

# **Report on Public Hearing for ARM Title 10, Chapter 57, Educator Licensure**

**Monday November 3, 2014**

**10:00 AM**

**Conference Room, Office of Public Instruction  
1300 11<sup>th</sup> AVE, Helena MT**

13 individuals signed into the Sign in Sheet for this hearing.

Mr. Pete Donovan, Executive Director, Board of Public Education welcomed everyone and read the hearing script describing the nature of the hearing, review of Administrative Rule function, and the role of the Education and Local Government Interim Committee.

Mr. Donovan asked how many individuals were in attendance to testify as proponents. 6 people indicated they would testify as proponents.

Mr. Donovan asked how many individuals were in attendance to testify as opponents. 1 person indicated they would testify as an opponent, though 4 testified in opposition.

1 individual testified as a neutral party.

## **PROPONENTS:**

1. Mr. Marco Ferro, MEA-MFT testified in support of the rule changes with a specific request to add the phrase "or in an educational institution specified in MCA 20-9-307" to ARM 10.57.102 (13) and (14) to include teachers at the Montana Youth Challenge Academy and Montana Job Corp.
2. Dr. Shannon O'Brien, Governor Bullocks Office, testified in support of Mr. Ferro's requested change.
3. Ms. Jan Rouse, Director of Montana Youth Challenge Academy, also testified in support of Mr. Ferro's requested change.
4. Ms. Tammy Lacey, Superintendent Great Falls Public Schools and Chair, Certification Standard and Practices Advisory Council, testified in support of the rules, reviewed how CSPAC had thoroughly reviewed the changes, and concurred with Mr. Ferro's request.
5. Dr. Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana, testified in support of the rule changes and reviewed SAM's involvement in the revision process and how their requests were honored within the document.
6. Ms. Diane Burke, Montana Quality Education Coalition, also stated her support of the rules.

**OPPONENTS:**

1. Ms. Constance Dratz, Yellowstone Montessori, testified in opposition and requested the Board to consider alternative pathways to licensure for Early Education for existing Montessori preschool teachers who have already had many hours of training through the Montessori program.
2. Ms. Mary Meehan, Evergreen School District, testified in opposition due to her concerns regarding licensure for pre-school teachers who have received other training, but may not be endorsed in Early Childhood. Ms. Meehan stated she would like to see an endorsement in Early Childhood.
3. Ms. Margaret Jensen, Evergreen School District, Special Education Preschool teacher concurred with Ms. Meehan's comments.
4. Ms. Linda Hall, Evergreen School District, Special Education Preschool teacher concurred with Ms. Meehan's comments and also expressed her support for embedded practice.

**NEUTRAL PARTIES:**

1. Dr. Julie Bullard, University of Montana Western addressed some of the concerns heard regarding degrees and training in Early Childhood Education.

No other parties or individuals testified and at which point the hearing concluded.