

CERTIFICATION STANDARDS & PRACTICES ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY OCTOBER 3, 2019

*OPI Conference Room
1300 11th AVE
Helena, MT*

Starting at 9:00 A.M.

CALL TO ORDER

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

Council members present: Mr. Kelly Elder, Chair; Ms. Noreen Burris, Vice-Chair; Ms. Ann Wake; Dr. Rob Watson; Mr. Tom Cubbage; Dr. Trent Atkins. Staff present: Mr. Pete Donovan, Executive Director, Board of Public Education and CSPAC; Ms. Kris Stockton, Administrative Assistant. Guests: Ms. Jule Walker, OPI; Dr. Linda Peterson, OPI; Dr. Tricia Sieffert, MSU-Bozeman; Ms. Kris Thatcher, OPI; Ms. Emily Dean, MTSBA.

Approve Agenda

Ms. Noreen Burris moved to accept the agenda. Mr. Tom Cubbage seconded the motion.

No discussion. Motion passed.

Approve Minutes

Ms. Noreen Burris moved to approve the July 10, 2019 meeting minutes. Ms. Ann Wake seconded the motion.

No discussion. Motion passed.

ITEM 1 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT – Mr. Kelly Elder

Chair Elder welcomed Dr. Atkins to the Council

• Committee Assignments

Chair Elder noted in the July minutes that Dr. Atkins had been placed in the Pre-Professional Committee which he agreed to take part in.

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

Mr. Donovan welcomed Council members and guests to Helena for the meeting. Mr. Donovan reviewed the recent Board of Public Education meeting on September 13, 2019, noting that Chair Schottle and Vice-Chair Lacey were both reappointed to their respective positions on the Board for the next year. Mr. Donovan noted the new appointees to MACIE which the Board approved, the new Student Achievement report from OPI the Board will hear at each meeting, and an update on the Transformational Learning Act and Advanced Opportunity Act. Mr. Donovan noted the increase in licensure issues and requests for revocation from the Superintendent, taking special note of HB 173 passed during the last session making it illegal for teachers to have a relationship with a student. Mr. Donovan had a conversation with Ms. Sara Sheldon from ECS who explained that due to recent state laws, and new requirements in ESSA, many states are experiencing an increase in the number of reports of teachers having inappropriate relationships with students. Mr. Donovan explained the procedures in place in rule and statute to afford the educator due process when action has been requested against their license. Additionally, Mr. Donovan

noted the PRAXIS report from Dr. Peterson, the Assessment Report, revisions approved for the Accreditation Process, a review of the Accreditation Process for 2019-2020, and an update on the Content Standards Revisions that were also presented at the Board meeting.

ITEM 3 UPDATE ON HB 351 TRANSFORMATIONAL LEARNING, AND HB 387 ADVANCED OPPORTUNITY ACT – Mr. Pete Donovan

Mr. Donovan gave an update on the implementation of the Transformational Learning Act and the Advanced Opportunity Act. Mr. Donovan noted the attendance of Ms. Jule Walker, OPI Deputy Superintendent, to update the Council. Ms. Walker noted the application period opened October 1, 2019, and 39 total applications have been received to date. Applications are taken on a first come first serve basis. Ms. Walker reviewed the process the applications will go through to determine which schools will receive funding, and as of today, it appears that all the funds will be expended. Applications will be date and time stamped and delivered to the Board of Public Education at their November meeting for qualification and approval for funding. Ms. Walker answered Council member questions. Chair Elder asked if the public would be able to see what schools received funding and what the programs are the schools are implementing. Ms. Walker noted the Transformational Learning web page that will list the schools and their programs. Mr. Donovan noted that per statute, the Board must submit a report to the Legislature outlining the schools and their programs who have received the funding. Additionally, schools have to submit an Annual Report in order to be eligible for funding the following years. Dr. Watson reviewed the process from the perspective of a district who applied for the grant.

ITEM 4 MSU MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING PROGRAM UPDATE – Dr. Tricia Sieffert

Dr. Sieffert, MSU College of Education, updated the Council on the new MSU Master of Arts in Teaching program first reported to the Council in October of 2018 and approved by the BPE in January 2019. Dr. Sieffert reported on how the program rolled out, what areas students are getting degrees in, the hands-on component, and applications now being reviewed for the Elementary Education portion of the program which will kick off in January 2020. Dr. Sieffert also noted where in the state students are located. Dr. Sieffert answered questions from Council members.

ITEM 5 OVERVIEW OF THE STONE CHILD COLLEGE SITE VISIT – Dr. Linda Peterson

Dr. Peterson reviewed for the Council the upcoming site visit at Stone Child College. The visit was postponed due to the recent blizzard but is being rescheduled. Stone Child is the second tribal college to have an Elementary Education program that will be implemented once approved by the Board of Public Education. Dr. Peterson will present this item again at a later meeting.

ITEM 6 UPDATE: PRAXIS CONTENT KNOWLEDGE TEST DATA – Dr. Linda Peterson

Dr. Peterson updated the Council by reviewing the purpose of the PRAXIS for potential teacher candidates, and the Program Standards surrounding the content area of the PRAXIS tests. The test is a data point for Educator Preparation Programs to see how their students perform and areas that may need improvement. Out of state candidates are also required to have taken the PRAXIS or take the PRAXIS prior to obtaining licensure in Montana. Dr. Peterson reviewed the content areas which are available for testing, average scores, and national scores. Dr. Peterson answered questions from the Council.

ITEM 7 REPORT ON CLASS 8 LICENSE NUMBERS – Kris Thatcher

Ms. Thatcher provided the Council with a report listing the number of Class 8 dual credit licenses held currently, subject matter taught, and at which institution the instructor works. This report was requested at the July 2019 CSPAC meeting. Ms. Thatcher answered Council member questions. Dr. Peterson explained that the TEAMS system is hoping to begin gathering the Dual Enrollment counts per school which will reflect better the number of students taking Dual Enrollment because those high school teachers already hold a Class 1 or 2 license and do not need a Class 8 license.

ITEM 8 APPROVE CLASS 8 LICENSE APPLICATIONS – Kris Thatcher

Ms. Thatcher provided one Class 8 license application for the Councils consideration. The Council approved the application.

ITEM 9 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Class 8 applications
PRAXIS follow up
Stone Child College Site Visit review
Update on grants received from Transformational Learning Grant
Micro-credentials – Colet Bartow, OPI

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comment.

ADJOURN

******Joint Meeting with the Council of Deans Beginning at 1:00******

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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