BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

September 14-15, 2023 Miles Community College, Lucas Hall, Room 106 2715 Dickinson, Miles City, MT

Thursday, September 14, 2023 8:30 AM

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Quinlan called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM. The Chair led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance and Ms. Julie Balsam took Roll Call. The Chair read the Statement of Public Participation and welcomed guests.

Board members present: Ms. Madalyn Quinlan, Chair; Ms. Susie Hedalen, Vice Chair; Dr. Tim Tharp; Ms. Renee Rasmussen; Ms. Anne Keith; Dr. Ron Slinger; Ms. Jane Hamman; Mr. Gavin Mow, Student Representative. Ex-officio members present: Superintendent Arntzen, Office of Public Instruction (OPI); Dr. Angela McLean, Office of Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE); Mr. Dylan Klapmeier, Governor's Office. Staff present: Ms. McCall Flynn, Executive Director; Ms. Kris Stockton, Administrative Specialist; Ms. Julie Balsam, Accounting Technician; Guests: Dr. Julie Murgel, OPI; Ms. Cedar Rose, OPI; Ms. Marie Judisch, OPI; Mr. Chad Vanisko, Board Legal Counsel; Dr. Tricia Seifert, Montana State University (MSU); Dr. Dan Lee, University of Montana (UM); Ms. Amanda Curtis, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE); Ms. Jenny Murnane Butcher, Montanans Organized for Education (MOFE); Ms. Mary Heller, OPI; Ms. Kristi Steinberg, UM; Dr. Rob Watson, School Administrators of Montana (SAM); Mr. Sam Giordanengo, Miles Community College (MCC); Ms. Crystal Andrews, OPI; Ms. Krystal Smith, OPI; Mr. Chris Sinrud, OPI; Mr. Zam Alidina; Mr. Jay Phillips, OPI; Mr. Rob Stutz, Deputy Superintendent and Chief Legal Counsel, OPI:

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment from Mr. Sam Giordanango, MCC.

Dr. Tricia Seifert, Dean, College of Education at MSU gave the Board an update on work regarding proficiency-based learning ongoing at MSU.

Superintendent Martha Potter, Savage Public Schools, gave public comments on engaging students with Foreign Languages and the possibility of using Babble for foreign language instruction. Babble will reach out to the OPI to discuss the possibility of this becoming a possible avenue for Foreign Language instruction to students.

CONSENT AGENDA

<u>Board member Hamman moved that Item E, Strategic Plan, be pulled from the Consent Agenda and scheduled for a future meeting.</u> Motion seconded by Board member Rasmussen.

Comment from Superintendent Arntzen who recommended having parent engagement goals added to the Strategic Plan.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Flynn discussed several changes made to the Board calendar for 2024 and the Bylaws before the Board acted on the Consent Agenda.

Board member Hamman moved to approve the Consent Agenda with Item E pulled. Motion seconded by Board member Slinger.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

ADOPT AGENDA

<u>Board member Rasmussen moved to approve the agenda.</u> Motion seconded by Board member Keith.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

❖ REPORTS – Madalyn Quinlan (Items 1-6)

Item 1 CHAIRPERSON REPORT Madalyn Quinlan

Chair Quinlan thanked Dr. Slinger and his staff for hosting the Board on the campus of MCC. The Board enjoyed dinner with the Southeast Montana Association of School Superintendents (SEMASS), MCC Board, and attended the rodeo the previous evening. Dr. Slinger thanked everyone for traveling to MCC, and noted the excitement of the SEMASS, before briefly discussing programs at MCC. Chair Quinlan discussed the bi-monthly meeting of the Montana School for the Deaf and Blind (MSDB) that she and Board member Rasmussen attended and stated that MSDB has completed their labor negotiations. Chair Quinlan discussed the work Mr. Chad Vanisko, Board Legal Counsel, and the Board Licensure committee completed to create the Hearing Information and Protocol document. Chair Quinlan discussed other Board committee meetings that have taken place since the July meeting, and thanked Board members Keith and Hamman for their work on the Teacher of the Year committee. The Chair reviewed a meeting held with the Board Executive Committee, Governor's Office, and Community Choice Schools Commission Chair Trish Schreiber for work related to HB 562, Community Choice Schools. The Chair thanked Executive Director Flynn for her hard work, organization, and commitment to the Board.

