

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

March 16, 2018  
Montana State Capitol, Room 102  
Helena, MT

**Friday March 16, 2018**  
**8:00 AM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Carroll called the meeting to order at 8:03 AM. Ms. Stockton took roll call, and Chair Carroll read the Statement of Public Participation and welcomed guests.

Board members present: Ms. Sharon Carroll, Chair; Dr. Darlene Schottle, Vice-Chair; Ms. Tammy Lacey; Mr. Scott Stearns; Mr. Jesse Barnhart; Ms. Mary Jo Bremner; Ms. Molly DeMarco, Student Rep. Ex-officio members: Deputy Superintendent Dr. Tim Tharp; Ms. Angela McLean, OCHE; Ms. Siri Smillie, Governor's Office. Staff present: Mr. Pete Donovan, Executive Director Board of Public Education; Ms. Kris Stockton, Administrative Assistant. Guests present included: Ms. Sara Shelton, Education Commission of the States; Mr. Devin Scott, Education Commission of the States; Dr. Katrina Kennett, America Campaign; Ms. Amy Williams, OCHE; Mr. Marco Ferro, MEA-MFT; Ms. Kelly Cresswell, Reach Higher Montana; Dr. Tim Tharp, OPI; Ms. Kristine Thatcher, OPI; Mr. Dennis Parman, MREA; Mr. Ray Sevrise, Great Falls; Mr. Hollis Fudge, Great Falls; Ms. Christy Mock-Stutz, OPI; Ms. Colet Bartow, OPI; Ms. Dianne Burke, MQEC; Dr. Linda Vrooman Peterson, OPI; Ms. Kara Sperle, OPI; Dr. Amy Burland, SKC; Dr. Tammy Elser, SKC; Dr. Rob Watson, Superintendent Bozeman Public Schools; Dr. Tricia Sieffert, MSU; Ms. Jessica Eilertson, OPI; Ms. Christine Emerson, OPI; Ms. Patty Muir, OPI; Mr. Kyle Moen, OPI.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment was made.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

The Consent Agenda was approved as presented.

**ADOPT AGENDA**

Chair Carroll noted that Item 21 will be moved to the morning after Item 7.

**Ms. Tammy Lacey moved to approve the agenda with the changes noted.**  
**Motion seconded by Mr. Scott Stearns.**

**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 – 10 minutes**  
**Sharon Carroll**

Chair Carroll thanked the Board staff and the Executive Committee for their work on preparing the agenda and discussed a partnership with museums in Montana and a Japanese exchange program with students from Kumamoto, Japan.

**Item 2 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT – 10 minutes**  
**Pete Donovan**

Mr. Donovan updated the Board with upcoming meetings including the Education Interim Committee Meeting, the Variance to Standards Board in April and also discussed a presentation he attended during the MACIE meeting in Great Falls at the Paris Gibson School.

**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 3 STATE SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT – 15 minutes**  
**State Superintendent Elsie Arntzen**

- **Approve Nomination of Charmel Gillin to MACIE**

Dr. Tharp gave the Superintendent’s report noting that nominations for Teacher of the Year have opened. Dr. Tharp also discussed that preliminary budget information was been released to schools in February for planning for the next year, a new process for school safety planning has been introduced, as well as a process for dealing with immoral conduct of teachers. Dr. Tharp reviewed the nomination of Charmel Gillin to MACIE which the Superintendent is requesting the Board to approve. Mr. Stearns asked about the school safety plan and whether there are any best practices for school safety. Dr. Tharp noted that there is information available on the OPI website for schools to use, but it is up to the local district to determine what they will use. No set of standards will be presented to the Board regarding school safety, only a recommendation that schools need to have a school safety plan. Dr. Tharp expects that to happen in the year, with the Negotiated Rulemaking process to begin soon.

