

CERTIFICATION STANDARDS & PRACTICES ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

WEDESDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD, 2015

*Board of Public Education Conference Room
46 N Last Chance Gulch, Second Floor
Helena, MT*

Starting at 9:00 A.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lacey called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

Council members present included: Ms. Tammy Lacey, Chair; Dr. Cindy O'Dell, Vice-Chair; Mr. Kelly Elder; Ms. Noreen Burris; Ms. Debbie Hendricks; Ms. Leanne Yenny. Staff present included: Mr. Pete Donovan, Executive Director Board of Public Education; Ms. Kris Stockton, Administrative Specialist Board of Public Education. Guests present included: Ms. Shannon Koenig, OPI; Ms. Ann Gilkey, OPI; Ms. Rebecca Pelton, MACTE; Ms. Katy Wright, Helena School District; Ms. Sue Sweeney, Helena School District; Ms. Piper Lynch, Helena Public Montessori Parents; Ms. Tiffany Lyden, Helena Public Montessori Parents; Mr. Mike Miller, University of Montana Western; Dr. Matthew Schertz, University of Montana.

Superintendent Juneau arrived and thanked the Council for their work on behalf of Montana students. Chair Lacey introduced Ms. Noreen Burris, who introduced herself to the Council. Council and staff members introduced themselves to Ms. Burris. Guests also introduced themselves.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Mr. Kelly Elder moved to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Dr. Cindy O'Dell.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Ms. Debbie Hendricks moved to approve the October 2015 Minutes. Motion seconded by Ms. Leanne Yenny.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 1 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT – Ms. Tammy Lacey

- **Code of Ethics Review**

Chair Lacey announced to the Council that the 5 year review cycle for reviewing the Code of Ethics is beginning this year. Mr. Elder will chair the review of the Code of Ethics by the Professional Practices Committee, with a first draft review scheduled for October 2016.

Chair Lacey announced to the Council that she has been appointed by the Governor as the next member on the Board of Public Education and will be resigning from her role on the Council effective Feb 4th, 2016 to begin her duties on the Board.

Chair Lacey asked that members review the Correspondence item in their packet.

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

Mr. Donovan updated the Council on the Negotiated Rulemaking committees for the Art Standards and the Health/PE Standards which met last week. Mr. Donovan reviewed the makeup of the Negotiated Rulemaking committee, the work required of them in recommending the newly revised standards to the Office of Public Instruction, and the Economic Impact Statement required by the committee which was worked on last week. Mr. Donovan discussed the meeting he attended in Bozeman last week with Deputy Superintendent Dennis Parman by invitation of the Bozeman School District to discuss the possibility of the district applying to the Board of Public Education for a Public Charter School through the Chapter 55 Accreditation Standards. Mr. Donovan explained the application process the school district will go through in their request. In addition Mr. Donovan reviewed the most recent meeting of the School Funding Interim Commission and their 10 year review of School Funding in Montana. Discussion ensued surrounding the committee and school funding.

ITEM 3 RECOGNITION FOR LICENSURE OF A CREDENTIAL FROM A MACTE ACCREDITED TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM – Rebecca Pelton

Ms. Rebecca Pelton introduced herself to the Council, reviewed her background in education, and explained the work of the Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education. Ms. Pelton explained the request for Montana licensure to recognize a MACTE accredited program for Montana teacher licensure for a public Montessori program. Ms. Pelton summarized the MACTE programs and the other states that recognize the MACTE credential for education, particularly South Carolina who also requires the PRAXIS for licensure. Ms. Pelton believes that ARM 10.57.402 for Class 2 licensure could be the rule in which the MACTE accreditation could be recognized. The request is only for Montessori licensure not a public preschool.

Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction Dennis Parman gave comment via a phone call from Washington DC regarding the request from MACTE. Mr. Parman discussed the current issue of teacher shortages in Montana and how Montessori programs fit into the issue of teacher shortage. Mr. Parman discussed how Montana not accepting alternative licensing programs from other states may be creating a broader issue. Class 5 licenses are an option for some, but not all.

Options for how this process could take place were discussed amongst the Council and with Mr. Parman.

Discussion ensued amongst the Council regarding teacher recruitment and teacher shortage.

Chair Lacey requested a letter be sent from the Council to OPI recommending OPI to begin work with MACTE to review the current rule and to see if revisions can be made to the rule to work with the requested change, and to also review other areas of licensure which may also be in need of review. An update will be given by OPI to the Council at the April meeting.

ITEM 4 UPDATE ON P-3 LICENSURE – Shannon Koenig

Ms. Koenig distributed a summary of the number of applications for the Early Childhood Education Endorsement and how those applications are moving through the system. A discussion ensued surrounding the new licensing requirements for new applicants, and what PRAXIS scores have been so far. Mr. Donovan and the Council thanked Ms. Koenig for the flow chart she created on how applicants move through the licensure process. Dr. O'Dell requested information and data on how easy or difficult it is for applicants from out of state to complete the licensure process in Montana. How big is the issue and where are the hang ups? Ms. Koenig will present this information to the Council at the April 2016 meeting.

ITEM 5 PROFESSIONAL ETHICS FOR MONTANA EDUCATORS – Dr. Matthew Schertz, University of Montana

Dr. Schertz presented to the Council a request for creating an online Professional Ethics Program. Chair Lacey asked how this could work for her, as an administrator. Dr. Schertz replied that he hopes to gather input from teachers and administrators, hold summits for teachers, and gather input for needs of American Indian Students. Dr. Schertz also believes that coaches and other school personnel could benefit from this program. Dr. Schertz is

currently working through the Montana University System with his proposal and has been granted a sabbatical for the 2016-17 academic year to research and create the program. Mr. Elder applauded his program but is concerned about getting teachers to actually take the course online. Chair Lacey summarized how this program could work and offered some suggestions. Dr. Schertz also discussed that FERPA and DPHHS Mandatory Reporting would also be included in the program, which the Council agreed were important. Dr. Schertz noted that it is important that the program be “Montana Specific”. Stakeholder involvement is important to this process.

Chair Lacey stated that the Council supports this effort and the concept. CSPAC will write a letter of support for Dr. Schertz to move forward with his program.

ACTION

ITEM 6 APPROVE CSPAC BYLAWS

Chair Lacey reviewed the changes made to the Bylaws.

Mr. Kelly Elder moved to approve the CSPAC bylaws as amended. Ms. Leanne Yenny seconded the motion.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION

ITEM 7 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

One page summary/overview of Class 8 licensure process

Licensure issue review – OPI

Update from OPI on MACTE request

Code of Ethics review

Draft Annual Report

Chair Lacey turned the gavel over to Vice Chair Dr. O’Dell and thanked the Council for her experience on the Council.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. O’Dell expressed her appreciation and gratitude for Ms. Lacey and thanked her for her work on the Council.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 11:13 AM.

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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