Item 2 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT McCall Flynn

Ms. McCall Flynn thanked the Board for their work in committee meetings to assist the Board staff in the implementation of the new laws passed by the Legislature which pertain to the Board. Ms. Flynn discussed her presentations before the Education Interim Committee meeting Monday and Tuesday earlier this week, and a meeting held with Community Choice Schools Commission Chair Trish Schreiber to assist the Commission on organizing their first meeting.

Item 3 STATE SUPERINTENDENT REPORT State Superintendent Elsie Arntzen

Superintendent Arntzen presented her report to the Board discussing the meeting of the 2024 Teacher of the Year committee, noting that the committee has selected a recipient for the award which will be announced in October. Superintendent Arntzen discussed ongoing work at the OPI to implement legislation passed during the 2023 Legislative Session pertaining to OPI.

Ms. Cedar Rose, Assessment Director, presented the new State Assessment Results to the Board, discussing improvements, declines, and test results. Ms. Rose answered Board member questions.

Ms. Krystal Smith presented a report on the Montana Alternative Student Testing (MAST) program announcing that the Department of Education has approved a waiver which allows MAST students to opt

out of the Smarter Balanced Test and use the MAST in its place. Ms. Smith discussed in greater detail different testlets contained in MAST and answered Board member guestions.

Mr. Chris Sinrud opened the Data Modernization Update Report to the Board. Mr. Zam Aldina, Project Manager, gave an overview of the project for the Board. Mr. Sinrud discussed the costs of the project and offered to bring Power School in for a demonstration to the Board at a future meeting about what the product will look like.

Dr. Julie Murgel gave the Board an update on ESSER funds, including how the money has been disbursed as well as how funds have been spent.

Ms. Marie Judisch updated the Board on the progress made to date on the Content Standards Revision work. Ms. Judisch walked the Board through where to locate information on the OPI website for all the Content Standards Revisions before updating the Board on each Content Area being revised and discussed where each area is in the revisions process.

Ms. Mary Heller updated the Board on the Montana Ready Initiative, discussing progress being made and how the program is working to assist students to find the best career pathway for them. Ms. Heller discussed work that Career Coaches are doing to assist students and take some work off School Counselors in this area of career guidance for students.

Ms. Krystal Smith updated the Board on the 2023-2024 Teacher Residency Placements across the state in schools.

Ms. Crystal Andrews announced that a second Accreditation Specialist has been hired at the OPI. The Criterion Reference Guide will be distributed to school districts October 1, and Ms. Andrews showed Board members where to locate the information on the OPI website.

Mr. Jay Phillips discussed HB 403 and the recommendations from the Superintendent for setting teacher licensure fees. The law dictates that OPI have a fee structure to the Board by September 2023 for later action by the Board. Chair Quinlan noted that this item will be referred to committee for review, then action will be taken by the Board at the November meeting. Mr. Phillips and Ms. Andrews answered Board member questions.

Public comment from Dr. Rob Watson, SAM, regarding the recommendation for licensing fees for Administrators.

Item 4 COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION REPORT Dr. Angela McLean

Dr. Angela McLean updated the Board on College Application Week to be held in October, Montana's Future at Work Awards and upcoming summit in Red Lodge, and Ed Design Labs for 2-year campuses to design programs that can be obtained in under two years. Dr. McLean noted she would like to bring this to the Board at a future meeting.

Item 5 GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORT Dylan Klapmeier

Mr. Klapmeier announced to the Board that the Governor is currently on his "Back to School Tour", Sarah Swanson has been appointed the new Commissioner at Labor and Industry, and that he has been working with the Board to support and establish the Community Choice Commission and the new Montana Digital Academy Board. Mr. Klapmeier asked if there are any topics for the Board of Education meeting in November to please let him or Executive Director Flynn know.

