

JOINT BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION/CERTIFICATION STANDARDS AND PRACTICES
ADVISORY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES

March 8-9, 2007

FRONT STREET LEARNING CENTER
815 FRONT STREET
HELENA, MT 59601

March 8, 2007 - Thursday
8:30 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Patty Myers called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 8, 2007. The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Student Representative, Ms. Jenny Tiskus. Ms. Carol Will took roll call; a quorum was noted. Ms. Patty Myers noted that the State Superintendent's Report will be presented when Superintendent Linda McCulloch arrives at the BPE meeting from the legislature.

MOTION: Ms. Angela McLean moved to adopt the agenda with the noted change.
Mr. John Fuller seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Those in attendance at the meeting included the following board members: Chairperson Ms. Patty Myers, Vice Chairperson Ms. Angela McLean, Mr. Storrs Bishop, Mr. John Fuller, and Ms. Jenny Tiskus. Staff present at the meeting included Mr. Steve Meloy, Executive Secretary of the Board of Public Education; Mr. Peter Donovan, Administrative Officer, Certification Standards and Practices Advisory Council; Ms. Megan Kerzman, Administrative Assistant, Certification Standards and Practices Advisory Council; and Ms. Carol Will, Administrative Assistant, Board of Public Education. Ex-officio board members present were Ms. Linda McCulloch, State Superintendent, and Dr. Sheila Stearns, Commissioner of Higher Education. Certification Standards and Practices Advisory Council members present at the meeting included Chairperson Dr. Douglas Reisig, Vice Chairperson Ms. Melodee Smith-Burreson, Dr. Mary Susan Fishbaugh, Ms. Tonia Bloom, Ms. Kim Warrick, and Ms. Judie Woodhouse. Visitors in attendance at the meeting included: Mr. Eric Feaver, MEA-MFT; Ms. Nancy Coopersmith, OPI Assistant Superintendent; Mr. Bud Williams, OPI Deputy Superintendent; Dr. Linda Vrooman Peterson, OPI Accreditation Division Administrator; Dr. Claudette Morton, MSSA; Ms. Elizabeth Keller, OPI Educator Licensure Unit Manager; Mr. Larry Nielsen, MEA-MFT; Ms. Bonnie Jones Graham, MSU-Billings; Mr. Willie Sharp, Blackfeet Tribal Council; Ms. Beck McLaughlin, Montana Arts Council; Mr. Al McMilin, OPI Math Science Specialist; Mr. Tom Kallay, Summit Preparatory School; Mr. Doug Ruhman, Salish Kootenai College; Ms. Cindy O'Dell, Salish Kootenai College; Mr. Joelfre Grant, Salish Kootenai College; Ms. Nikki Sandve, OPI Special Education Compliance Specialist; Ms. Denise Juneau, OPI Indian Education Director; Ms. Lynn Hinch, OPI Bilingual Education Specialist; and Mr. Bob Vogel, MTSBA.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Ms. Patty Myers requested a moment of silence in honor and respect for the passing of Mr. Ted Hazelbaker and Mr. Wilbur Anderson who were both former Montana Board of Public Education Chairmen.
- Ms. Patty Myers announced that Ms. Jenny Tiskus is the State Extemporaneous Speaking Champion.
- Mr. Steve Meloy thanked the Helena School District trustees for the use of Front Street Learning Center. Mrs. Harriett Meloy, Mr. Steve Meloy's mother, was the curator for the pictures that were on display in the Board room of the Front Street Learning Center.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Mr. Storrs Bishop moved to adopt the consent agenda. Ms. Angela McLean seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Items are presented in the order in which they appeared.

BPE/CSPAC Joint Meeting

Item 1 CSPAC ANNUAL REPORT - Dr. Douglas Reisig

Dr. Reisig presented the Board of Public Education with the *2006 Annual Report of the Montana Certification Standards and Practices Advisory Council*. This report includes the mission statement, Professional Educators of Montana Code of Ethics, Certification Advisory Council 2006 membership, CSPAC goals and strategies for 2006, and highlights of 2006 CSPAC meetings.

