

BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES

September 16, 2016
Willson Building
411 Main St
Bozeman MT

Friday, September 16, 2016
8:00 AM

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Carroll called the meeting to order at 8:07 AM. The Board stated the Pledge of Allegiance. Chair Carroll read the Statement of Public Participation and welcomed guests. Dr. Rob Watson, Superintendent Bozeman Public Schools welcomed the Board and guests to Bozeman.

Board members present included: Ms. Sharon Carroll, Chair; Dr. Darlene Schottle; Ms. Erin Williams; Ms. Mary Jo Bremner; Ms. Molly DeMarco; Ms. Tammy Lacey; Mr. Jesse Barnhart. Mr. Paul Andersen – absent. Ex-officio members present included: Superintendent Denise Juneau; Ms. Siri Smillie, Governor's Office; Ms. Angela McLean, OCHE. Guests present included: Ms. Jael Prezeau, OPI; Ms. Michelle McCarthy, OPI; Mr. Jake Warner, OPI; Ms. BJ Granbery, OPI; Ms. Candy Lubansky, OPI; Ms. Colet Bartow, OPI; Mr. Dennis Parman, MREA; Ms. Katy Wright, Helena Public Schools; Dr. Linda Vrooman Peterson, OPI; Mr. Joseph Hagemeister, Bozeman School District; Mr. Bob Vogel, MTSBA; Mr. TJ Eyer, OPI; Ms. Diane Burke, MQEC; Mr. Marco Ferro, MEA-MFT; Ms. Norman Bixby, Northern Cheyenne Tribal Schools; Mr. Gerald Wheeler, Quality STEM; Mr. Steve Eshbaugh, Quality STEM; Mr. Rob Watson, Superintendent, Bozeman School District.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent agenda approved as presented.

ADOPT AGENDA

Ms. Mary Jo Bremner moved to adopt the agenda. Mr. Jesse Barnhart 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

Chair Carroll reported on her attendance at the Celebrating and Elevating Effective Teachers Conference along with Mr. Donovan in August. Chair Carroll reported she will be attending a Math Conference in Plevna in October, then briefly reviewed conference calls she had with the Office of Public Instruction. Chair Carroll turned the floor to Mr. Donovan for the Election of Officers.

- Election of Officers

Dr. Darlene Schottle moved to re-elect Chair Carroll to another term as Chair. Ms. Erin Williams seconded the motion.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Chair Carroll opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chair.

Ms. Erin Williams moved to nominate Dr. Darlene Schottle as Vice Chair. Ms. Mary Jo Bremner seconded the motion.

No additional nominations.

Ms. Tammy Lacey moved to close nominations. Motion seconded by Ms. Mary Jo Bremner. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion on the floor to nominate Dr. Darlene Schottle as Vice Chair.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Chair Carroll thanked Mr. Andersen for his service as the Vice Chair and discussed his work training teachers around the world on the Science Standards.

**Item 2 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT
Pete Donovan**

Mr. Donovan also thanked Mr. Andersen for his service to the Board. Mr. Donovan discussed the Montana Arts Conference in Helena the weekend of September 23-24 to celebrate the new Arts Content Standards adopted by the Board. Mr. Donovan will be attending and invited anyone to attend. Mr. Donovan also discussed the upcoming September 26 ESSA workgroup which will be meeting for the second time. October 4th the Certification Standards and Practices Advisory Council will meet in Dillon on the UM Western campus with the Council of Deans. Also upcoming on October is the MCEL Administrators conference and the MEA-MFT Conference. November 9th, will be the Public Hearing on the proposed changes to the Chapter 57 Licensure rules. Mr. Donovan also thanked Chair Carroll for her service as Chair to the Board.