Item 6 STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT Gavin Mow

Mr. Gavin Mow discussed the Montana Association of Student Council conference which will be held in October, and that there is record enrollment for this conference. Mr. Mow announced that students will gather at the Capitol on Monday, October 16th, to meet with Governor Gianforte and teachers. Mr. Mow discussed a questionnaire being developed by students regarding school safety, technology, mental health support, etc. and asked if Board members have any questions they would like to have included to let him know. Mr. Mow will report results to the Board at the January meeting.

❖ MACIE LIAISON – Susie Hedalen (Items 7-8)

Item 7 MACIE REPORT McCall Flynn

Ms. McCall Flynn updated the Board with the MACIE report on behalf of Ms. Lankford Forster and discussed upcoming MACIE meetings.

Item 8 REVIEW MACIE MISSION STATEMENT AND GOALS McCall Flynn

Ms. McCall Flynn reviewed the MACIE Mission and Goals for the Board and the work they have done on these items over the past few years. Ms. Flynn noted where Board members can locate this information on the Board website.

❖ ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE - Anne Keith (Items 9-10)

Item 9 INFORMATION ON SUPERINTENDENT'S REQUEST TO REVISE TITLE 10, CHAPTER 56 – ASSESSMENT STANDARDS Cedar Rose

Ms. Cedar Rose updated the Board with information on the Superintendent's recommendation to revise the Assessment Standards and a possible timeline for revision. Ms. Rose answered Board member questions. Superintendent Arntzen offered additional information on the proposed revisions which would be to include MAST as an assessment option in rule.

Item 10 ACTION ON CREATION OF EARLY LITERACY ADVISORY COUNCIL McCall Flynn

Ms. McCall Flynn reviewed the statute for the Board which allows the Board to create advisory councils and the process to do so. Ms. Flynn reviewed the purpose of the Early Literacy Advisory Council which will be to make recommendations to the Board on implementation of HB 352. Ms. Flynn explained how members were nominated to the Council, reviewed the membership, and suggested adding two additional members from rural, Eastern Montana, given that most of the members were from larger, Western Montana cities. Ms. Flynn answered Board member questions.

Board member Keith moved to approve creating an Early Literacy Advisory
Council per § 2-15-122 with the addition of two rural positions to provide targeted
interventions to support third grade reading proficiency. Motion seconded by
Board member Hamman.

Ms. Jenny Murnane-Butcher, MOFE, thanked the Board for bringing together a diverse group of members for this Council, and emphasized that there are many models available to support children at home and via Jumpstart. Ms. Murnane-Butcher asked the Board to consider those programs, and to include communities and parents.

No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

❖ ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE – Dr. Tim Tharp (Items 11-12)

Item 11 ACTION ON RECOMMENDATION FROM BOARD CHARTER SCHOOL COMMITTEE PERTAINING TO HB 549 – CHARTER SCHOOL CRITERIA McCall Flynn

Dr. Tim Tharp discussed the work the Board Charter School Committee has done to determine and establish the Public Charter School Criteria. The committee determined an evaluation guide would be needed and has selected a guide from the state of Georgia as a model. The guide was revised to meet the specific needs for Montana. Dr. Tharp reviewed the guide for the Board members.

<u>Board member Tharp moved to approve the recommendation from the Board Charter School Committee pertaining to HB 549.</u> Motion seconded by Board member Keith.

Board member Rasmussen stated that she is impressed with the work the committee has done on the guide.

Board member Tharp noted that the document is clear that these are public charter schools, and thanked Board member Hamman for her work on that language.

No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 12 INFORMATION ON SUPERINTENDENT'S REQUEST TO REVISE TITLE 10, CHAPTER 53 – HEALTH AND SCIENCE STANDARDS Dr. Julie Murgel, Marie Judisch

Dr. Julie Murgel, Ms. Marie Judisch, and Chief Legal Counsel and Deputy Superintendent Rob Stutz presented this item to the Board. Dr. Murgel reviewed the timeline for the revision to all Content Standards, many of which are currently underway. Dr. Murgel noted that the Superintendent is seeking to revise the content standards for Health and Physical Education pertaining to § 20-7-120, MCA. Mr. Stutz explained the change in the statute and that OPI was contacted by schools questioning how to implement the parental notification piece of the statute. OPI determined that updating the rule with information on how schools should handle the parental notification piece is necessary. Mr. Stutz answered Board member questions.