Item 2 MARCH 7, 2007 MEETING SUMMARY - Dr. Douglas Reisig

Dr. Reisig reviewed the following items from the Certification Standards and Practices Advisory Council's (CSPAC) March 7, 2007 meeting: Troops to Teachers, update on Montana mentoring, licensure and endorsement, professional preparation and continuing education, and plans for future conferences. There was an active discussion between BPE and CSPAC in regard to distance learning, dual enrollment, and supplementing versus supplanting. Dr. Reisig stressed that CSPAC would continue to work as partners with the Board of Public Education and further deliberate the amendments as proposed by the BPE's Distance Learning Task Force.

Item 3 CSPAC ACTIVITIES - Dr. Douglas Reisig

Dr. Reisig presented a handout of CSPAC goals with the current and future accomplishments. A few items listed were: NCATE reviews, PEPPS Standards update recommended to BPE, poverty and student achievement correlation for Montana students, instructors of Braille rule, initial review of Chapter 57, instructors of hearing-impaired children rule (if passes in Legislature), annual NASDTEC conference, information about diploma mills and false accrediting bodies, and exploring alternate routes for building a highly qualified teaching force.

10:20 a.m. Commissioner Sheila Stearns arrived

Item 4 PROGRESS ON CSPAC GOALS - Dr. Douglas Reisig

The CSPAC goals for 2006-2007 school year are as follows:

1. Study and make recommendations to the Board of Public Education on the status and efficacy of approved teacher educator programs in Montana.
2. Study and make recommendations to the Board of Public Education in the areas of precertification training and educational requirements and in certification renewal requirements and procedures.
3. Study and make recommendations to the Board of Public Education on policies related to the denial, suspension, and revocation of teachers' certificates and the appeals process.
4. Study and make recommendations to the Board of Public Education on the feasibility of establishing standards of professional practices and ethical conduct.
5. Study and make recommendations to the Board of Public Education on the status and efficacy of alternative and/or nontraditional teacher preparation opportunities.

Item 5 DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE RESEARCH PROJECTS

Some potential research projects presented are:

- Research on Montana school district Adequate Yearly Progress success rates in reading and mathematics in relation to teacher demographic characteristics such as age, gender, years in

profession, years teaching specific subject, academic preparation, etc. Can use random sample of large schools, small schools, elementary schools, middle schools, high schools, etc.

- Research on Montana student Adequate Yearly Progress success rates in middle school mathematics in relation to teacher preparation, i.e. generalist versus mathematics specialist academic preparation.
- Research on how do alternative certification states' student NAEP (National Assessment of Educational Progress) achievement scores compare with student scores educated by traditionally educated professional preparation programs.
- Research on the effects (positive as well as negative) of mentoring with respect to impact on student AYP or NAEP achievement, teacher retention, teacher occupational satisfaction, teacher academic preparation through advanced degree attainment, etc.

Dr. Reisig presented a PowerPoint titled Did you Know that addressed the value of CSPAC to the work of BPE.

March 8, 2007 – Thursday BPE MEETING - 1:00 p.m.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Item 1 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT - Patty Myers

- January 17, 2007 Reception for Mark Semmens
- January 18, 2007 Special BPE meeting and BOE meeting
- February 2, 2007 Meeting with OPI on the future of the NRT
- February 9, 2007 State of Education Address
- February 9, 2007 Meeting with Jan Lombardi
- February 9, 2007 MEA-MFT education reception
- February 14, 2007 Call with Lori Meyer from NASBE on the MetLife Grant
- February 16, 2007 Call with Linda Peterson and Pete Donovan on the Council of Deans and NCATE
- February 27, 2007 MSDB committee meeting
- March 6, 2007 Call with Superintendent Linda McCulloch on the March agenda

Ms. Myers congratulated Dr. Bruce Messinger and his staff for the excellent things that are happening in Helena as highlighted in Northwest Education magazine. Ms. Myers asked the Board to read the December issue of The State Education Standard on the restructuring and reforming of America's high schools.

BOARD MEMBER APPEARANCES

Angela McLean

- January 16, 2007 CSPAC Meeting
Conference call with the Pennsylvania Department of Education
- February 9-10, 2007 MEA-MFT Legislative Days
- February 28, 2007 Bullying Summit

Item 2 EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT - Steve Meloy

- Completed phase 1 of the Distance Learning Task Force with the hearing scheduled on March 5, 2007
- Met with Senator Ryan regarding the Distance Learning rule notice
- Continued work with LSD on fiscal responsibility processes for SB 152
- Attended all meetings of the Ed Forum
- Testified against HB 230, SB 257, HB 404, and HB 352
- Met with Representative Barrett on HB 352 expanding bullying policy
- Supported OPI's budget request
- Attended State of Education address

- Met with OPI staff and BPE members regarding the future of the NRT

Mr. Meloy addressed the present education budget that is being proposed by the Republican Party. He didn't rise as a proponent or an opponent. If the budget passes as proposed then the Board of Public Education will receive an increase of funds and an additional FTE.

