

Chair Schottle noted the changes in the committee assignments noting that this could change after a new board member comes on in the next few months. Chair Schottle asked to get the dates for the “Days of Advocacy” in January with the Legislature. Superintendent Arntzen noted specific dates during the session which will provide opportunities for Board members to meet with the Legislature.

Item 2 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT – 10 minutes
Pete Donovan

Mr. Donovan discussed a recent meeting he held at the request of Senator McClafferty to discuss educational options for students with Dyslexia, and how to assist students and parents. Participants in the meeting included Chair Schottle, Mr. Donovan, Mr. Frank Podobnik, OPI, Senator McClafferty, and Mr. Pad McCracken. A Task Force will be created to research the issue and develop solutions. Mr. Podobnik will bring the results of the Task Force to the Superintendent when completed. Mr. Donovan also discussed the Negotiated Rulemaking Committee meeting for Assessment he attended earlier in the week, and the MACIE meeting both he and Board member Bremner attended the previous day.

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

Superintendent Arntzen thanked Ms. Carroll for her service to the Board and extended any assistance necessary from OPI to Chair Schottle. Superintendent Arntzen discussed School Safety and ongoing efforts to work to develop School Safety plans. The OPI has received one grant to assist schools in this work. Superintendent Arntzen discussed her Legislative Plans, and ongoing work with the Commissioner of Higher Education’s Office regarding the ACT and sharing data. Superintendent Arntzen discussed possible changes to the dates for the distribution of BASE Aid payments to schools, and the highlighted newly elected Teacher of the Year for 2018. The Superintendent fielded questions from the Board. Mr. Stearns offered to be of assistance via the BPE Legislative Committee to work on the OPI bill draft language particularly school safety.

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

Ms. McLean welcomed the Board to the OCHE building and expressed her appreciation to Ms. Carroll for her service and friendship. Ms. McLean reported on College Application Week which included 162 schools who participated, an update on Recruitment and Retention Task Force which will be presented to the Board of Regents next week, and a College Access Portal the office is developing for students to access. Ms. McLean answered Board member questions.

Item 6 STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE’S REPORT 15 minutes
Paris Becker

Ms. Becker updated the Board on activities she has been involved with in Fairfield including an Active Shooter Drill, Graduation Matters Walk, Human Trafficking Awareness, new sports available at Fairfield, the State Student Council Conference in October, amendments the Executive Committee is working on, and the report she gave on her membership on the Board of Public Education. Ms. Becker also reported on fundraising efforts the Council did for the Make A Wish Foundation, and some redistricting the Council is working on.

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

Ms. Smillie congratulated Chair Schottle on her new appointment and thanked Ms. Carroll for her service, and noted the Governor is also grateful to her for her service. Ms. Smillie noted the evaluation of the STARS Preschool program is complete and that the report is available online. Ms. Smillie touched on a few highlights in the report regarding student success. The Governor will release the Executive Budget proposal which will include a request for funding for preschool. Ms. Smillie noted the state has applied for the Federal Preschool Grant for a possible \$10 million funding amount. Ms. Smillie spoke about the Computer Science workgroup hoping to increase access across the state.

Mr. Stearns advised Mr. Bethurem that he is confident that Mr. Bethurem will secure employment to meet the qualifications and thanked him for his professionalism. Comments echoed by Ms. Lacey and Chair Schottle. Ms. Keith encouraged Mr. Bethurem to obtain 3 years of experience in the public-school system, become a Teacher Leader, which will give him the added experience to move in to Administration.

No additional comments. Motion passed unanimously.

❖ EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – Dr. Darlene Schottle (Items 9-10)

**Item 9 REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE CRITICAL QUALITY EDUCATOR REPORT (ACTION)– 15 minutes
Scott Furois**

Mr. Furois reviewed the 2018-2019 Critical Quality Educator Report for the Board.

Dr. Schottle moved to approve the Critical Educator Report for 2018-2019. Seconded by Ms. Mary Jo Bremner

Mr. Dennis Parman commented on getting appropriations to distribute per statute. HB 119. Due to additional criteria used to compile the report that is not in statute.

No additional comment. Motion passed unanimously.

