

BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 13-14, 2007

**ALLEN ROWLAND COMPLEX
103 BOUNDARY
LAME DEER, MT**

September 13, 2007 - Thursday
1:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Patty Myers called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 13, 2007. Ms. Katie Wood led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Carol Will took roll call; a quorum was noted. Ms. Patty Myers announced that Board Member Mr. John Fuller would not be in attendance due to unforeseen circumstances. In addition, Ms. Patty Myers noted under the Government Affairs Committee an action item would be conducted as Item 12a: BPE Position on Reauthorization of ESEA. Mr. Steve Meloy noted that Ms. Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Fiscal Division, would address the monitoring process for the 2009 Interim Guidelines under Item 2: Executive Secretary's Report.

Those in attendance at the meeting included the following Board members: Chairperson Ms. Patty Myers, Vice Chairperson Ms. Angela McLean, Mr. Storrs Bishop, Mr. Cal Gilbert, Ms. Sharon Carroll, Dr. Kirk Miller, and Ms. Katie Wood. 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; and Ms. Carol Will, Administrative Assistant, Board of Public Education. Ex-officio Board Member Ms. Linda McCulloch, State Superintendent, was present. Ms. Anna Green represented ex-officio Board Member Governor Brian Schweitzer. Visitors in attendance at the meeting included: Mr. Williams Walksalong, MTSBA's Director, Representing the Indian School Boards Caucus from Lame Deer; Mr. Eric Feaver, MEA-MFT; Dr. Linda Vrooman Peterson, OPI; Ms. Rene Dubay, OCHE; Ms. Nancy Coopersmith, OPI; Mr. Bud Williams, OPI; Ms. Kris Wilkinson, LFD; and Mr. Gary Hopkins, Lame Deer Public Schools.

GREETING

Mr. William Walksalong, MTSBA's Director, representing the Indian School Boards Caucus from Lame Deer, welcomed the Montana Board of Public Education to the Cheyenne Nation. The Allen Rowland Complex was named after one of the Cheyenne Nation's Tribal Presidents who served for four terms. The project was funded through the Coal Board. Mr. Walksalong stressed that through lobbying and hard work the Lame Deer High School was established in 1995. Time and money have changed the culture of his people. Lame Deer produces students who are capable of competing in higher education institutions. Religion is still the foundation of the Cheyenne Nation's community and the way in which they raise their children. In conclusion, Mr. Walksalong cautioned the Board that the decisions that they make could benefit or harm his people. He advised the Board to make governing decisions as if the whole world could see their thoughts and this will reflect superior leadership.

CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Patty Myers pulled the July 12-13, 2007 Board of Public Education meeting minutes for an amendment. Ms. Patty Myers noted that the 5th bullet under Item 6, Governor's Office Report, should read: "Partnering with the National Caucus of Native American State Legislators. Senator Carol Juneau is the chair. A focus is to address the American Indian achievement gap."

MOTION: Ms. Angela McLean moved to adopt the consent agenda as amended. Mr. Storrs Bishop seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. John Fuller was absent for the vote.

Items are presented in the order in which they appeared.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Item 1 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT- Patty Myers

- BPE will keep a calendar of meetings that indicates who will be attending
- NASBE Annual meeting and proposed changes in NASBE bylaws
- Graduates Act
- Miller-McKeon draft proposal for reauthorization of ESEA
- Electronic Board agendas

Board Member Appearances:

Storrs Bishop

- August 24 – 25, 2007 MTSBA Delegate Assembly

Sharon Carroll

- July 21 – 22, 2007 NASBE New Member Institute-Alexandria, VA

Kirk Miller

- July 31, 2007 Distance Learning Task Force Phase II (DLTF Phase II)Leadership Group Organizational Meeting
- August 30, 2007 DLTF Phase II Leadership Group Conference Call