Item 3 CSPAC REPORT - Peter Donovan

Mr. Donovan thanked Mr. Meloy for his work to represent the Board of Public Education and CSPAC. He also thanked Ms. McLean for the opportunity to present at the Bullying Summit in Anaconda, MT. Mr. Donovan presented the preliminary agenda for the NASDTEC Conference scheduled in Salt Lake City, Utah June 3-6, 2007.

Item 6 GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORT - Jan Lombardi

No one was present to deliver this report.

Item 7 STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT - Jenny Tiskus

Ms. Tiskus presented a draft of the MetLife Grant from NASBE. NASBE awarded \$2,000 to the Montana Board of Public Education for participation in the *Student Leadership Initiative*, funded by the MetLife Foundation. The initiative encompasses several strategies designed to increase student representation on state boards of education and to improve communication among student members and their peers. The Memorandum of Understanding was sent to Ms. Myers to be signed if the Board accepts its roles and responsibilities outlined by NASBE. In addition to the grant, Ms. Tiskus has been compiling a student representative handbook to better prepare students for serving on the Board of Public Education.

MOTION: Mr. Storrs Bishop moved to accept the Memorandum of Understanding Enhancing Peer Communication for Student Leaders. Ms. Angela McLean seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 5 COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION REPORT - Commissioner Sheila Stearns

Commissioner Stearns addressed the executive action of HB 807 that occurred in the morning of March 8, 2007. The core of the Higher Education's budget primarily remains intact if HB 13 passes with some cuts. The Regents' three top strategic plans are: 1) access and affordability, 2) enhancement of economic development, and 3) being more efficient and effective in areas of transferability and dual enrollment. Commissioner Stearns believes that the Regents' plans could still be carried out with HB 807 if it passes as proposed.

Commissioner Stearns touched upon the distance learning rule as an area of concern. At the hearing held March 5, 2007 in the matter of the proposed amendment of ARM 10.55.602, 10.55.701, 10.55.705, and 10.55.907 relating to accreditation standards, Commissioner Stearns claimed that she wasn't aware of the rule to inform the Regents with the implications that would occur at the higher education level if the rule passed as amended. Commissioner Stearns took responsibility for not being as informed as she should have been with this rule since acknowledging that it was presented at the Board of Education meeting in January 2007 and addressed that higher education representatives were actively involved on the Distance Learning Task Force.

2:00 p.m. Superintendent Linda McCulloch arrived

Ms. Myers presented Superintendent Linda McCulloch with a book titled *Shep - Our Most Loyal Dog*, written by Steve Pollard, a Missoula author.

Item 4 STATE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - State Superintendent Linda McCulloch

Superintendent McCulloch's report contained information of her many appearances through January and February of 2007. In addition, she addressed the following items:

- Professional development opportunity of the Summit on Bullying, Harassment, and Intimidation that

was held in Anaconda, MT on Wednesday, February 28, 2007.

- The first administration of the CRT and the CRT-Alternate Science Tests in grades 4, 8, and 10 will be in the spring of 2008. The CRT Science test will be field tested in grades 4, 8, and 10 during the spring of 2007.
- The State Assessment Conference is on April 23 – 24, 2007. The conference is intended to provide a broad base of assessment and data information for test coordinators, curriculum directors, teachers, pre-service teachers, staff responsible for student information systems and information related to student achievement, and department/grade level chairs. More information can be found at www.opi.mt.gov/assesscon/.
- The 2007 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) was administered in participating schools on February 26, 27, or 28. The self-reporting student survey provides a measurement of health behaviors for unintentional injury, violence, tobacco use, alcohol use, drug use, sexual behaviors, physical inactivity, and dietary behaviors.

