

CERTIFICATION STANDARDS & PRACTICES ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 2018

*Wingate Inn Conference Room
2007 N Oakes
Helena, MT*

Starting at 9:00 A.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Elder called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM. Chair Elder read the Statement of Public Participation and Ms. Stockton took roll call.

Council members present included: Mr. Kelly Elder, Chair; Ms. Noreen Burris, Vice-Chair; Ms. Debbie Hendricks; Ms. Angel Turoski; Ms. Leanne Lorenz; Dr. Rob Watson. Staff present included: Mr. Pete Donovan, Executive Director; Ms. Kris Stockton, Administrative Assistant. Guests present: Dr. Linda Peterson, OPI; Ms. Kristine Thatcher, OPI; Ms. Renee Erlandsen, OPI; Ms. Diane Fladmo, MEA-MFT; Mr. Nicholas Bellick, ETS.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Ms. Debbie Hendricks moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Rob Watson seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Angel Turoski moved to accept the minutes. Ms. Leanne Lorenz seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 1 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT – Mr. Kelly Elder

- Review 2017 Annual Report

The Council reviewed the annual report. Council members discussed any necessary changes to the draft document which will be presented to the Board of Public Education in July 2018. Rotation date for Code of Ethics need to be updated.

Ms. Angel Turoski moved to accept the report with the date correction. Ms. Debbie Hendricks seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Mr. Donovan reported highlights of the March BPE meeting in Helena including approval of the Suicide Prevention Negotiated Rulemaking report, approval of the American Sign Language Endorsement approved by the Council in February, a report from ETS to the Board and invitation to Mr. Donovan to attend the upcoming national conference. Also discussed was the approval of the Notice of Public Hearing for the 10-passenger school bus, which will be held next week. Mr. Donovan also discussed the Council openings. Chair Elder is reapplying, but Ms. Steketee and Ms. Hendricks will not be reapplying, and those positions are currently open. Chair Elder presented Ms. Hendricks with a gift of appreciation and Ms. Hendricks noted that her membership on the Council has been a great experience and encourages other teachers to apply. Mr. Donovan discussed in more detail the Negotiated Rulemaking process that was undertaken for the Suicide Prevention ARM rule change forthcoming.

ITEM 3 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE WORLD LANGUAGE ENDORSEMENT – Dr. Linda Peterson

Dr. Peterson reviewed the process which will be undertaken by the Office of Public Instruction to implement the approved addition of American Sign Language as a Teaching Endorsement option, moved by the Council in February for Board approval, and approved by the Board in March 2018. Dr. Peterson reviewed that the

endorsement is for teachers to teach American Sign Language to students. High School curriculums can now add ASL as a World Language for students to take and to use to fulfill the World Language requirement for higher education. Dr. Peterson reviewed the implementation plan the OPI has established. Dr. Peterson fielded questions from the Council. Dr. Peterson also introduced Mr. Nicholas Bellick, the new ETS Client Relations Representative for Montana.

ITEM 4 DRAFT LANGUAGE FOR CLASS 4 ENDORSEMENTS TO ADD EMERGENCY & FIRE SERVICES TRAINING TO ARM 10.57.421 – Renee Erlandsen

Ms. Renee Erlandsen, OPI, reviewed the requested language addition to ARM 10.57.421 to add Emergency & Fire Services Training as an endorsement. Ms. Erlandsen discussed how students would obtain training, where training will take place, how the course will be put together and available on the OPI Learning Hub for teachers. Ms. Erlandsen noted that schools are already requesting being able to add this course to their high schools for students to take and to become certified. Ms. Erlandsen fielded questions from the Council. Courses would be offered to students as a year long course to qualify as a CTE program, and also leaving open the possibility for a dual enrollment course to receive college credit.

ACTION

ITEM 5 APPROVE REVISIONS TO ARM 10.57.421(e)(i) and (ii), TEACHER EDUCATION – Dr. Rob Watson

Dr. Watson noted that he attended the Board of Public Education meeting in March to present this new request and noted one area of concern brought up at the meeting with the 80-hour requirement in the proposed language. Dr. Watson revised the proposed language to change that to require 5 years of professional experience by a licensed educator, to include School Counselors who could also be able to teach the EDU 101 course. Concern noted by Ms. Turoski that language as written says “Class 1 or 2 license” and Counselors hold a Class 6. Dr. Watson also reviewed a concern the OPI has with the proposed language “and approved by the Board of Public Education” in (d)(ii). Mr. Donovan noted that he will visit with the Executive Committee of the BPE to express this concern. Ms. Hendricks asked if that phrase will be removed from other licensure language. Mr. Donovan answered that for that rule it would not be removed as it refers to a form that the Board must approve.

ITEM 6 REVIEW OF CLASS 8 LICENSE APPLICATIONS – Kris Thatcher

The Council reviewed 7 applications for Class 8 licensure and approved all 7 applications.

DISCUSSION

ITEM 7 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Review Mission
- Review Goals
- Action on Class 4 Emergency & Fire Services
- Charter School Discussion ARM 10.55.604

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment

ADJOURN

Ms. Angel Turoski moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Leanne Lorenz seconded. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 11:29 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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