***Ms. Mary Jo Bremner moved to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the nomination of Charmel Gillin to the MACIE. Motion seconded by Dr. Darlene Schottle.***

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

**DISCUSSION**

**Item 4 COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION’S REPORT – 15 minutes**  
**Angela McLean**

- **Montana Career Pathways - Amy Williams, OCHE**

Ms. McLean turned the presentation over to Ms. Amy Williams from OCHE. Ms. Williams introduced Mr. TJ Eyer from OPI who will also discuss the Montana Career Pathways Initiative. This initiative stems from the Big Sky Pathways program and builds upon the existing program by connecting workforce and post-secondary education to assist students in deciding what they would like to do after high school. Ms. Williams reviewed the program from the OCHE side and Mr. Eyer reviewed the program from the OPI side for K-12 education. Ms. Angela McLean followed up the presentation with an update from the Commissioner of Higher Education Office, including the roll out of the iGraduate program.

**Item 5 GOVERNOR’S OFFICE REPORT – 15 minutes**  
**Siri Smillie**

Ms. Smillie updated the Board on the Stars Preschool program data: over 300 preschool students are currently enrolled in over 17 schools across the state of Montana, 60% of which are high needs students. 8 programs are in public schools, 8 are in private schools, and 1 is a Head Start program. Ms. Smillie also updated the Board on the Work based Learning program and the state’s involvement in the National

program. Governor Bullock announced funding for Suicide Prevention programs to schools, healthcare providers, from HB 118 in the 2017 Session. Funding provides for improved screening for hospitals and additional funding for school programs.

**Item 6** **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT – 15 minutes**  
**Molly DeMarco**

Ms. DeMarco announced that the new Student Representative will be chosen March 18<sup>th</sup> and will be introduced and begin their term at the May BPE meeting. Ms. DeMarco discussed activities in Great Falls between the two high schools and discussed the work a group of student leaders and administrators have done to discuss school violence, and mental health awareness, on March 14. Both high schools participated in different ways by writing letters to congressmen, continuing an open dialogue, and have enacted "17 Days of Kindness" to honor each of the victims in Parkland, Florida. Board members thanked Ms. DeMarco for her service to the Board for the last two years.

**ACTION**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

**Item 7** **MSDB REPORT – 20 minutes**  
**Donna Sorensen**

Ms. Sorensen presented her report to the Board including the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the MSDB and the celebration upcoming for the anniversary. A new Sign Language teacher has been hired and has begun working. Ms. Sorensen covered other activities and projects ongoing at the MSDB and discussed upcoming events at the school.

- **Campus Housing Policy 5110 – policy under revision**
- **MHSA Co-Op Approvals**

*Ms. Mary Jo Bremner moved to approve the MHSA Co-op agreements for MSDB for: boys/girls golf, girls softball, boys/girls tennis, girls volleyball, and boys wrestling. Mr. Jesse Barnhart seconded the motion.*

*No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.*

- **Out of State Travel Requests**

*Ms. Mary Jo Bremner moved to approve the MSDB Out of State Travel requests for: Senior Class Trip, and Flying Hooves Group. Motion seconded by Ms. Tammy Lacey.*

*Questions regarding fundraising were asked by Ms. Lacey and Dr. Schottle. Ms. Sorensen replied that the groups do fundraising to assist with travel costs.*

*No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.*

- **New Hire Approvals**

*Ms. Mary Jo Bremner moved to approve the new hires for: Katherin Crause, Cottage Life Attendant Nightwatch; Sheri Wildhalm, SLP; Bonnie Joslyn,*

Interpreter; and Tyson Patterson, PE Teacher. Motion seconded by Dr. Schottle.

**No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.**

Ms. Lacey noted that MSDB sends a representative to the calendar setting meetings at Great Falls Public Schools to assist in setting the MSDB calendar as well.

❖ **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – Sharon Carroll (Items 21)**

**DISCUSSION**

**Item 21 EDUCATION COMMISSION OF THE STATES – SERVING MONTANA – 15 minutes  
Sara Shelton**

Ms. Shelton introduced herself to the Board and presented an overview of the Education Commission of the States, who they are, what they do, and the policies they work on with states on behalf of public elementary, secondary, and post-secondary education. Ms. Shelton fielded questions from the Board.

**DISCUSSION**

❖ **LICENSURE COMMITTEE – Tammy Lacey (Items 8-16)**

**Item 8 REPORT OF LICENSE SURRENDER OF EDUCATOR IN BPE CASE #2017-03,  
THOMAS MCCLAREN – 10 minutes  
Kyle Moen**

Mr. Kyle Moen from the Office of Public Instruction presented the license surrender to the Board in BPE Case #2017-03, Thomas McClaren. Mr. Moen reviewed the case with the Board and the conditions of the surrender, which is permanent. Mr. Moen fielded questions from the Board.