INDIAN EDUCATION FOR ALL REPORT

Superintendent McCulloch addressed the following items during this report: Indian Education for All Capitol Rotunda Day, Indian Education for All materials, Indian Education for All Best Practices Conference scheduled in Bozeman May 7-8, 2007, Call to Greatness II Conference, Montana Indian Education Association 26th Annual Conference in Bozeman April 12-15, 2007, and Indian education social studies lessons posted to the OPI website at www.opi.mt.gov/indianed/SocialStudies.

Superintendent McCulloch handed out two additional documents titled: "Indian Education for All (IEFA) Ready-To-Go-Teacher Grants" and "Indian Education for All Ongoing Initiatives from July 2005 – March 2007."

Item 8 ANNUAL SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE REPORT - Christine Emerson

This presentation included information about the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, Afterschool Snack Program, Special Milk Program, USDA Donated Foods Program, Cooperative Purchase Program and Team Nutrition Program for the 2005-2006 school year. The presentation showed changes in program participation and funding over five school years. It also covered nutritional education activities for schools, parents, and the community. Other topics included the acceptability of school meals and promoting the health and education of children. The only request of the School Nutrition Program is to have the continued support of the Board of Public Education to help Montana's children get the nutrition they need to learn, play, and grow.

Item 9 MACIE REPORT - Norma Bixby

The MACIE report was presented by Ms. Denise Juneau. MACIE held its first meeting of 2007 on February 5-6, 2007 in Helena. Topics discussed at the meeting were a legislative update by Superintendent McCulloch, reports on Indian Education for All, Indian student achievement, NCLB (AYP status and English language proficiency assessment), and Gear Up. MACIE reviewed the goals developed at the retreat held in May of 2006 and held the two-year election of officers. Ms. Norma Bixby was re-elected as Chair, Mr. Voyd St. Pierre was elected Vice-Chair, and Ms. Louise Stump was re-elected as Secretary.

MACIE NOMINATION (Action)

Four nominations to the Montana Advisory Council on Indian Education were presented to the Board. 1) Mr. William Walkalong is the Executive Administrator for the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council 2) Mr. Spike Bighorn is the Tribal Chairperson of the Fort Peck Tribes 3) Mr. Russ Boham represents the Little Shell Tribe and 4) Mr. Steve Lohning represents the urban Indian community in Missoula.

MOTION: Mr. John Fuller moved to approve all four nominations to the Montana Advisory Council on Indian Education. Ms. Angela McLean seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Item 10 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS - Patty Myers

Ms. Myers presented to the Board a draft of the 2007 committee assignments. She asked the Board to review the assignments and think of the changes they would like to make to the standing committees, advisory group liaisons, and/or task forces. The Board will revise in May when the new appointee, Ms. Sharon Carroll, is present.

Item 11 FUTURE OF NORM REFERENCED TESTING - Steve Meloy

Mr. Meloy provided a status report as to Norm Referenced Testing (NRT) that was provided in a memorandum to Superintendent McCulloch on February 13, 2007. The Board of Public Education is interested in seeking assistance from the Office of Public Instruction to identify some other appropriate classroom-based assessments that will inform classroom teachers about the progress of students and inform instruction according to the standards. OPI has the research capabilities in many areas including assessments in reading, mathematics, and science, as well as the staffing to bring teachers together to develop research-based and meaningful assessments to drive instruction. Superintendent McCulloch responded to the Board requesting more guidance and direction. Mr. Meloy referred Superintendent McCulloch to the Government Affairs Committee Chair, Dr. Kirk Miller. Ms. Myers will await recommendations from OPI at the May BPE meeting.

Ms. Myers asked Superintendent McCulloch, as the secretary to the Board of Education, about the updated changes to the bylaws that reflect the action that was taken at the Board of Education meeting on September 11, 2003. This action stated that the Board of Education meetings will take place in conjunction with the Board of Public Education in September and in conjunction with the Board of Regents in January.

