

CERTIFICATION STANDARDS & PRACTICES ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY APRIL 19, 2017

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

Starting at 9:00 A.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair O'Dell called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Chair O'Dell welcomed everyone and read the Statement of Public Participation. Ms. Stockton took roll call.

Council members present included: Dr. Cindy O'Dell, Chair; Mr. Kelly Elder, Vice Chair; Ms. Debbie Hendricks; Dr. Rob Watson; Ms. Noreen Burris; Ms. Leanne Yenny. Staff present included: Mr. Pete Donovan, Executive Director Board of Public Education and CSPAC; Mr. Kris Stockton, Administrative Assistant. Guests present included: Ms. Angela McLean, OCHE; Mr. Kristine Thatcher, OPI; Dr. Tim Tharp, OPI; Dr. Linda Peterson, OPI; Mr. Jake Warner, OPI; Ms. Colet Bartow, OPI.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes approved as presented.

ITEM 1 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT – Dr. Cindy O'Dell

- Review Annual Report – DRAFT

The Council reviewed the DRAFT Annual Report

Mr. Kelly Elder moved to approve the Draft Annual report with amendments to add Ms. Burris in the Highlights for all meetings. Motion seconded by Ms. Debbie Hendricks.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Mr. Donovan thanked Dr. O'Dell for her service to the Council, reflecting upon her hard work as the Dean of the College of Education at Salish Kootenai College, her efforts to bring the Educator Preparation Program to the college and becoming an accredited provider. In addition, Dr. O'Dell made SKC the first Tribal College in Montana to have an Educator Preparation Program. Mr. Donovan presented Dr. O'Dell with a card and gift for her service to the Council. Mr. Elder spoke to her hard work and thanked her for her service, passion, and commitment to Early Childhood Education. Mr. Donovan also thanked Dr. Watson for his work testifying in opposition to HB 376 establishing Public Charter Schools. Mr. Donovan also discussed the upcoming May BPE meeting where the 3 CSPAC members will be up for approval.

*****TIME CERTAIN @9:30 AM*****

ITEM 3 EDUCATOR RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION TASK FORCE UPDATE – Ms. Angela McLean

Ms. McLean joined the others in thanking Dr. O’Dell for her passion for, and service to, education and the students of Montana. Ms. McLean also thanked the Board staff for their work for CSPAC and the Board, as well as discussing some of the Legislation ongoing during the current session. Ms. McLean reviewed the background of the Educator Recruitment and Retention Task Force, the impetus for convening the Task Force, work the Task Force has done to date, and upcoming projects being worked on. The Task Force will be adding representation from a private college and a tribal college. The Task Force is working to collect data to help effectively address the recruitment and retention issue in the state, and has worked with MREA in getting legislation passed to create a scholarship for rural educators. A dual enrollment class has been created for an Introduction to Education course for high school students who are interested in education as a profession. Also discussed were upcoming Professional Development opportunities for interested educators to take part in. Ms. McLean fielded questions from the Council.

ITEM 4 GOVERNOR’S K-12 COMPUTER SCIENCE CONVENING – Mr. Kelly Elder

Mr. Elder updated the group on his attendance at the Governor’s K-12 Computer Science conference in Phoenix along with Jake Warner from OPI and Buffy Smith, Computer Science teacher in the Helena Public Schools. Mr. Elder discussed Computer Science programs in other states and the struggles that Montana has around this program. Mr. Warner gave a brief overview of the conference and the importance of computer science for Montana students. The Council discussed ideas on how to integrate computer science in the classroom until Computer Standards are written and adopted. Thoughts about getting a training module on the Teacher Learning HUB through the OPI were also discussed. The topic of licensure flexibility surrounding computer science teachers was also discussed.

ITEM 5 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – Mr. Pete Donovan

Mr. Donovan gave a quick run-down of the Legislative session that for the most part is wrapping up and getting down to the most important issues at hand, mainly the state budget. Mr. Donovan reviewed several bills pertaining to the Board of Public Education, and the confirmation hearings for 3 Board members, Jesse Barnhart, Tammy Lacey, and new member Anne Keith. The position from the resignation of Paul Andersen is still open.

ITEM 6 CLASS 8 LICENSE APPLICATIONS – Ms. Kristine Thatcher

Six applications were reviewed and discussed by the Council. Five applications were approved and one was returned for additional information.

ITEM 7 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 12:11 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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