ACTION

PUBLIC COMMENT

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**Item 3 STATE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
State Superintendent Denise Juneau**

Superintendent Juneau updated the Board regarding work on the state plan for ESSA and the upcoming workgroup meetings. A plan will be presented to Governor Bullock in November. Smarter Balanced Assessment scores improved this year, as well as ACT scores which all high school juniors take each spring. The Montana Farm to School conference is upcoming and OPI has received a nearly half million-

dollar grant to increase participation; college application week is October 31-November 4th. The Superintendent also reported on the preschool grant, Schools of Promise received a \$1.5 million grant from the US Department of Education, and the Montana Learning Center at Canyon Ferry Lake has a new 20-year lease agreement with US Department of Reclamation to continue.

- **Recommend Approval of MACIE**

Superintendent Juneau recommended the Board of Public Education to extend MACIE through September 2018.

Ms. Mary Jo Bremner moved to fulfill MCA 2-15-122(10) to extend the MACIE contract through September 2018. Motion seconded by Dr. Darlene Schottle.

Ms. Angela McLean noted the work that MACIE does and the goals they have met. Ms. Norma Bixby, MACIE member, thanked the Board for their motion to approve MACIE and discussed the work of the Council. Motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Item 4 COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION'S REPORT Angela McLean

Ms. McLean updated the Board with news and events from the Commissioner of Higher Education Office, including the partnership with OPI for College Application Week for high school seniors October 31-November 4th. Ms. McLean discussed some of the grants that OCHE has received including Educational Talent Search, and GEAR UP. Ms. McLean also reported on Dual Enrollment, articulation agreements with Tribal Colleges and Common Course Numbering and getting the Tribal Colleges involved to ease transferability for students. Blackfeet CC has gone through the process and Salish Kootenai College is currently working on a process. An update on the American Indian Minority Achievement conference in August was given as well. The Tribal Relations Report has been posted on the OCHE website, and discussions on Educator Shortage have been ongoing, and a workgroup has been established to work towards possible solutions.

Item 5 GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORT Siri Smillie

Ms. Smillie congratulated Chair Carroll and Vice Chair Schottle on their elections. Ms. Smillie discussed projects being worked on at Governor Bullock's office including working with OPI on Graduation Matters, the Governor's "Back to School Tour", and his priorities going forward for education in Montana.

Item 6 STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT Molly DeMarco

Ms. DeMarco reported on her recent activities including the annual Crosstown Clash at a local baseball game, the welcoming of freshman by the Student Council the first day of school, homecoming week preparations, and the upcoming Montana Association of Student Council meeting in Glasgow. Ms. DeMarco was selected for a leadership program for high school juniors.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

❖ MACIE LIAISON – Mary Jo Bremner (Item 8)

Item 8 MACIE REPORT Jennifer Smith

Ms. Jennifer Smith, Billings Public Schools urban representative to MACIE, presented the MACIE report to the Board. MACIE met recently and Ms. Smith updated the Board on items from that meeting including: ESSA and ensuring Tribal Schools are in compliance, a symposium in Billings on Civil Rights she attended and presented at, an effort by MACIE to become more “advocacy based” and an upcoming forum they will be holding to discuss advocacy for their students.

❖ **MSDB LIAISON - Mary Jo Bremner (Item 7)**

Item 7 **MSDB REPORT**
Donna Sorensen

Ms. Donna Sorensen presented the MSDB report to the Board updating the Board on the conference call committee meeting held in August, and updated the Board on activities since the meeting including 3 new students enrolled for a “10-day placement”, an update on the new website policy as required by the Office of Civil Rights, back to school activities, open positions, and Outreach activities. Ms. Lacey, Dr. Schottle, and Mr. Barnhart all asked questions of Ms. Sorensen regarding policies, student services.

❖ **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – Sharon Carroll (Items 9-11)**

Item 9 **FEDERAL REPORT**
BJ Granbery, Candy Lubansky

Ms. Lubansky and Ms. Granbery updated the Board on the work the Office of Public Instruction has begun in working through the Every Student Succeeds Act, as issued by the US Department of Education. The Board was updated on the stakeholder group and progress made so far on the state plan as required by the ESSA.