Item 12 RULEMAKING PROCESS – 10.55.907 DISTANCE, ONLINE, TECHNOLOGY DELIVERED LEARNING; 10.55.602 DEFINITIONS; 10.55.701 BOARD OF TRUSTEES (Rule noticed on February 8, 2007) - Dr. Linda Vrooman Peterson

Mr. Meloy reviewed the process that occurred to date with the proposed amendment of ARM 10.55.602, 10.55.701, 10.55.705, and 10.55.907 relating to accreditation standards. Mr. Williams and Dr. Vrooman Peterson included additional detail to the process in regard to how the decisions were made by the Distance Learning Task Force. In-depth discussion ensued in regard to the licensure and endorsement requirements of the facilitator and teacher of the distance, online, and technology delivered learning programs and/or courses to ensure quality of instruction. Mr. Fuller addressed the concerns of rural schools and questioned what would be their alternatives. Ms. McLean felt that the remediation of students was overlooked in the comments presented to the Board. She continued to state that the Board cannot lose sight of the fact that a lot of on-line learning is for remediation. Mr. Fuller and Ms. McLean agreed that this is more of a K-12 issue that reaches beyond those students involved with dual enrollment since it is the Board of Public Education's responsibility to ensure the quality of the education of all students receiving Montana High School Diplomas. Commissioner Stearns stressed that those in higher education didn't intend to undermine the work of the Distance Learning Task Force in which they were represented, but feels that the entire Board of Regents need to be fully aware of the implications of this rule. She believes strongly that it is possible for Montana students to continue to receive their quality Montana high school degrees and continue to have the opportunity to obtain higher education credits at a decreased expense. Mr. Williams continued the discussion with supplementing versus supplanting issues and stressed that the Board of Public Education has the responsibility to ensure the quality of education for K-12 students. Superintendent McCulloch said that the amendments as proposed meet the definition of a highly qualified teacher in the state of Montana according to NCLB. Mr. Feaver, MEA-MFT, stated that the Board should follow the consensus process it established through the Distance Learning Task Force and adopt its recommendations. Commissioner Stearns said that the Board of Public Education and the Board of Regents share a common obligation and bond to make the most efficient and quality use of the resources of well educated and highly qualified educators at all levels to meet the needs of all Montana students. Additional handouts were Montana Distance Learning Task Force Findings and Recommendations – Part I January

2007 and a memorandum from Dr. Claudette Morton, Executive Director, Montana Small Schools Alliance.

Item 13 REPORT ON THE FOLLOW-UP ON-SITE VISIT TO SUMMIT PREPARATORY SCHOOL – AI McMilin

In May 2006, the Board of Public Education requested the Office of Public Instruction to conduct an on-site follow-up of Summit Preparatory School to verify compliance of the accreditation standards. OPI conducted a review of the Summit Preparatory School on February 26, 2007. This report provided a summary of the findings from that on-site visit for discussion and consideration by BPE. The on-site accreditation team confirmed that the deviations that had resulted in the school receiving deficiency status in 2005-2006 had been corrected. Mr. Tom Kallay, Education Director of Summit Preparatory School, presented a handout that contained information on student profiles from the 5 year comprehensive educational plan, academic team profile from the 5 year comprehensive educational plan, updates as of March 6, 2007, and OPI's education credential/detail. Some issues and other areas reviewed were:

- All teachers are licensed and endorsed for the areas in which they are teaching.
- The school completed work on their initial five year comprehensive educational plan and it was submitted in October of 2006.
- Special education procedures are in place and are being followed.
- Both aspects of the library facility and program continue to grow and improve in terms of program design and direct budget support.

Item 14 PEPPS – MAJOR IN MATHEMATICS 5-12 TEACHING ENDORSEMENT PROPOSED BY MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY – NORTHERN PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION UNIT – Dr. Linda Vrooman Peterson

The Office of Public Instruction reviewed the material submitted by the Professional Education Unit from the Montana State University – Northern regarding the proposed Mathematics Major in Secondary Education. OPI followed the process outlined in the Professional Educator Preparation Program Standards 10.58.802 Standards for Approval and 10.58.518 Mathematics. The Superintendent of Public Instruction recommends to the Board that the program be granted provisional approval with an on-site review conducted within two years. Two documents included were: PEPPS Draft Mathematics from the Office of Public Instruction and approval of item 132-2800-R0706 from the Board of Regents.

