

BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION CONFERENCE CALL
MEETING MINUTES

June 7, 2019

3:00 PM

Board of Public Education Offices
46 N Last Chance Gulch, Suite 2B
Helena MT 59601

FRIDAY JUNE 7, 2019

3:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Schottle called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM. Ms. Stockton took roll call.

BPE members present: Dr. Darlene Schottle, Chair; Ms. Tammy Lacey, Vice Chair; Ms. Madalyn Quinlan; Mr. Jesse Barnhart; Ms. Mary Jo Bremner; Mr. Scott Stearns. Staff present: Mr. Pete Donovan, Executive Director; Ms. Kris Stockton, Administrative Assistant. Guests: Mr. Rob Stutz, Attorney, Agency Legal Services; Dr. Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana; Mr. Dennis Parman, Montana Rural Education Association; Ms. Jule Walker, OPI; Ms. Kris Thatcher, OPI.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment

ACTION ITEM

❖ ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE – Jesse Barnhart (Item 1)

Item 1 APPROVE NOTICE OF PROPOSED REVISIONS TO ARM TITLE 10, CHAPTER 54, CONTENT STANDARDS

Ms. Jule Walker presented the item to the Board reviewing the meetings which have taken place between the Education Associations, OPI, BPE Executive Director, and Representatives Jones and McKamey. Ms. Walker noted that the topic was also discussed at the Council of Deans of Education meeting. Ms. Walker requested on change in the document, that being to revise the opening application date from September 1, 2019 to October 1, 2019 so that all schools have adequate opportunity to apply, and to ensure that all districts understand what Transformational Learning is, and how the application process will work. Mr. Donovan then reviewed House Bill 351, Transformational Learning, and noted that schools who apply must meet all Accreditation Standards set by the Board to be eligible to receive the funds. Mr. Donovan requested Chair Schottle to invite members of the public to comment on the request made by Ms. Walker to change the opening application date. Dr. Kirk

Miller, SAM, and Mr. Dennis Parman, MREA, both weighed in and did not express any concerns with the date change. Ms. Walker thanked everyone for being willing to change the application date time frame.

Mr. Scott Stearns moved to approve the recommendation of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction for the revisions to ARM 10.54, Content Standards, for the 2019 application deadlines for Transformational Learning Aid.
Ms. Tammy Lacey seconded the motion, noting the opening application date of September 1, 2019 is now October 1, 2019.

Mr. Rob Stutz noted that the rule will need further revisions to address future application dates.

Ms. Quinlan asked how the funds will be distributed and if OPI will distribute as applications arrive. Ms. Walker noted that applications will be date stamped as received, they will be forwarded to the Board for approval, and funds will be disbursed per the receipt date, as the law establishes a first come first serve basis.

No additional comment. Motion passes on roll call vote. All approve.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 3:17 PM.