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Eric Feaver was disappointed with the fact that the Board of Education materials were only made available to the Board of Education members prior to their attendance. He referred to the four adopted priorities by the Board of Education as nothing new to education. Mr. Eric Feaver believed that task 3 on the letter dated September 13, 2007 by Erin Williams, Workgroup Chair should call dual enrollment "concurrent enrollment" instead, and that secondary institutions should be included in the Board of Public Education's policy on "concurrent enrollment". Therefore, task three would read, according to Mr. Eric Feaver's recommendation: "Adopt an overarching concurrent dual enrollment policy statewide, establishing methods for developing, implementing and monitoring concurrent dual enrollment in Montana's secondary and postsecondary institutions." Web pages were distributed from the National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships notifying the Board of the conference titled, "Solving the Concurrent Enrollment Puzzle" to be held in Salt Lake City, Utah on October 27-29, 2007. Mr. Eric Feaver distributed an e-mail and a letter that was mailed to U.S. Senators Max Baucus, Jon Tester, and Congressman Denny Rehberg that states, "MEA-MFT believes that this draft legislation [Miller-McKeon draft proposal] represents an unacceptable starting point for reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965. We ask that you oppose this draft legislation and hold off on other similar reauthorization attempts until after the 2008 elections." It was Mr. Eric Feaver's request that the Montana Board of Public Education submit a similar statement of opposition. In conclusion, Mr. Eric Feaver invited those at the Board of Public Education to attend the 2007 MEA-MFT Educators' Conference in Belgrade, Montana on October 18-19, 2007.

Item 2 EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT – Steve Meloy

Some points of interest that Mr. Steve Meloy addressed in his report were:

- Met with Governor's Chief of Staff regarding the past legislative session and began to work on identifying legislation for the next biennium
- Worked with the Office of Public Instruction's new attorney, Ms. Kathleen Magone, to review and revise the way license disciplines are brought before the Board of Public Education

- Continued with the work of the three revocations presented to the Board of Public Education at the July 2007 meeting
- Review of Chapter 57
- Worked on Quality Educator Loan Assistance Program from Senate Bill 2
- Created science and communication arts panels for the MEA-MFT 2007 Educator's Conference
- Addressed continued apprehension in regard to the impacts that the distance learning rule has on Montana's school districts

KINDERGARTEN TO COLLEGE WORKGROUP

Mr. Steve Meloy provided the four priorities of the K – College Workgroup in the Board of Public Education's agenda packet to keep the Board informed. The priorities are:

1. Implement a single system for educational data that links all education data systems from pre-kindergarten through higher education.
2. Require essential core courses for all high school students. These include: Four credits of English; four credits of mathematics; three credits of lab-based, college-preparatory science courses; and three credits in college-preparatory social studies.
3. Set reasonable-but-ambitious annual targets toward meeting the 100 percent graduation goal and provide incentives to schools for meeting them.
4. Adopt an overarching dual enrollment policy statewide, establishing methods for developing, implementing and monitoring dual enrollment in Montana's postsecondary institutions.

Mr. Steve Meloy expressed his concern that the Board of Public Education wasn't in a position to adopt these priorities at this time. He was pleased that the action of the Board of Education was only to accept, and not necessarily to approve the content of the document that was presented by Regent Janine Pease, Vice Chair for the Kindergarten to College Workgroup.

DISTANCE LEARNING TASK FORCE PHASE II

The Distance Learning Task Force will reconvene to move into phase II of this issue. The same members agreed to continue with the work with the following changes: Mr. Jules Waber will replace Ms. Claudette Morton, Mr. Darrell Rud will participate as an active voting member, and Mr. Dick Clark will act as a substitute for Ms. Jan Lombardi when she is unable to attend. Mr. Steve Meloy presented the October 25, 2007 Distance Learning Task Force Phase II agenda. It included the following timeline: October 25, 2007, Helena, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.; November 20, 2007, Helena, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.; January 15, 2008, Helena, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.; and February 2008, Helena, TBD, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. The three subgroups of the task force will address: 1) Teacher Qualifications/Dual Credit; 2) Flexibility/Quality/Supplement vs. Supplant; and 3) Fiscal Issues.

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL DIVISION MONITORING

Ms. Kris Wilkinson, LFD, presented the following documents to the Board of Public Education: Legislative Fiscal Division Monitoring: Simple, Useful, Common Sense, Plain Language, Minimal Paper; From Process to Practice: Utilizing Critical Analysis Results; Board of Public Education's Goals and Measurable Objectives; and Draft Performance Measurement Project. First, agencies were required to present information in a standard format, which included agency/program goals and objectives. Second, most expansions of government were required to provide a standardized set of performance information. Now, during the interim, is the time to monitor progress toward goals and outcomes. Agencies have the responsibility to monitor all activities, and should be able to provide performance information beyond what the Legislative Fiscal Committee is monitoring in the interim. This project requires a data collection process and a reporting function. Data from the template or expanded proposals will be used to populate the report. Agencies will provide updated information at least three times in the interim. The dates are: Mail out reports on selected goals and new proposals completed by LFD; October 4, 2007 LFD Workgroup Training; October 9, 2007 LFC Workgroup Training; and October 22 – October 31, 2007 Create Interim Reporting Schedule. Senator Trudi Schmidt and Senator David Wanzonried are monitoring the goals and measures of the Board of Public Education. Discussion ensued about the Board's goals, how they can be measured, and the value of the accountability process.