Item 10 **HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY ANNUAL REPORT**
TJ Eyer

Mr. Eyer gave the High School Equivalency Report to the Board. Montana was the first state to sign on to the High School Equivalency test to replace the GED. HiSET is working to improve their website for test takers and for teachers to improve success rates. HiSET is also working towards alignment to College and Career Readiness standards. Montana is the least expensive state to take the HiSET, eliminating a major road block in taking the test, but Montana still offers both paper and pencil tests as well as computer based tests.

Item 11 **DIGITAL ACADEMY UPDATE**
Bob Currie

Mr. Bob Currie updated the Board with the annual Digital Academy Report. The Digital Academy continues to see yearly increases. Mr. Currie reviewed the history of the Academy as established in 2010 to where it is today. Mr. Currie also reviewed Ed Ready, the Math program used by schools across the state to assess where student learners are in their math readiness towards college. Mr. Currie answered questions from Board members.

❖ **ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE – Paul Andersen (Item 12)**

Item 12 **ASSESSMENT UPDATE**
Judy Snow

Ms. Snow presented the Assessment report to the Board. Statistics on overall percentages of test results by grade level, school, and ethnic group were reported to the Board. Test scores have decreased, which was to be expected with a new assessment being used, but overall districts reported satisfaction with the results. ACT results were also reviewed and reported to the Board.

❖ LICENSURE COMMITTEE – Tammy Lacey (Items 13-16)

**Item 13 NOTICE OF LICENSE SURRENDER
Ann Gilkey**

Ms. Gilkey reported a license surrender by an educator to the Board.

ACTION

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The public will be afforded the opportunity to comment before the Board on every action item on the agenda prior to final Board action.

**Item 14 RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON
PROPOSED AMENDMENT AND REPEAL OF FARM TITLE 10, CHAPTER 57,
EDUCATOR LICENSURE
Ann Gilkey**

Ms. Ann Gilkey and Ms. Kristine Thatcher from OPI presented the proposed Notice of Public Hearing on the proposed revisions to the Chapter 57 Educator Licensure rules. Ms. Gilkey reviewed the changes since the Board was presented with the initial revisions in July.

Ms. Tammy Lacey moved to approve the proposed rule changes and to approve the Notice of Public Hearing and authorize filing of the Notice with the Secretary of State for publication in the Montana Administrative Register. Motion seconded by Ms. Mary Jo Bremner.

Public Comment from Ms. Katy Wright, Helena Public Schools requested MACTE to be added back into the definitions in 10.57.102.

Mr. Dennis Parman, MREA passed out a Montana Professional Education Center document with 3 requested changes for adding MACTE, principal endorsement from out of state with 5 years of experience, and P-12 special education for autism.

Mr. Bob Vogel, MTSBA spoke in support of the above requested changes.

Mr. Marco Ferro, MEA-MFT spoke in support of the above requested changes.

Ms. Diane Burke, MQEC, spoke in support of the above requested changes.

Ms. Lacey, Licensure committee chair, requested that all the above changes be sent to CSPAC for their review at their upcoming meeting October 4th. CSPAC will make recommendations to the Board upon their review. Recommendations would go forward to the Board at the November BPE meeting. Dr. Schottle supported the recommendation from Mr. Lacey. Discussion regarding the process.

No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 15 **HEARING IN BPE CASE #2016-03**
Rob Stutz

Ms. Ann Gilkey presented OPI's case to the Board regarding the Superintendent's request for the Board to issue a letter of reprimand to the educator. Mr. Larry Nielson, MEA-MFT representative noted that the educator is not contesting the Superintendent's request. Board members asked questions of Ms. Gilkey.

Ms. Tammy Lacey moved to approve the Superintendent of Public Instructions request for a letter of reprimand to be placed in the file of BPE Case #2016-03. Motion seconded by Dr. Darlene Schottle.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 16 **HEARING IN BPE CASE #2016-04**
Rob Stutz

Mr. Stutz requested a short presentation of the case by Ms. Gilkey. Ms. Gilkey briefly overviewed the case for the board.

Ms. Tammy Lacey recommended to move BPE Case #2016-04 forward to a full contested case hearing to be heard at the November 17-18, 2016 meeting in Helena. Motion seconded by Mr. Jesse Barnhart.

