams moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Ms. Tammy Lacey seconded the motion.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

*****Items are listed in the order in which they are presented*****

INFORMATION ITEMS

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

Item 1 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT
Sharon Carroll

Ms. Lacey will take Mr. Edwards position on the Licensure, Legislative, and CSPAC Advisory Committees. Chair Carroll noted that Dr. Schottle and Mr. Donovan are on the ESSA Consolidated State

Planning Committee, and that Mr. Donovan will be updating the board on the Sherlock Decision in his report.

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.

Item 2 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT Pete Donovan

Mr. Donovan reviewed his schedule since the last Board meeting, including the public meeting in Bozeman regarding the formation of a public charter school under the Chapter 55 Accreditation standards, and reviewed how that process will work. Mr. Donovan discussed the review of the Code of Ethics by the CSPAC, and update the on the biennial audit the board is scheduled for this spring, as well as the appointment by the Board of the Administrator Position on the Council. Mr. Donovan then briefly reviewed the history behind the Sherlock case and the decision from that court case.

- **CSPAC Appointment – Administrator Position**

Dr. Schottle moved to approve the appointment of Mr. Rob Watson to the Administrator Position on the Certification Standards and Practices Advisory Council. Ms. Tammy Lacey seconded the motion.

Mr. Jesse Barnhart and Ms. Lacey both commented on the appropriateness of Mr. Watson's qualifications. Mr. Andersen also commented that he worked under Mr. Watson as a teacher at Bozeman High School and agreed on his qualifications.

No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 3 STATE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT State Superintendent Denise Juneau

Superintendent Juneau welcomed Ms. Lacey to the Board then updated the Board on the revisions process for the content standards in Art and Health/PE. The Superintendent noted that the Art standards have not been updated since 1999 and the Science standards have not been updated since 2006, so these areas do not have Indian Education for All standards incorporated. Other items the Superintendent updated the Board on included: Graduation Matters funding to schools, upcoming Student Advisory Board meeting and dinner, and the appointment of Mandy Smoker Broadus' to President Obama's Indian Education Advisory Council to the Department of Education.

Item 4 COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION'S REPORT Angela McLean

Ms. McLean updated the Board on Indian Education and Minority Achievement and K-12 Partnerships for the Commissioner of Higher Education and items she is working on in her new position including the Indian Education and Minority Achievement Council and the work they will be doing. Information and updates on this group can be found on the Montana University System website. Ms. McLean discussed other areas of interest in the MUS including Dual Enrollment and student opportunity.

Item 5 GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORT Siri Smillie

Ms. Smillie was unavailable to attend the meeting.

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8:00 AM

❖ **MACIE LIAISON – Mary Jo Bremner (Item 13)**

Item 13 **MACIE UPDATE**
Mandy Smoker Broaddus

Ms. Smoker Broaddus reported to the board with the MACIE report on behalf of chair Norma Bixby. Per a request from chair Carroll, Ms. Broaddus updated the board on her recent appointment to President Obama's national council on Indian Education. Ms. Broaddus updated the Board on current issues MACIE is working on including language preservation and immersion programs, school climate, and Schools of Promise. An update on SB 372 regarding Native Language Immersion programs in the schools. The council highlighted the Great Falls Indian Education team and brought them in for an update to the Council to discuss their work.

Chair Carroll took a moment to thank former board member Mr. John Edwards for his service to the Board over the last 7 years. Mr. Edwards addressed the board and thanked them for their service and the work that they do for the students of Montana.*

❖ **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – Sharon Carroll (Items14-17)**

Item 15 **TRANSPORTATION REPORT**
Donelle Rosenthal

Ms. Rosenthal gave the annual Transportation Report to the Board and discussed the National School Bus Standards which are being revised, noting that she should have the draft available for the board soon. The Montana Bus Standards are also being revised as well in accordance with the new national standards. Ms. Rosenthal will be bringing the draft and a timeline to the board at an upcoming meeting. Mr. Edwards discussed with the board his concerns and desires to require seat belts on school buses. Board members commented on the possible seat belt requirement and a discussion ensued surrounding that issue.

Item 14 **FEDERAL REPORT**
Nancy Coopersmith

Ms. Coopersmith gave the Federal update including the Omnibus Budget Appropriations Act for fiscal year 2016, and the new Every Student Succeeds Act. Ms. Mary Jo Bremner updated the board on her attendance at the White House for the signing of the new ESSA. Ms. Coopersmith reviewed some of the highlights of the changes contained in ESSA and differences from No Child Left Behind. Ms. Coopersmith discussed the State Consolidation plan, required from each state by ESSA, and how Montana is addressing the plan and gathering a group together. Ms. Coopersmith then discussed the budget adopted by Congress in December and how it affects funding for Montana and the federal grants the state receives. Funding under ESSA will not be received until July 1, 2017 and Ms. Coopersmith discussed how the OPI is working with the new funding structure.

Item 16 **SCHOOL NUTRITION ANNUAL REPORT**
Christine Emerson

Ms. Emerson updated the board with the 2015 School Nutrition Annual Report highlighting: increased numbers in the School Breakfast program, new community eligibility program to qualify schools for

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**Item 21 RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE 2015-2016 FINAL ACCREDITATION
STATUS OF ALL SCHOOLS
Patty Muir**

Ms. Muir introduced Mr. Nathan Miller as the new Accreditation Specialist at the OPI. Ms. Muir reviewed the TEAMS program and the last year of collecting data from schools, the Q and A process, and difficulties experienced in gathering and analyzing the data. Ms. Muir walked the board through the report and answered questions from board members. Schools in Intensive Assistance with continuing recurrences will be brought to the board in May, as well as a list of schools entering and leaving Intensive Assistance.

Dr. Darlene Schottle moved to approve the 2016-2016 Final Accreditation Status of All Schools. Motion seconded by Ms. Mary Jo Bremner.

Ms. Lacey thanked Ms. Muir and OPI for their assistance and noted the amount of work the schools put into the reporting. No further discussion.

Motion passed unanimously.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS May 12-13th, 2016

Student Representative Last Meeting

BASE Aid Payment

Assessment Update

Alternative to Standards Requests & Renewals

Federal Update

MACIE Update

GEAR UP Report

Executive Director Performance Evaluation

MSDB Superintendent Performance Evaluation & Contract Extension Discussion

Establish Executive Staff Salaries

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment from Mr. Jim Fryor, parent/community member from Hobson.

ADJOURN

Ms. Tammy Lacey moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Mary Jo Bremner seconded the motion.

No discussion. Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 PM.

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