Item 15 PEPPS – INITIAL ACCREDITATION OF ELEMENTARY EDUCATION PROGRAM PROPOSED BY SALISH KOOTENAI COLLEGE PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION UNIT - Dr. Linda Vrooman Peterson

OPI provided to the Board of Public Education information pertaining to the request by Salish Kootenai College to initiate accreditation for an Elementary Education endorsement program. The Board of Public Education was invited to attend the on-site review on April 10-12, 2007. The Salish Kootenai College Elementary Education Program team, which consisted of Mr. Doug Ruhman, Ms. Cindy O'Dell, Mr. Joelfre Grant, presented the following documents on behalf of their proposed program:

- 2006-2007 Policy & Procedures Manual
- Salish Kootenai College 2006-2007
- Institutional Report on the Teacher Education Program: Elementary Education
- Conceptual Framework for Education Programs
- Course Syllabi
- Facts at a Glance
- Associate of Arts and Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education and Elementary Education
- Letters to Dr. Vrooman Peterson from the following people from Salish Kootenai College: Ms. Cindy O'Dell, Education Department Chair; Ms. Alice Chumrau, Academic Vice President; and Dr. Joseph F. McDonald, President.

March 9, 2007 – Friday
8:30 A.M.

Ms. Carol Will took roll call. Board members in attendance at the meeting included: Chairperson Ms. Patty Myers, Mr. Storrs Bishop, Mr. John Fuller, and Ms. Jenny Tiskus. A quorum was not present to take action on any action items scheduled.

Item 16 NASBE GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT - Dr. Kirk Miller

This item was not discussed at this meeting and will be placed on the May agenda.

Item 17 NCLB UPDATE - Nancy Coopersmith

This presentation included: an analysis of the 2005-2006 Adequate Yearly Progress status of Montana schools and districts; the State Superintendent's requests for amendments to the Montana Accountability Workbook; and information about federal funding for the 2007-2008 school year; and the budget request from President George Bush for the 2008-2009 school year. The following documents were provided:

- Summary of 2006 Final AYP Determinations as of 1-17-2007
- Letter to Mr. Ray Simon, Acting Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education for the U.S. Department of Education from Superintendent McCulloch with proposed amendments to the Montana Accountability Workbook
- Attachment 1- Expansion of Montana's Valid and Reliable Statewide Rural Small School Process
- Attachment 2 – Extension of the 2 Percent Interim Flexibility
- President Bush's budget proposing to fund discretionary education programs with \$56 billion published in www.educationdaily.com on February 6, 2007
- A comparison of the Democrats' continuing resolution to fund the government in the current fiscal year and President Bush's request for FY 2008 as published in www.educationdaily.com on February 7, 2007
- Funds for State Formula-Allocated and Selected Student Aid Programs from the U.S. Department of Education Funding in Montana

Discussion ensued about the reauthorization of No Child Left Behind.

9:00 a.m. Commissioner Sheila Stearns arrived

Item 18 DUAL ENROLLMENT/CREDIT UPDATE - Dr. Linda Vrooman Peterson

This item was not discussed at this meeting and will be placed on the May agenda.

Item 19 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE - Steve Meloy and John Fuller

Mr. Meloy addressed the issues behind HB 2 and present law adjustment. He continued to explain how the Republican Party want to address HB 2 in six different bills called the "six-pack". Governor Schweitzer refuses to sign any of the bills if they are passed until he sees the entire package together. The Board of Public Education's budget is found in HB 809. Mr. Meloy then proceeded to review some of the bills on the "Bills to Follow" list.

ACTION ITEMS

Item 20 was presented as an information item.

Item 20 ACCREDITATION STATUS RECOMMENDATIONS – REGULAR, ADVICE, DEFICIENCIES - Al McMilin

Mr. Al McMilin made the following recommendations to the Board of Public Education on behalf of the Office of Public Instruction:

1. Improvement plans to correct accreditation deviations. This report provided to the Board of Public Education follows up with information on the action taken by schools to meet the 2006 improvement plans. By August 1, 2007 all schools receiving Advice or Deficiency Accreditation Determinations

- are required to submit an improvement plan describing planned corrective action
2. Accreditation Status Recommendations. This report provided to BPE the 2006-2007 accreditation status determinations for all schools as recommended by Superintendent McCulloch

It was suggested by Mr. Storrs Bishop, Chair of the Accreditation Committee, to set a special meeting to take action on this item.