Questions were heard from Board members and discussion regarding the process for hearing at the November meeting.

No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION

❖ ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE – Erin Williams (Items 17-19)

Item 17 **CONTENT STANDARDS REVISION PROCESS AND SCHEDULE**
Jael Prezeau, Pete Donovan

Ms. Jael Prezeau and Mr. Pete Donovan presented the draft Content Standards Revision Process and Schedule to the Board. A listing of all the standards, when they were last revised, and a proposed revision schedule to be updated was presented to the Board. Some of the standards have not been revised in over 15 years and are in need of updating. Discussion ensued surrounding how this might look and what is on the horizon as far as revisions. This item will be presented in November as an Action item.

Item 18 **PROPOSED REVISION TO THE TIMELINE OF THE INTENSIVE ASSISTANCE PROCESS**
Patty Muir

Ms. Patty Muir and Mr. Nathan Miller from the Accreditation Division at OPI presented a proposed revision to the timeline of the Intensive Assistance process. The proposed timeline would make it more timely for the schools and for the Board to take action. The process was revised due to discussion from the July BPE meeting and Ms. Muir clarified that this item is informational only at this time. Mr. Miller presented the proposed revisions to the Board and discussed the changes. Ms. Muir and Mr. Miller answered Board member questions. The item will be presented to the Board in November as an Action item.

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Item 19 **RECOMMEND ADOPTION, AMENDMENT, AND REPEAL OF THE MONTANA K-12 SCIENCE CONTENT STANDARDS, ARM TITLE 10, CHAPTERS 53 AND 54**

Jael Prezeau

Ms. Prezeau presented the Notice of Adoption of the Science Standards to the Board, reviewed the process the OPI had taken to date, and a review of the Public Hearing in August.

Ms. Erin Williams moved to approve to adopt, amend, and repeal the New ARM Rules I-X, the amendment of ARM 10.53.101 and 10.54.2501, and repeal ARM 10.54.5010-10.54.5013, 10.54.5020-10.54.5023, 10.54.5030-10.54.5033, 10.54.5040-10.54.5043, 10.54.5050-10.54.5053, 10.54.5060-10.54.5063m 10.54.5087-10.54.5098, pertaining to K-12 science content standards and authorize filing with the Secretary of State for publication in the Montana Administrative Register. Ms. Tammy Lacey seconded the motion.

Public comment from MSU professor Jerry Williams who spoke in support of the standards on behalf of science teachers across the state.

Comment from Mr. Steve Eshbaugh in support of the standards.

No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

In essence of time, the future agenda items list was moved up prior to the Time Certain item at 3:00 PM.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS November 17-18, 2016

Committee Appointments – C

MACIE Annual Report

Assessment Update

Critical Quality Educator Shortage Area Report

Federal Update

Variance to Standards Requests & Renewals

Accreditation Report

Youth Risk Behavior Survey Update (Odd Years)

Annual Renewal Unit Providers List - C

MSDB Superintendent Performance Evaluation & Contract Extension Discussion

❖ **ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE – Darlene Schottle (Items 20-21)**

*******TIME CERTAIN 3:00 PM*******

Item 20

RECOMMEND APPROVAL/DENIAL OF THE 2015-2016 CORRECTIVE PLANS AND TIMELINES OF ACCREDITED SCHOOLS IN STEP 2 OF THE INTENSIVE ASSISTANCE PROCESS

Patty Muir

Ms. Muir briefly reviewed the list of schools who will present and what steps they need to take to resolve their deviations.

- **Billings/McKinley Elementary**

Ms. Greta Bresch-Moen reviewed the current enrollment status of Billings Public Schools, issues the district has faced and resolved and how they will resolve their current deviations. Mr. Terry Bouck discussed the current deviations and what their resolutions will be, including the hiring of a new certified librarian for the beginning of this year to resolve their deviation.