❖ LICENSURE COMMITTEE – Susie Hedalen (Items 13-14)

Item 14 UPDATE ON YELLOW KIDNEY, ET AL LITIGATION Chad Vanisko, Board Legal Counsel

Mr. Chad Vanisko, Board Legal Counsel, updated the Board regarding the Yellow Kidney, et al. litigation.

Item 13 ACTION ON APPEAL HEARING OF CLASS 5 EXTENSION, BPE CASE #2023-03, ADAIR

Chad Vanisko, Board Legal Counsel

Mr. Chad Vanisko, Chief Legal Counsel for the Board, swore in witnesses. Ms. Jennifer Adair stated that she did not have any exhibits. Mr. Rob Stutz, Chief Legal Counsel for OPI, also indicated that he did not have any exhibits, and that OPI supports Ms. Adair's request, but clarified that per ARM, OPI is required to deny the request for extension and ask the Board for a rule change later.

Ms. Adair stated her case for the Board and the reasons that she is requesting an extension to her Class 5B Provisional License. Mr. Stutz asked if she has an extreme hardship that prevented her from completing her classes and she indicated that does.

Witnesses for Ms. Adair were sworn in by Mr. Vanisko.

Ms. Sarah McCormick spoke in support of Ms. Adair and stated the reasons that Ms. Adair was unable to complete her program, the hardships she encountered, and why she believes the extension should be granted. No questions were asked by Ms. Adair or Mr. Stutz.

Superintendent Suzy Rios, Lincoln County Schools, explained the reasons she believes Ms. Adair should be granted an extension to her license and spoke in support of the extension request being granted. No questions were asked by Ms. Adair or Mr. Stutz.

Ms. Peggy Harrow, Board Chair for Lincoln County Schools, spoke in support of Ms. Adair and her request for an extension on her Class 5B Provisional License. Ms. Harrow stated that the school would be placed in a hardship situation if the extension is not granted because their one-room school would be without a teacher. No questions were asked by Ms. Adair or Mr. Stutz.

Mr. Stutz stated again that OPI supports Ms. Adair's request.

Ms. Adair again stated the reasons she is asking for the extension.

Board member Tharp moved to allow a one-year extension to Ms. Adair's Class 5B Provisional License in BPE Case #2023-03. Motion seconded by Board member Hamman.

Board member Rasmussen asked if the necessary coursework could be completed in one year and Ms. Adair stated that it would.

No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Rios thanked the Board for their decision.

❖ EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – Madalyn Quinlan (Item 15)

Item 15 ELECTION OF OFFICERS McCall Flynn

Ms. McCall Flynn opened the floor for nominations for Chair, to be followed by nominations for Vice Chair.

Board member Hamman nominated Dr. Tim Tharp for Chair.

Board member Keith nominated Ms. Madalyn Quinlan to continue as Chair.

Ms. Flynn stated that with multiple nominations, nominees will be allowed to make a statement.

Board member Tharp stated the reasons for electing him as Chair.

Board member Quinlan stated the reasons for electing her as Chair for the upcoming year.

Votes were taken and Board member Tharp was elected as the new Chair on a 4-3 vote.

Ms. Flynn opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chair.

Board member Rassmussen nominated Ms. Susie Hedalen for Vice Chair.

Votes were taken and Ms. Hedalen was elected Vice Chair unanimously.

Board members thanked Chair Quinlan for her work as Chair over the past year and for the job she has done.

Meeting adjourned for the day at 3:47 PM.