\*\*\*\*\*TIME CERTAIN 10:00 AM FRIDAY MARCH 16, 2018\*\*\*\*\*

**ACTION**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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**Item 9 REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF BPE CASE #2017-09, PHILIP VANDENBRINK -10  
minutes  
Rob Stutz, Agency Legal Services  
Kyle Moen, OPI**

Mr. Stutz presented a continuance of this case to the Board. The OPI is not opposing the continuance, and the Board does not need to act on the request.

**Item 10 BPE CASE #2017-08, GENEVIEVE THOMAS – 30 minutes  
Rob Stutz, Agency Legal Services**

Mr. Stutz reviewed briefly BPE Case #2017-08, Genevieve Thomas, to the Board. Ms. Thomas was present at the meeting, was sworn in by Mr. Stutz, and presented her case to the Board. Mr. Moen presented the OPI case to the Board and distributed Licensure rules 10.57.102 and 10.57.413 to the Board. Mr. Moen called Ms. Kristine Thatcher, Educator Licensure Manager, as a witness. Ms. Thatcher answered Mr. Moen's questions explaining the reasons for the denial of the Class 3 Administrative License Ms. Thomas applied for. Board members presented questions for Ms. Thatcher. Mr. Moen requested to the Board that the OPI be allowed to interpret the rule to expand the interpretation of "state accredited" to include states that use an accrediting body "approved by the state". Discussion was had regarding accountability and accreditation. The Board heard closing remarks from both parties. Mr. Stutz reviewed procedural possibilities for the Board to consider.

**Ms. Tammy Lacey moved under the facts of this case to deny the original denial of the Superintendent of Public Instruction and grant a Class 3 Administrative License on this one time only basis to Ms. Thomas. Motion seconded by Mr. Jesse Barnhart.**

***Comments from Board members regarding interpreting unusual cases.***

***Clarification that this motion results in Ms. Thomas being granted a license and that is the intent.***

***No further discussion. Motion passed with Board members Bremner and Carroll dissenting.***

**Item 11           BPE CASE #2017-10, NIKI KAUP – 30 minutes  
Rob Stutz, Agency Legal Services**

Mr. Stutz opened the hearing for BPE Case #2017-10 for the Board. Ms. Kaup was present, was sworn in by Mr. Stutz, and presented her case to the Board. Mr. Stutz asked some clarifying questions of Ms. Kaup regarding her request. The Board will be deciding whether to accept her year of student teaching in Montana to satisfy the 5<sup>th</sup> year of teaching requirement. Ms. Kaup has 4 years of teaching experience in Colorado. Mr. Moen presented the OPI case to the Board. Mr. Moen distributed Licensure rule 10.57.410 to the Board for reference. Clarification of OPI's request was asked of Mr. Moen regarding this specific case. Ms. Kaup addressed the Board in summarizing her case.

**Ms. Tammy Lacey moved to allow the year of teaching at Evergreen Public Schools in Montana as an unusual case and to be included in the 5 years teaching experience on the confirmation of the Evergreen Superintendent on the Verification Form to be completed at the end of the school year. Dr. Darlene Schottle seconded the motion.**

***Discussion of clarification of the motion and resulting licensure.***

***No further discussion. Motion passed with Board member Bremner dissenting.***

**DISCUSSION**

**Item 13           UPDATE ON THE PRAXIS SUBJECT ASSESSMENT FOR MATHEMATICS:  
CONTENT KNOWLEDGE (5161) – 15 minutes  
Dr. Linda Peterson**

Dr. Peterson directed the Board to information in the agenda packet to review for this item. Dr. Peterson reviewed the requirements for teachers trained outside of Montana to gain licensure in Montana specifically for Math. Dr. Peterson discussed the concern nationally over the Math Praxis and the pass/fail rate of the test. Ms. Lacey requested to get numbers on people teaching under an Internship program. Dr. Peterson will obtain the requested information and report back at a future meeting.

