

BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION
CONFERENCE CALL MEETING MINUTES

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CALL TO ORDER

Chair Schottle called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. Ms. Stockton took roll call and the Chair read the Statement of Public Participation and welcomed guests.

Board members present: Dr. Darlene Schottle, Chair; Ms. Tammy Lacey, Vice Chair; Ms. Mary Jo Bremner; Mr. Jesse Barnhart; Ms. Anne Keith; Ms. Madalyn Quinlan; Ms. Paris Becker, Student Rep. Ex Officio members present: Ms. McCall Flynn, Governor's Office; Ms. Angela McLean, Commissioner of Higher Education Office; Ms. Jule Walker, Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction. Staff present: Mr. Pete Donovan, Executive Director; Ms. Kris Stockton, Administrative Assistant. Guests: Ms. Diane Burke, Montana Quality Education Coalition; Mr. Brock Tessman, OCHE; Ms. Emily Dean, MT School Boards Association; Ms. Sharyl Allen, OPI; Dr. Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

ADOPT AGENDA

Mary Jo Bremner moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Ms. Tammy Lacey seconded the motion.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS

❖ **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – Dr. Darlene Schottle (Items 1-2)**

**Item 1 APPROVE MONTANA TRANSFORMATIONAL LEARNING GRANT
QUALIFICATION LIST – (ACTION) – 10 Minutes
Sharyl Allen**

Ms. Allen reviewed the list of applicants for the Board. Board members asked clarifying questions of Ms. Allen regarding the priority list and the wait list, as well as questions regarding how funds are disbursed.

Ms. Tammy Lacey moved to approve the Montana Transformational Learning Grant Qualification List. Mr. Jesse Barnhart seconded the motion.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 2

APPROVE MONTANA TRANSFORMATIONAL LEARNING GRANT RE-QUALIFICATION LIST – (ACTION) – 10 Minutes

Sharyl Allen

Ms. Allen reviewed the eleven districts funded in 2020 and how the re-qualification process works, and how Annual Reports were submitted, as required by law. Ms. Lacey asked how the Annual Report process worked out, and Ms. Allen answered that the OPI held training sessions online and in person with districts on how the submission process worked.

Ms. Tammy Lacey moved to approve the Montana Transformational Learning Grant Re-Qualification List. Motion seconded by Ms. Madalyn Quinlan.

Public comment from Dr. Miller expressing thanks to the Board and OPI for implementing the new legislation. Dr. Miller noted that many schools are already innovative and the new process allows districts to highlight what is currently in place. Dr. Miller added that additional appropriations should be made available to all schools, and that the MT-PEC is working with OPI to offer amendments to the existing statute for the 2021 Legislative Session.

Board member Lacey congratulated the districts on their work and innovations and offered the idea of a clearinghouse of the program's schools are using for other districts and schools to have access to. Ms. Lacey concurred with Dr. Miller's comments.

Chair Schottle concurred with Dr. Miller's comments, noting that she had the opportunity to visit two districts to see their programs at work.

No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 10:24 AM.

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