**Item 10 FEDERAL REPORT (INFORMATION ONLY) – 15 minutes
Susie Hedalen, Jule Walker**

Ms. Susie Hedalen presented the updated draft report card to the Board and fielded questions from the Board on the data, how it's gathered, and questions on specific areas of the report card. Ms. Hedalen reviewed for the Board changes made at their request from the September meeting, and additional changes from suggestions received from the field.

❖ ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE – Anne Keith (Item 11)

**Item 11 ASSESSMENT UPDATE (INFORMATION ONLY) – 15 minutes
Ashley McGrath**

Ms. McGrath presented the Assessment Update to the Board, noting changes made as of October 18, 2018. Ms. McGrath reviewed the 2019 Testing Windows for statewide assessment, changes to the ACT with Writing, 2018 Data Release, Title I Audit Status, Upcoming Peer Review Plans, Negotiated Rulemaking, Science Waiver Plans, and Competitive Bid Plans.

❖ ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE – Darlene Schottle (Items 12-14)

**Item 12 NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING FOR HAZARD AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN UPDATE (INFORMATION ONLY)– 10 minutes
Dr. Linda Vrooman Peterson**

Dr. Peterson briefly reviewed for the Board the progress being made towards the Negotiated Rulemaking for Hazard & Emergency Response Plans. Dr. Peterson reviewed who the committee members are, and how the rulemaking process takes place, then reviewed the timeline for the Board.

❖ LICENSURE COMMITTEE – Tammy Lacey (Item 18)

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Item 15

MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY BOZEMAN PROPOSES NEW TEACHING ENDORSEMENT OPTIONS: (INFORMATION ONLY)

- **MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES – ENDORSEMENT OPTION – 15 minutes**
Dr. Ann Ewbank, Education Department in the College of Education, Health and Human Development at MSU;
Dr. Linda Vrooman Peterson, Administrator, OPI

Dr. Ewbank, MSU Education Department, presented this item to the Board as a new program at MSU, 100% online as a pathway to additional endorsement for educators who already have a Class 1 or Class 2 license in Montana. Benefits of the program include addressing recruitment and retention for Career and Technical Education and allowing current Montana teachers to continue their education while remaining in Montana.

- **MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH A BACHELOR’S DEGREE SEEKING A TEACHING LICENSE IN AN ENDORSABLE SUBJECT AREA – 15 minutes**
Dr. Ann Ewbank, Education Department in the College of Education, Health and Human Development at MSU;
Dr. Linda Vrooman Peterson, Administrator, OPI

Dr. Ewbank presented this new curricular program which would allow an individual who already holds a bachelor’s degree in an endorsable teaching area, to obtain a master’s degree in Teaching, 100% online. This item will be back to the Board for Action in January.

Item 16

NEW CURRICULAR PROGRAM LEADING TO LICENSURE AND ENDORSEMENT IN COMPUTER SCIENCE GRADES 5-12, PROPOSED BY MSU-BOZEMAN (INFORMATION ONLY)– 15 minutes

Dr. Ann Ewbank, Education Department in the College of Education, Health and Human Development at MSU;
Dr. Linda Vrooman Peterson, Administrator, OPI

Dr. Ewbank presented the proposed program of a secondary education minor in Computer Sciences. The program will be a 25-credit teaching minor in which candidates will be able to teach computer sciences in grades 5-12. This will be an Action item at the January meeting.

Item 17

REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE NOTICE OF ADOPTION TO ARM TITLE 10, CHAPTER 57, EDUCATOR LICENSURE (ACTION) – 10 minutes
Pete Donovan

Mr. Donovan reviewed the proposed rule change and public hearing, noting the board received no public comment.

Ms. Tammy Lacey moved to approve the Notice of Adoption to ARM Title 10, Chapter 57, Educator Licensure. Seconded by Ms. Sharon Carroll.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

*****CLOSED -EXECUTIVE SESSION*****

Item 20

MSDB SUPERINTENDENT PERFORMANCE EVALUATION
Dr. Darlene Schottle

*****OPEN – EXECUTIVE SESSION*****

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS January 18, 2019, Conference Call Meeting

Exiting Board Member – Last Meeting and Recognition

MSDB Superintendent Contract Extension

Transportation Report

MACIE Update

Assessment Update

Federal Update

Accreditation Report

Teacher Licensure Report

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 PM

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