Friday, September 15, 2023 8:30 AM

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❖ LICENSURE COMMITTEE (cont.) – Susie Hedalen (Items 16-18)

Item 16 UPDATE ON PRAXIS TEST REVIEW AND SCORES Crystal Andrews

Ms. Crystal Andrews presented an update on the PRAXIS test review and scores for test number 5362 English Language Speakers and American Sign Language (ASL) which does not have a test number yet. Ms. Andrews reviewed the process for reviewing the exams and a timeline for review and approval by the Board. Ms. Andrews clarified that the ASL exam is for an elective for a World Language and not for sign language interpreting. Ms. Andrews noted the Board will be asked to act on this item at the November meeting, before answering Board members' questions.

Item 17 ACTION ON SUPERINTENDENT'S REQUEST TO REVISE TITLE 10, CHAPTER 57 – EDUCATOR LICENSURE STANDARDS AND BOARD

CHAPTER 57 – EDUCATOR LICENSURE STANDARDS AND BOARD LICENSURE COMMITTEE PROPOSED TIMELINE

Dr. Julie Murgel, Crystal Andrews

Dr. Julie Murgel reviewed for the Board the information presented at the July Board meeting where OPI requested the Board reopen ARM Title 10, Chapter 57, Educator Licensure to update the 2022 revisions. Dr. Murgel reviewed the areas being requested for review and explained the revisions. Dr. Murgel answered Board member questions. A discussion ensued regarding the proposed revisions.

Board member Tharp moved to approve the requested areas listed in the Board packet for the revisions to ARM Title 10, Chapter 57, with the exception of the request for for revisions pertaining to HB 458. Motion seconded by Board member Slinger.

Public comment from Ms. Kristi Steinberg, UM, thanking the Board for opening the Chapter and cleaning up some of the language. Ms. Steinberg offered her assistance with the revisions and expressed concerns regarding the proposed

changes to Middle School programs and Internships programs related to School Counselors. Ms. Steinberg noted her appreciation for reviewing the master's degree program for Class 3Licenses, and revisions to Class 5 Licenses for Counselors.

Discussion ensued regarding Middle School programs and out of state applicants who hold a Middle School endorsement with a content specific area, and the issues that creates since that type of endorsement on a license does not exist in Montana.

Board member Hamman made comments regarding Middle School programs and that she thinks some of the proposed language is too specific and would like more flexibility.

Discussion ensued about whether a definition for Career Coaches is necessary, or if any definition is necessary, given that there is now a definition in statute, based on passage of HB 458.

Board member Rasmussen made comments regarding 4-8 endorsements vs. K-8 endorsements, and how a 4-8 endorsement would affect rural schools.

Dr. Tricia Seifert, MSU, made comments regarding 10.57.424, and 10.57.410.

Board member Hamman moved to amend the motion to include the request for revisions pertaining to the passage of HB 458. No second. Motion fails.

Original motion still on the floor.

No further discussion. Original motion passes with Board members Rasmussen and Hamman dissenting.

Ms. McCall Flynn reviewed the timeline proposed by the Board Licensure Committee. Chair Quinlan stated that May 2024 is the proposed approval date for the proposed revisions.

Board member Hamman asked Dr. Murgel if Career Coaches will still be reviewed given the previous motion and Dr. Murgel noted that it would not, but that the definition in statute remains in place and covers the issue.

Board member Tharp moved to approve the Board Licensure Committee's recommendation on the proposed timeline to the revisions to ARM Title 10, Chapter 57. Motion seconded by Board member Rasmussen.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 18 EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM REPORT Dr. Julie Murgel, Crystal Andrews

Dr. Julie Murgel presented the Educator Preparation Program (EPP) Report as required in Chapter 58. Dr. Murgel reviewed the report for the Board discussing the ten Epp's in the state and gave an overview to the Board discussing state only accredited schools, joint accredited schools, the accreditation review cycle, the upcoming review cycle, programs, and endorsement areas offered at the EPPs, and what endorsement areas students are enrolling in and graduating with. Dr. Murgel answered Board member questions.