Item 21 FINAL ACTION – AMENDMENT OF ARM 10.55.716 RELATING TO SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS (Rule noticed on February 8, 2007) - Peter Donovan

Item 22 FINAL ACTION – AMENDMENT OF ARM 10.55.602 DEFINITIONS, 10.55.701 BOARD OF TRUSTEES, 10.55.705 ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL, AND 10.55.907 DISTANCE, ONLINE. AND TECHNOLOGY DELIVERED LEARNING RELATING TO ACCREDITATION STANDARDS (Rule noticed on February 8, 2007) - Dr. Linda Vrooman Peterson

Item 23 ADOPT PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT NASBE’S GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR NCLB REAUTHORIZATION - Dr. Kirk Miller

Item 24 FINAL ACTION ON MINOR IN PHYSICS PROPOSED BY CARROLL COLLEGE PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION UNIT - Dr. Linda Vrooman Peterson and Lynette Zuroff

Item 25 EDUCATOR LICENSURE (Tentative) - Catherine Warhank

MEETING WAS CLOSED FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Meeting closed at 10:25 a.m.
Discussion ensued on Items 26 – 27.

Item 26 MSDB SUPERINTENDENT PERFORMANCE EVALUATION & CONTRACT EXTENSION DISCUSSION - Patty Myers

Item 27 EXECUTIVE SECRETARY PERFORMANCE EVALUATION & CONTRACT EXTENSION DISCUSSION - Patty Myers

Item 28 ESTABLISH EXECUTIVE STAFF SALARIES - Patty Myers – This item was not discussed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION CONCLUDED – Meeting opened at 10:55 a.m.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Item 29 MSDB COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT - Steve Gettel

- Student Enrollment/Evaluation
- Human Resources
 - Personnel Actions
 - Update on core competencies project and agency move to PP2
- School Improvement
 - Update on current year CEP and effectiveness report
 - Update on work of task force to implement guidelines for early intervention
 - Update on work of transition committee
 - Review proposal to revise strategic plan
- 2007 Legislative Session
 - Status of appropriations/pay plan bills

- Status of other bills affecting MSDB
- MSDB Foundation Activities
 - Update on project and development of a marketing plan
- Conferences, Meetings and Contacts
- Finance and Facilities
 - Update on budget and current projects
- School Calendar of Events
- Student News and School Events

- Public Comment for Non Agenda Item

Ms. Cleo Klepsig from Helena has a 7year old son who is deaf and significantly visually impaired. She addressed the Board as a proponent of MSDB, but was concerned that the school needs to serve all students in Montana and not just the residential students on the MSDB campus. In addition, she expressed her concern that the Board of Public Education is the presiding Board of MSDB without parental representation. Another point of concern was the need for standards for the interpreters and teachers of the deaf and blind. House Bill 354, carried in the legislature per Ms. Klepsig's request, would require that the state develop standards for teachers and interpreters of the deaf. Discussion ensued following Ms. Klepsig's comments.

PRELIMINARY AGENDA ITEMS – May 10-11, 2007

Alternative Standards Requests and Renewals
 Special Education Annual Report
 Distribute Survey Instruments
 Student Representative Survey Report
 CSPAC Appointments
 BASE Aid Payment Schedule
 Assessment Update
 MACIE Update
 NCLB Update
 NASBE Citizens for the 21st Century
 Accreditation Status Recommendations – Regular, Advice, Deficiencies (possible conference call)
 Final Action – Amendment of ARM 10.55.716 Relating to Substitute Teachers
 Final Action – Amendment of ARM 10.55.602 Definitions; 10.55.701 Board of Trustees; 10.55.705 Administrative Personnel; and 10.55.907 Distance, Online, and Technology Delivered Learning Relating to Accreditation Standards
 Adopt Proposed Resolution to Support NASBE's Guiding Principles for NCLB Reauthorization
 Final Action on Minor in Physics Proposed by Carroll College Professional Education Unit
 Educator Licensure (Tentative)
 MSDB Superintendent Performance Evaluation & Contract Extension Action
 Executive Secretary Performance Evaluation & Contract Extension Action
 Establish Executive Staff Salaries
 Committee Assignments
 Recommendations of the NRT
 PEPPS – Major in Mathematics – MSU Northern (Action)
 PEPPS – Salish Kootenai College (Discussion in May and Action in July)
 Pat Chlouber Addressing Reauthorization of NCLB
 NASBE Government Affairs Committee Report
 Dual Enrollment/Credit Update
 Identify September BPE/BOE Meeting Location

Approved