**Item 12           SALISH KOOTENAI COLLEGE ACCREDITATION SITE REVIEW – 15 minutes  
Dr. Linda Peterson**

Dr. Peterson reviewed the Accreditation process and introduced Dr. Mary Susan Fishbaugh, Dean at MSU Billings, via phone. Present at the meeting and introduced to the board was Dr. Amy Burland, Dean at SKC and Dr. Tammy Elser. Dr. Fishbaugh discussed her work as Chair on the Accreditation Site Review at SKC and spoke to the review at SKC and the work performed. Dr. Burland addressed the Board and the results of the visit and review. Dr. Burland reviewed the history of the education programs at SKC beginning with the 2 + 2 program through UM Western and the move to the bachelor's Degree programs available at SKC. Dr. Burland turned the discussion over to Dr. Elser to discuss some of the

specific elements embedded in the education programs unique to the Native American culture. The group answered questions from the Board.

**Item 15 INITIAL PRESENTATION OF CSPAC RECOMMENDATION TO ADD COMPUTER CODING AND TEACHER EDUCATION TO ARM 10.57.421 – 15 minutes**  
**Pete Donovan, Dr. Rob Watson**

Mr. Pete Donovan opened the item noting the item has been thoroughly vetted by CSPAC and moved by a unanimous vote to bring to the Board for a possible rule change. Mr. Donovan introduced Dr. Rob Watson, Superintendent Bozeman Public Schools and CSPAC member, to discuss the details of the initial presentation for a rule change to add Computer Coding and Teacher Education to ARM 10.57.421. Dr. Watson reviewed the process that Health Science went through to be added to the rule and for students to obtain CTE credit for taking the course. Dr. Watson discussed the reasons behind the request for a rule change for the Board. Dr. Katrina Kinnet addressed the Board in support of the rule change. Mr. Dennis Parman, Executive Director Montana Rural Education Association addressed the Board in support of the rule change and noted support from Dr. Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana. Mr. Marco Ferro, MEA-MFT also spoke in support of the proposed rule change. Ms. Diane Burke, Executive Director Montana Quality Education Coalition spoke in support of the proposed change. Dr. Tim Tharp spoke on behalf of OPI and distributed information to the Board on Class 4 licensure and concerns the OPI has with the rule. Dr. Tricia Sieffert, MSU, also addressed concerns she has with the proposed rule change.

**ACTION**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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**Item 16 RECOMMEND ACCEPTANCE OF AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE AS A WORLD LANGUAGE ENDORSEMENT – 10 minutes**  
**Dr. Linda Peterson**

Dr. Peterson reviewed the request to add American Sign Language as a World Language to the Appendix B of the Accreditation Rules. Dr. Peterson discussed how she reviewed the need to add ASL and that there is demand now regarding that subject. Dr. Peterson compared current programs within the current World Language rules, and requested the Board approve the addition to the Appendix.

***Ms. Tammy Lacey moved to accept the State Superintendent's proposal to add American Sign Language as a World Language Teaching Endorsement. Motion seconded by Mr. Jesse Barnhart.***

***Mr. Donovan noted that CSPAC reviewed this item thoroughly and recommends the Boards approval as well.***

***Public comment from Mr. Ray Severie interpreted by Ms. Donna Sorensen, in support of the addition.***

***Public comment from Mr. Hollis Fudge interpreted by Ms. Donna Sorensen, in support of the addition.***

***Question of Dr. Peterson regarding adding endorsements to licensed teachers.***

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

**DISCUSSION**

**Item 14 PREPARING MONTANA'S TEACHERS – 10 minutes**

**Dr. Linda Peterson, OPI; Dr. Tricia Seifert, MSU**

Dr. Peterson introduced Dr. Tricia Seifert, Education Department Chair, MSU, to the Board. Dr. Sieffert presented to the Board her presentation regarding preparing Montana's teachers for the future, and how best the state can address the recruitment and retention issues facing the state. Dr. Siefert fielded questions from the Board.

