

CERTIFICATION STANDARDS & PRACTICES ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2020

9:00 AM

ZOOM MEETING

Starting at 9:00 A.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Elder called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM. Ms. Stockton took roll call and the Chair welcomed Council members and guests.

Council members present: Mr. Kelly Elder, Chair; Ms. Noreen Burris, Vice-Chair; Ms. LeAnne Lorenz, Ms. Anne Wake; Mr. Tom Cabbage; Dr. Trent Watkins; Dr. Rob Watson. Staff present: Mr. Pete Donovan, Executive Director Board of Public Education and CSPAC; Ms. Kris Stockton, Administrative Assistant. Guests: Dr. Linda Peterson, OPI; Ms. Ashley McGrath, OPI; Ms. Angela McLean, OCHE; Mr. Joel Thiel, OCHE; Ms. Jacque Treaster, OCHE; Ms. Kris Thatcher, OPI; Ms. Diane Burke, Montana Quality Education Coalition; Mr. Marco Ferro, MFPE; Mr. Dennis Parman, MREA; Ms. Colet Bartow, OPI; Ms. McCall Flynn, Governor Bullock's Office; Mr. Jason Butcher, OPI; Ms. Sharyl Allen, OPI; Ms. Carli Cockrell; Ms. Jess Bryant.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Ms. Noreen Burris moved to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Ms. LeAnne Lorenz.

No discussion. Motion passed.

Approval of the Minutes

Ms. Anne Wake moved to approve the February 5, 2020 meeting minutes as presented. Second by Mr. Tom Cabbage.

No discussion. Motion passed.

ITEM 1 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT – Mr. Kelly Elder

Mr. Elder noted that Ms. Burris is retiring at the end of this school year and will be going off the Council. The Chair thanked Ms. Burris for her service in education and on the Council.

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

Mr. Donovan thanked Ms. Burris for her service and noted that Ms. Lorenz's term is also expiring and that she will not be asking for reappointment. Both positions are currently being recruited. Additionally, Mr. Donovan noted that Dr. Atkins fulfillment of the Post-Secondary position formerly held by Ms. Turoski is also expiring and that he only needs to submit a letter requesting another term. Mr. Atkins responded that he would submit a letter. Mr. Donovan then discussed the weekly OPI calls he has participated in since the Stay at Home Order was given. Distance Learning plans were submitted by all schools and approved by the Governor and Mr. Donovan thanked everyone for their diligent work during this challenging situation. Mr. Donovan reviewed the upcoming May Board of Public Education meeting and items that the Board will be discussing or approving, and noted that a new Student Representative has been appointed to the Board by the State Student Council, and Mr. Elder, who was involved in the selection, discussed how the interviews were held via Zoom. Mr. Donovan answered Council member questions.

ITEM 3 ASSESSMENT UPDATE – Ashley McGrath, OPI

Ms. McGrath updated the Council on the changes with the Spring Assessments due to Covid-19, the waiver of the Spring Assessments approved by the Board in March, the Science Assessment, which will continue with the design, but will be done as an operational field test in the Spring of 2021 with no independent field test in Spring 2020. Ms. McGrath discussed that this year’s Junior class that is unable to take the ACT for free will be able to take it instead in Fall 2020. Ms. McLean thanked Ms. McGrath and the OPI for working collaboratively to move the ACT from Spring 2020 to Fall 2020. Ms. McGrath answered Council member questions.

ITEM 4 PRESENTATION ON MICRO-CREDENTIALS – Angela McLean, Joel Thiel, Jacque Treaster, OCHE

Ms. McLean briefly reviewed Micro-Credentials with the Council then turned the item over to Joel Thiel, and Jacque Treaster from OCHE to discuss with the Council. Ms. Treaster discussed what other states are using micro-credentials, especially Tennessee, who seems to be in the forefront of the process, and Mr. Thiel discussed how other states are using them, particularly in lieu of renewal units. The Council discussed how they might work in Montana and what it might look like, and asked for additional information at the July meeting.

ITEM 5 STATE EXIT REPORT OF THE EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM AT STONE CHILD COLLEGE – Dr. Linda Vrooman Peterson, OPI

Dr. Peterson reviewed the State Exit Report for Stone Child College reviewing the visit, areas of improvement that were noted and that the school is working on, challenges they have being a small, rural school, and next steps, which will be Board of Public Education approval and full accreditation which will take place at the May BPE meeting.

ITEM 6 PROPOSED MONTANA QUALIFYING SCORES FOR PRAXIS SUBJECT ASSESSMENTS COMPUTER SCIENCE 5-12 (5652) AND TEACHING READING K-12 (5206) – Dr. Linda Vrooman Peterson, OPI

Dr. Peterson reviewed the February meeting with the Council of Deans where the two new content areas for the PRAXIS test were reviewed. Both Computer Science and Reading K-12 are being reviewed for consideration for content area tests for the Montana PRAXIS. The Council of Deans has been working with ETS on the review.

ITEM 7 CONTENT STANDARDS REVISION UPDATE – Colet Bartow, OPI

Ms. Bartow reviewed for the Council the revised timeline for the Content Standards due to Covid-19 and school closures. The rule adoption timeline for the Board of Public Education will be backed up for expected completion in November 2020 rather than September 2020, but implementation is still scheduled for July 1, 2021. The Board will approve the revised timeline at their May meeting. Ms. Bartow also noted that due to school closures the Economic Impact Survey responses have been very light and slow coming in and encouraged everyone to respond and urge their counterparts to respond as well.

ITEM 8 APPROVE CLASS 8 LICENSE APPLICATION(S) – Kris Thatcher, OPI

The Council reviewed seven Class 8 License Applications and approved all seven applications.

ITEM 9 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Micro Credentials follow up
Joint meeting with Board

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Jason Butcher, OPI, gave public comment to announce to the Council that Ms. Jule Walker has left the OPI and taken a position at the Montana School Boards Association, and that his last day will be May 1st and that he has taken a position with Reach Higher Montana. Ms. Sharyl Allen has been appointed as the new Deputy Superintendent. Mr. Butcher thanked the Council for all their work.

Ms. Diane Burke, Executive Director of Montana Quality Education Coalition gave public comment thanking the Council for their work.

Ms. Burris and Ms. Lorenz both thanked the Council for the opportunity to serve and that each will miss working with everyone.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 12:25 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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