Dr. Darlene Schottle moved to approve the 2015-2106 corrective plan for McKinley Elementary. Motion seconded by Ms. Tammy Lacey.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Helena High School**

Mr. Jack Copps, Interim Superintendent, Helena Public Schools addressed the Board with regard to the deficiencies at Helena High. Questions from the Board were directed to Mr. Copps. A discussion ensued between the board and Mr. Copps who disagreed with the issue of oversized classroom status since 2010. A discussion was held regarding the plan presented by the school and the possible consequences to the school of the plan is not approved by the board. The board could consider a recommendation for non-accreditation status. Representatives from OPI stated that the Office is not recommending non-accreditation, rather working towards a solution to the deficiencies. After a lengthy discussion:

Dr. Darlene Schottle moved to disapprove the Corrective Plan for 2015-2016 for Helena High School. Ms. Erin Williams seconded the motion.

Ms. Lacey questioned when Helena High School was placed in Step 1 of the Intensive Assistance process., and if there was a corrective plan presented and what happened with the plan.

Mr. Copps asked to go on record that he disagrees with the motion.

Question from Board members for Dr. Peterson were answered.

Roll call vote: Carroll, Williams, Schottle vote to approve the motion. Bremner, Barnhart, Lacey voting not to approve the motion. Motion fails on a tie vote.

Discussion amongst the Board members was held on how to proceed, how to clean up the process, and where the Board goes from this point in holding Helena High accountable for their Corrective Plan.

The Board requests that Helena High Superintendent and Board Chair appear before the Board at the November 2016 meeting with a new written plan.

Dr. Darlene Schottle moved to continue the Corrective Plan and Timeline to the November 17-18, 2016 meeting and request that the Helena Superintendent and Board Chair appear with a written plan to address class size and science scores and a plan for parental notification. Ms. Tammy Lacey seconded the motion.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Lame Deer 7-8/High School**

The Board chair and Superintendent addressed the Board with their Action plan to address their deviations. The Board chair discussed some of the issues the district is facing that contribute to their deficiencies. The Superintendent discussed how they plan to resolve the discrepancies and retain teachers. Areas where deficiencies have been corrected were noted. The Superintendent reviewed each area of deficiency and solutions for remedy.

Dr. Schottle moved to approve the Corrective Plan for 2015-2106 for Lame Deer 7-8. Mr. Jesse Barnhart seconded the motion.

Comments from the Board Chair and staff. Comments from Ms. Lacey commending their recruitment strategy.

No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Schottle moved to approve the Corrective Plan for 2015-2016 for Lame Deer High School. Motion seconded by Ms. Erin Williams.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Poplar High School**

The Board chair addressed the board and discussed the issues they deal with as a reservation school, interventions when students aren't showing up for class, working with local colleges to get student teachers in and encourage current students to become teachers and return to teach. The Superintendent presented their plan to correct the deficiencies to the Board.

Dr. Darlene Schottle moved to approve the 2015-2016 Corrective Action Plan for Poplar High School. Mr. Jesse Barnhart seconded the motion.

Comment from Ms. Tammy Lacey congratulating them on their hard work.

No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 21

**RECOMMEND APPROVAL/DENIAL OF THE 2015-2016 CORRECTIVE PLANS AND TIMELINES OF NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL 7-8 SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL IN STEP 2 OF THE INTENSIVE ASSISTANCE PROCESS
Patty Muir**

Ms. Norma Bixby, Vice Chair of the School Board, addressed the board and addressed some of the issues the schools deal with in the Northern Cheyenne reservation, and the unique circumstance they are in as a Bureau of Indian Affairs School who received no state education dollars. Ms. Erickson discussed in detail with the Board steps the district has taken to begin to remedy the deviations the district is facing, and a plan going forward.

Dr. Darlene Schottle moved to approve the 2015-2016 Corrective Plan for Northern Cheyenne 7-8. Ms. Mary Jo Bremner seconded the motion.

Ms. Tammy Lacey thanked Ms. Erickson for her direction for the district.

No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Darlene Schottle moved to approve the 2015-2016 Corrective Plan and Timeline for Northern Cheyenne High School. Ms. Mary Jo Bremner seconded the motion.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

ADJOURN

Ms. Erin Williams moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Ms. Mary Jo Bremner.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 5:41 PM

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