❖ **MACIE LIAISON – Mary Jo Bremner (Item 17)**

**Item 17           MACIE REPORT – 15 minutes**  
**Mandy Smoker-Broadus**

Ms. Mandy Smoker-Broadus called in to the meeting via cell phone. Ms. Smoker-Broadus added that the Council was very pleased that Mr. Donovan was able to attend the MACIE meeting last week, then updated the Board with a report of the meeting, which took place at the Paris Gibson School in Great Falls.

❖ **ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE – Anne Keith (Item18)**

**Item 18           ASSESSMENT UPDATE – 15 minutes**  
**Jessica Eilertson**

Ms. Jessica Eilertson updated the Board with Assessment information and an update on the new Technical Advisory Councils first meeting. Ms. Eilertson reviewed the Annual Assessment Conference which took place in January, and discussed some of the updates that were given, including a presentation by Board member Anne Keith. Also discussed was a review of the Federally-Mandated tests upcoming this spring, and the schedule for those tests. Ms. Eilertson fielded questions from the Board.

**ACTION**

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❖ **ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE – Darlene Schottle (Item 19-20)**

**Item 19           RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE 2017-2018 FINAL ACCREDITATION STATUS OF ALL SCHOOLS – 20 minutes**  
**Patty Muir**

Ms. Muir discussed the process for receiving the data from schools via the Fall Report, the compiling of the data by OPI, process for correcting errors, and the revisions that will go to the Board in May if necessary. Ms. Muir reviewed how a school's final accreditation status is determined, then reviewed the report with the Board.

***Dr. Darlene Schottle moved to approve the 2017-2018 Final Accreditation Status of all Schools as recommended by the State Superintendent.***  
***Motion seconded by Ms. Mary Jo Bremner.***

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

**Item 20           RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE 2017-2018 REPORT OF SCHOOLS TO EXIT INTENSIVE ASSISTANCE, SCHOOLS TO ENTER INTENSIVE ASSISTANCE; SCHOOLS TO MOVE TO STEP 2 OF INTENSIVE ASSISTANCE – 15 minutes**  
**Patty Muir**

Ms. Muir reviewed the revised Intensive Assistance Timeline as approved by the Board in March 2017. Ms. Muir requested that the following schools be exited from Intensive Assistance: Townsend K-12; Broadwater High School; Joliet Public Schools, Joliet School; Lavina K-12 Schools, Lavina High School;

Gardiner Public Schools – Gardiner 7-8, Gardiner High School, Gardiner School; Billings Public Schools – Beartooth School, McKinley School, Rose Park School, Washington School.

***Dr. Darlene Schottle moved to approve Superintendent Arntzens recommendation to move the afore mentioned 10 schools to Exit Intensive Assistance.***

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

Ms. Muir requested the following schools be approved to Enter Intensive Assistance: Hardin Public Schools: Crow Agency School; Lodge Grass Public Schools: Lodge Grass 7-8, Lodge Grass High School; Vaughn Elementary: Vaughn 7-8; Miles City Public Schools: Lincoln School; Plevna K-12 Schools: Plevna 7-8, Plevna High School, Plevna School; Roy K-12 Schools: Roy 7-8, Roy High School; Box Elder Public Schools: Box Elder 7-8; Rocky Boy Public Schools: Rocky Boy High School; Two Eagle Public Schools: Two Eagle River High School; August Public Schools: Augusta High School; Valley Christian High School; Melstone Public Schools: Melstone 7-8; Brockton Public Schools: Barbara Gilligan 7-8, Barbara Gilligan School, Brockton High School; Forsyth Elementary School; Forsyth Public Schools: Forsyth 7-8; St. Labre Schools: St Labre Catholic High School; Medicine Lake K-12 Schools: Medicine Lake High School; Plentywood K-12 Schools: Plentywood School; Rapelje Public Schools: Rapelje High School; Hysham K-12 Schools: Hysham High School; Billings Public Schools: Billings West High School; Huntley Project K-12 Schools: Huntley Project High School.