❖ MSDB LIAISON – Renee Rasmussen (Item 19)

Item 19 MSDB REPORT Paul Furthmyre

Board member Rasmussen opened the item and turned it over to Superintendent Furthmyre for his report. Superintendent Furthmyre reviewed the Action items the Board is being asked to approve and presented his report to the Board.

<u>Board member Rasmussen moved to approve the MSDB Personnel actions as listed in the packet.</u> Motion seconded by Board member Slinger.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Board member Rasmussen moved to approve the Out-of-State Travel Requests for MSDB as presented in the packet. Motion seconded by Board member Hamman.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

<u>Board member Rasmussen moved to approve the AER Self-Study Section G as presented in the packet.</u> Motion seconded by Board member Hamman.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

<u>Board member Rasmussen moved to approve the filing by MSDB for the OPI Discretionary Grant Application.</u> Motion seconded by Board member Slinger.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Board member Tharp noted that the MSDB Outreach extends across the entire state even to the furthest eastern portions of the state and extended his appreciation to Superintendent Furthmyre and staff.

Board member Rasmussen moved to approve the termination of the MSDB 1900 series policies. Motion seconded by Board member Slinger.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

❖ EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – Madalyn Quinlan (Items 20-23)

Item 20

MONTANA ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICERS PANEL Gavin Mow, Capital High School; Stella Rapson, Custer County District High School; Jenna Bailly, CM Russell High School; Jered Jares, Laurel High School; Dallas Blount, Frazer High School

Chair Quinlan opened the item and turned the presentation over to Mr. Gavin Mow, Student Representative and District 3 representative. Mr. Mow asked the other students to introduce themselves to the Board: Ms. Stella Rapson, District 5 representative, Ms. Jenna Bailey, District 2 representative, and Mr. Jered Jares, District 4 representative. Mr. Mow discussed the upcoming Montana Association of Student Council state conference in October. Board members asked questions of the students relating to their work on the State Council and in their leadership positions.

Item 21 ANNUAL MONTANA DIGITAL ACADEMY REPORT Dr. Jason Neiffer

Dr. Jason Neiffer presented the annual MTDA Report, highlighting enrollment numbers, a student satisfaction survey, HB 749, new Digital Academy Board, the EdReady program, and upcoming features to the MTDA. Dr. Neiffer concluded his report by speaking about Artificial Intelligence in education and addressed Board member questions.

Item 22 ANNUAL SPECIAL EDUCATION REPORT Patrick Cates

Mr. Patrick Cates introduced himself to the Board and presented the Annual Special Education Report. Mr. Cates highlighted specific areas in the report including the percentage of students with disabilities in Montana schools, a 12% increase in students with disabilities, a clarification in the multiple disabilities category, Special Education Cooperatives, and achievement and graduation rates for students with disabilities.

Item 23 ANNUAL HISET REPORT Katie Madsen

Ms. Katie Madsen presented the Annual HiSET Report to the Board. Ms. Madsen noted that preliminary testing data was just provided to the OPI. There has been a transition from one vendor to another which has resulted in some customer service difficulties. Ms. Madsen announced that moving forward the General Education Diploma (GED) will also be offered in Montana in addition to HiSET for students seeking their high school diploma credentials. Ms. Madsen updated the Board on statewide completion rates, number of tests taken, passing rates, and demographic breakdown, noting an increase in the sixteen- to eighteen-year-old age group completing their HiSET. Ms. Madsen answered Board member questions.

Ms. Flynn reviewed the upcoming November meeting noting that the meeting will be held over three days beginning at the Missoula Public School Administration Building and ending on Friday at the University of Montana campus followed by the Board of Education meeting the afternoon of Friday the 17th.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS November 15-17, 2023, Missoula, MT

Montana Council of Deans of Education Update
MACIE Update
OCHE Math Presentation
Assessment Update
Federal Update
Annual Data Collection
Variance to Standards Requests & Renewals
Accreditation Report
Youth Risk Behavior Survey Update (Odd Years)
Annual Renewal Unit Providers List

MSDB Superintendent Performance Evaluation & Contract Extension Discussion

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was made.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 11:58 AM.

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