

CERTIFICATION STANDARDS & PRACTICES ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY OCTOBER 1ST, 2015

*Phyllis J Washington Education Center Room #241
University of Montana-Missoula
Missoula, MT*

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Chair Lacey. Chair Lacey welcomed guests. Ms. Stockton took roll call.

Council members present: Ms. Tammy Lacey, Chair; Dr. Cindy O'Dell, Vice Chair; Mr. Kelly Elder; Ms. Debbie Hendricks; Ms. Sabrina Steketee. Staff present included: Mr. Pete Donovan, Executive Director Board of Public Education; Ms. Kris Stockton, Administrative Assistant. Guests present included: Dr. Linda Peterson, OPI; Ms. Shannon Koenig, OPI; Mr. Steve York, OPI; Mr. Marco Ferro, MEA-MFT; Mr. Robert Miller, UM Western.

Dr. Cindy O'Dell moved to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Debbie Hendricks seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Sabrina Steketee moved to approve the July 15th, 2015 Meeting Minutes. Dr. Cindy O'Dell seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 1 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT – Ms. Tammy Lacey

- **Review of Bylaws**

The Council reviewed the revisions to the Bylaws and recommended a few more changes. The changes will be incorporated into the Bylaws and presented to the Council as an Action item in February.

ITEM 2 BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION REPORT – Mr. Pete Donovan

Mr. Donovan reviewed the following items for the Council: The open Specialist position on the Council, redesign of the web page, and the September 23rd meeting of the School Funding Commission. Mr. Marco Ferro, MEA-MFT also updated the Council regarding issues the Commission will be reviewing. Mr. Donovan reviewed SB 345 passed by the 2015 Legislature and discussed how the new Negotiated Rulemaking process will work for the review of the Health and Art Standards. OPI staff members fielded questions from the Council in regards to the new process. Mr. Donovan briefly discussed a lawsuit against the Montana High School Association (MHSA) regarding the HiSet exam and student eligibility for MHSA sanctioned sports.

ITEM 3 UPDATE ON REAUTHORIZATION OF THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT – Dr. Linda Peterson

Dr. Peterson updated the Council on the two bills in Congress, one in the House and one in the Senate, related to the Reauthorization of the ESEA, and reviewed differences between the two bills. The main concern with Reauthorization is that if no agreement can be made by December 2015, it will be delayed again until after the 2016 Election process.

ITEM 4 UPDATE ON MONTANA EPAS – Dr. Linda Peterson

Dr. Peterson reviewed the work to date on the EPAS process, what work remains to be accomplished, upcoming trainings, and timelines. Mr. Steve York also discussed the process and the EPAS program with the Council. Mr. York discussed how other states have created their processes and tied teacher evaluations to student performance, which Montana does not do. Mr. Marco Ferro also gave input for the Council. Dr. Peterson and Mr. York fielded questions from the Council.

ITEM 5 UPDATE ON HB 374 – SUICIDE PREVENTION AND TRAINING ACT – Steve York

Mr. York updated the Council on HB 374 requirements, what OPI has done to date and grant funding OPI has received to address mental health training and emergency planning and training. Mr. York presented a draft website for schools to use for Suicide Prevention training. The website has not been approved by the Superintendent but is awaiting approval. Mr. York answered Council member questions.

ITEM 6 OPI TEACHER LICENSURE REPORT – Shannon Koenig

Ms. Koenig distributed a report on the number of applications in each class from January 2015 to date, and the total number of licenses issued. Discussion ensued amongst the Council regarding perceptions of the degree of difficulty for out of state teachers to be licensed in Montana, how to dispense information about how the process works, and how to overcome the perception that the process is difficult. Chair Lacey requested this item to be an annual report at the Winter Council meeting.

ITEM 7 CLASS 8 LICENSE APPLICATIONS – Shannon Koenig

The Council reviewed 5 applications for Class 8 licensure. Three applications were fully approved. Two applications were approved with the caveat that the applicants complete the Indian Education for All training. Chair Lacey requested for the next meeting a one page document of Class 8 requirements.

ITEM 8 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Approval of By Laws

Class 8 Applications

Presentation on the Standards review process and future standard reviews scheduled

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

ADJOURN

***Dr. Cindy O'Dell moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Kelly Elder seconded the motion.
Meeting adjourned at 12:35 PM.***

Agenda items are handled in the order listed on the approved agenda. Items may be rearranged unless listed "time certain". Action may be taken by the Council on any item listed on the agenda. Public comment is welcome on all items but time limits on public comment may be set at the Chair's discretion.

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