***Dr. Darlene Schottle approve Superintendent Arntzen’s recommendation to move the aforementioned 28 schools to Enter Intensive Assistance. Motion seconded by Ms. Tammy Lacey.***

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

Ms. Muir requested approval of the following 11 schools to move to Step 2 of the Intensive Assistance Process: Lodge Grass Public Schools: Lodge Grass School; Northern Cheyenne Tribal Schools: Northern Cheyenne Elementary; Pryor Public Schools: Plenty Coups High School; Hays-Lodge Pole K-12 Schools: Hays-Lodge Pole 7-8, Hays-Lodge Pole High School; Scobey K-12 Schools: Scobey High School; Winifred K-12 Schools: Winifred 6-8, Winifred High School; Libby K-12 Schools: Libby Elementary School, Libby Middle School; Frazer Public Schools: Frazer High School

***Dr. Darlene Schottle moved to approve Superintendent Arntzen’s recommendation for the afore mentioned 11 schools to move to Step 2 of the Intensive Assistance process. Motion seconded by Ms. Mary Jo Bremner.***

***Question from Ms. Lacey regarding the presentations at the May meeting since there are so many. Possibility of conference call to the meeting. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.***

Ms. Muir requested approval of the following 7 schools to remain in Step 2 of Intensive Assistance: 3<sup>rd</sup> Year in Intensive Assistance - Box Elder Public Schools: Box Elder High School; Conrad Public Schools: Conrad High School; Lame Deer Public Schools: Lame Deer High School, Lame Deer 7-8; 2<sup>nd</sup> Year in Intensive Assistance – Wolf Point Public Schools: Wolf Point 7-8, Wolf Point High School; Lame Deer Public Schools: Lame Deer High School

***Dr. Darlene Schottle moved to approve Superintendent Arntzen’s request for the aforementioned 7 schools to remain in Intensive Assistance. Motion seconded by Ms. Tammy Lacey.***



***Ms. Muir noted these schools will submit plans to the Board but do not have to appear before the Board.***

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

❖ **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – Sharon Carroll (Items 22-25)**

**DISCUSSION**

**Item 22 FEDERAL UPDATE – 15 minutes  
Susie Hedalen**

Ms. Hedalen reviewed the final submission process of the ESSA report for the Board and what some of the concerns the Department of Education had regarding the report.

**Item 23 ANNUAL SCHOOL FOOD SERVICES REPORT – 15 minutes  
Christine Emerson**

Ms. Emerson presented the Annual School Nutrition Report, briefly explaining the purpose of the program and reviewing the annual report with the Board.

**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 24 CONSIDERATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT’S FINAL REPORT AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT RELATING TO THE NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION AND RESPONSE - 10 minutes  
Dr. Tim Tharp**

Dr. Tharp reviewed the Negotiated Rulemaking process and the Economic Impact Statement for the Suicide Prevention proposal. Dr. Tharp noted that the language is contained in the agenda packet and that Superintendent Arntzen requests the Board accept the committee’s final report.

***Dr. Darlene Schottle moved to accept the State Superintendent’s final report and economic impact statement related to the negotiated rulemaking for suicide prevention and response. Motion seconded by Ms. Tammy Lacey.***

***Question of clarification that the motion is to accept the report and economic impact statement.***

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

**Item 25 REQUEST APPROVAL OF PROPOSED TIMELINE AND PROPOSED NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR REVISIONS TO ARM 10.64.201 & 10.64.301, BUS STANDARDS – 15 minutes  
Kara Sperle**

Ms. Kara Sperle reviewed the history of how the proposed revision has come before the Board from the 2017 Legislative session which added the new Bus Type E as an option for school districts. Ms. Sperle fielded questions from the Board.

***Mr. Jesse Barnhart moved to approve the Proposed Timeline and Proposed Notice of Public Hearing for Revisions to ARM 10.64.201 and 10.64.301, School Bus Standards. Motion seconded by Ms. Mary Jo Bremner.***

**No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.**

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS May 10-11, 2018, Great Falls**

CSPAC Appointments

Student Representative Last Meeting & Recognition

*Approve K-12 Schools Payment Schedule*

*Assessment Update*

*Accreditation Report*

*Variance to Standards Requests & Renewals*

*Federal Update*

*MACIE Update*

Approve MSDB School Calendar

**Executive Director Performance Evaluation**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

**ADJOURN**

**Ms. Tammy Lacey moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Dr. Darlene Schottle**

**No discussion. Motion passed unanimously at 4:15 PM.**

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