

BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES

January 3, 2022
Zoom Meeting

Monday January 3, 2022
9:00 AM

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lacey called the meeting to order at 9:02AM and led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Stockton took Roll Call and the Chair read the Statement of Public Participation and welcomed guests.

Board members present: Ms. Tammy Lacey, Chair; Ms. Madalyn Quinlan, Vice Chair; Ms. Susie Hedalen; Ms. Jane Hamman; Dr. Darlene Schottle. Staff present: Ms. McCall Flynn, Executive Director; Ms. Kris Stockton, Administrative Specialist. Guests: Ms. Abigail St. Lawrence; Ms. Amanda Curtis, MFPE; Ms. Sharyl Allen, Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction; Ms. Jule Walker, MTSBA; Ms. Diane Fladmo, MFPE.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

ADOPT AGENDA

Ms. Madalyn Quinlan moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Ms. Susie Hedalen seconded the motion.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS

❖ **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE– Tammy Lacey (Item 1)**

Item 1 REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE NOTICE OF ADOPTION PERTAINING TO THE AMENDMENT OF ARM TITLE 10, CHAPTER 54, TRANSFORMATIONAL LEARNING APPLICATION WINDOW – (ACTION) – 15 Minutes
Sharyl Allen

Chair Lacey reviewed that the Board heard a presentation on this item at the November 2021 meeting. Ms. Sharyl Allen, Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction noted that the application for the Transformational Learning program was made available to districts in September, and that the OPI has held webinars and monthly meetings for districts to ask questions. The window for submitting the application opened January 3, 2022. Chair Lacey noted that the revisions are necessary due to the revisions to the program made in HB89 during the 2021 Legislative Session from a “first come first served” system to a lottery system. Ms. Quinlan questioned if there had been any comments regarding the one-week window. Ms. Allen noted that under the first come first served process most applications were received within the first hour of the window being opened. Ms. Allen noted that Kristal Smith from OPI and Director Flynn will be onsite at the lottery drawing January 11, 2022. Ms. Allen answered other Board member questions.

Ms. Madalyn Quinlan moved to approve the Notice of Adoption for ARM Title 10, Chapter 54, Transformational Learning Application Window dates, and authorize the BPE staff to file the notice with the Secretary of State’s

Office for publication in the Montana Administrative Register. Motion seconded by Dr. Darlene Schottle.

Comments from Ms. Abigail St. Lawrence representing the Association for Gifted and Talented Education (AGATE) regarding the application window and requesting a longer timeframe for submittal.

Member Hamman noted that she will support the motion.

Dr. Schottle noted that the School Administrators of Montana has seen district presentations of their programs and noted the innovation going on across the state and the effectiveness of the program.

Chair Lacey echoed Dr. Schottle's comments and noted there is a need for additional funding.

No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 9:22 AM.

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