

BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION MEETING AGENDA

March 11-12, 2025
East Helena High School, 227 Academy,
2760 Valley Dr
East Helena, MT

Tuesday, March 11, 2025
8:30 AM

CALL TO ORDER

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Roll Call
- C. Statement of Public Participation
- D. Welcome Visitors

PUBLIC COMMENT

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Action may be taken on any item listed on the Board agenda. Per §2-3-103, MCA, the Board encourages public comment on any item prior to Board final action.

CONSENT AGENDA – page #8

(Items may be pulled from Consent Agenda upon request)

- A. January 23-24, 2025 and January 28, 2025 Meeting Minutes
- B. Financials

ADOPT AGENDA

❖ REPORTS – Dr. Tim Tharp (Items 1-6)

- Item 1 **CHAIRPERSON REPORT – 15 Minutes, page #144**
Dr. Tim Tharp
 - Welcome from Superintendent Dan Rispens, East Helena Public Schools
 - Welcome New Board Member
 - Committee Assignments

- Item 2 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT – 15 Minutes, page #146**
McCall Flynn

- Item 3 **STATE SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – 1 Hour, page #147**
State Superintendent Susie Hedalen
 - Assessment Update
 - NAEP Overview
 - Federal Report
 - Accreditation Report
 - Content Standards Revision Update
 - Annual School Food Services Report

- Item 4 **COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION REPORT – 15 Minutes, page #209**
Dr. Angela McLean
- Item 5 **GOVERNOR’S OFFICE REPORT – 15 Minutes, page #210**
Dylan Klapmeier
- Item 6 **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT – 15 Minutes, page #211**
Gavin Mow
- ❖ **MACIE LIAISON – Julia Maxwell (Item 7)**
- Item 7 **MACIE REPORT –15 Minutes, page #212**
Jordann Lankford Forster
- ❖ **CHARTER COMMITTEE – Dr. Ron Slinger (Items 8-10)**
- Item 8 **UPDATE ON COMMUNITY CHOICE SCHOOL COMMISSION – 15 Minutes, page #214**
Trish Schreiber
- Item 9 **ACTION ON THE BOZEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES’ REQUEST
FOR DISSOLUTION OF THE BOZEMAN ONLINE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL – 10
Minutes, page #215**
Superintendent Casey Bertram, Bozeman School District
- Item 10 **ACTION ON THE JEFFERSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF
TRUSTEES’ REQUEST FOR DISSOLUTION OF THE JEFFERSON ACADEMY
PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL – 10 Minutes, page #221**
Superintendent Erik Wilkerson, Jefferson County School District
- ❖ **ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE – Madalyn Quinlan (Item 11)**
- Item 11 **JOINT ACCREDITATION PROPOSAL WORK SESSION – 1 Hour, page #225**
Dr. Julie Murgel, OPI; Crystal Andrews, OPI; Daniel Sybrant, COGNIA

*******LUNCH BREAK*******
****Lunch will be provided for Board members****

❖ **BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION TOURS**

- 1:00 PM **EARLY LITERACY TARGETED INTERVENTION CLASSROOM TOUR**
Eastgate Elementary School
4010 Gradestake St, East Helena, MT
- 1:45 PM **EAST HELENA 227 ACADEMY MIDDLE SCHOOL TOUR**
227 Academy, East Valley Middle School
400 Kalispell Ave N, East Helena, MT
- 2:15 PM **EAST HELENA 227 ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL TOUR AND ROUNDTABLE
DISCUSSION**
227 Academy, East Helena High School
2760 Valley Dr, East Helena, MT

*******TIME CERTAIN AT 3:15 PM*******

❖ **LICENSURE COMMITTEE – Dr. Ron Slinger (Items 12-13)**

- Item 12 **ACTION ON INITIAL REVIEW OF BPE CASE #2025-01, REGER – 15 Minutes, page
#227**
Aislinn Brown

Item 13 **ACTION ON CONTESTED CASE HEARING BPE CASE #2024-09, EVANS – 1 Hour,**
page #228
Aislinn Brown

*****CLOSED SESSION*****

❖ **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – Dr. Tim Tharp (Items 14-15)**

Item 14 **DISCUSSION OF YELLOW KIDNEY SETTLEMENT – 30 Minutes, page #229**
Aislinn Brown

*****OPEN SESSION*****

Item 15 **ACTION ON YELLOW KIDNEY SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT – 5 Minutes, page #230**
Dr. Tim Tharp

Wednesday, March 12, 2025
8:30 AM

CALL TO ORDER

- A. Pledge of Allegiance**
- B. Roll Call**
- C. Statement of Public Participation**
- D. Welcome Visitors**

❖ **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – Dr. Tim Tharp (Item 16)**

Item 16 **PRESENTATION ON ARITIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN EDUCATION – 30 Minutes,**
page #232
Dr. Jason Neiffer

❖ **MSDB LIAISON – Lisa Schmidt (Item 17)**

Item 17 **MSDB REPORT – 30 Minutes, page #233**
Paul Furthmyre

ACTION ITEMS:

- **Action on Out of State Travel Request**
- **Action on Personnel Items**
- **Action on 2nd Reading of MSDB 2025-2026 School Calendar**

❖ **LICENSURE COMMITTEE – Dr. Ron Slinger (Items 18-20)**

Item 18 **ACTION ON REGENERATED TEST REVIEW AND QUALIFYING SCORES – 15**
Minutes, page #261
Crystal Andrews

ACTION ITEMS:

- **Social Studies**
- **Family and Consumer Science**
- **Technology Education**

Item 19 **ACTION ON MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY SPECIAL EDUCATION**
CERTIFICATION PROGRAM – 15 Minutes, page #268
Crystal Andrews

Item 20 **REVIEW DRAFT COUNCIL FOR THE ACCREDITATION OF EDUCATOR PREPARATION MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING – 15 Minutes, page #272**
Crystal Andrews

❖ **ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE – Madalyn Quinlan (Items 21-24)**

Item 21 **ACTION ON THE CORRECTIVE NOTICE OF ADOPTION PERTAINING TO THE ADOPTION, AMENDMENT, AND REPEAL OF ARM, TITLE 10, CHAPTER 53, MATHEMATICS CONTENT STANDARDS, AND AUTHORIZE FILING OF THE NOTICE WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE’S OFFICE FOR PUBLICATION IN THE MONTANA ADMINISTRATIVE REGISTER – 15 Minutes, page #283**
Madalyn Quinlan

Item 22 **ACTION ON PROVISIONAL ACCREDITATION STATUS OPTION FOR PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS – 15 Minutes, page #293**
Christy Mock-Stutz, Crystal Andrews

Item 23 **ACTION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PROCEDURES AND SCHEDULES FOR JOINT ACCREDITATION – 15 Minutes, page #307**
Dr. Julie Murgel, Crystal Andrews

Item 24 **ACTION ON THE COGNIA JOINT ACCREDITATION MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING – 15 Minutes, page #313**
Madalyn Quinlan

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS May 15-16, 2025, Great Falls, MT

Student Representative Last Meeting & Recognition

MACIE Update

Action on K-12 Schools Payment Schedule

Assessment Update

Accreditation Update

Action on CAEP MOU

Federal Update

Content Standards Revision Update

Action on Accreditation Status of All Schools

Executive Director Performance Evaluation

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