Item 3 CSPAC REPORT - Peter Donovan

Mr. Peter Donovan provided the Board with the NASDTEC July 2007 Communicator that reviews NASDTEC's goals and objectives. Included in the report was information on the 11th Annual Professional Practices Institute: Navigating the Changing Landscape of Professional Practices in Orlando, Florida on October 17-19, 2007. Mr. Peter Donovan also addressed the Principles for National Accreditation in Educator Preparation. They are: 1) Accreditation improves the quality of education; 2) Accreditation is based on evidence of effectiveness; 3) Accreditation reflects consensus on best practices; and 4) Accreditation process is transparent and accountable to the profession and the public. The September 10, 2007 agenda from the Forum on the Context for Accreditation titled "Ensuring P-12 Student Access to Highly Qualified Teachers" was provided. In addition, Mr. Peter Donovan provided the fact sheet from the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education that addresses parents' complaints on the definition of a highly qualified teacher. Ms. Angela McLean asked Mr. Peter Donovan to address the direction that CSPAC is moving in regard to mentoring.

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

Some activities listed by State Superintendent Linda McCulloch for the Summer of 2007:

- Hosted Full-time Kindergarten Conference in Helena at Carroll College
- Participated in conference calls regarding the reauthorization of ESEA
- Made an education presentation to the Education and Local Government Interim Committee
- Addressed the School Administrators of Montana's New Leaders Conference

Included in State Superintendent Linda McCulloch's report were the following:

- 2007 adequate yearly progress reports was released on September 6, 2007
- Electronic Grants Management System (E-Grants)
- TJ Eyer was selected as the Administrator for the Division of Career, Technical and Adult Education for OPI
- Achievement in Montana (AIM)
- Kathleen Magone hired as Chief Legal Counsel at OPI
- New funds for gifted and talented education programs
- Effectiveness reports
- 2007 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS)
- October 1, 2007, fall enrollment count
- Capitol Christmas Tree 2008 Christmas ornament drive
- Summary of legislation related to K-12 education document

SUPERINTENDENT'S GOALS

- Reading, K-12
- Indian Education
 - American Indian Dropout Prevention
 - Closing the Achievement Gap
 - Indian Education for All – Implement MCA 20-1-501
- School Funding, K-12
 - 2009 Legislative Session
- President Bush's No Child Left Behind Law
 - "Montanaizing"
- Reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)
 - Montana Information to Congress and U.S. Senate
- Communications to Schools
 - OPI Webpage – content and design
 - Official E-mail
 - Vision Net
- Services and Resources to Schools

- Yellow School Bus Tour
- Legislative Agenda
 - 2009 Session – Budget and Legislation
- MontSASE (Montana State Accountability System for Education)
 - AIM (Achievement in Montana)
 - E-Grant System
- High School Reform
 - What works for Montana schools
- Increase College Preparatory/Rigorous Core for College Bound Students

INDIAN EDUCATION FOR ALL REPORT

State Superintendent Linda McCulloch stated there will be a revised Funding Spectrum Guide available on OPI's web site that provides guidance on both the use of the Indian Education for All funding and the Indian student achievement funding. Numerous resources were mailed to each public school library over the course of the 2006-2007 school year and early summer. Each school will start the 2007-08 school year with a common set of high quality materials to assist teachers in their classroom implementation of Indian Education for All. Also included in this report was the draft agenda for Closing the Achievement Gap for American Indian/Alaska Native Students – An Educational Summit for State Lawmakers and Education Policy Makers, to be held in Helena, MT on September 28-29, 2007.

MACIE NOMINATION (Action Item)

State Superintendent Linda McCulloch recommended Ms. Jennifer Flat Lip to serve as the Crow Tribe-Apsalooke Nation Representative on the Montana Advisory Council on Indian Education (MACIE).

MOTION: Ms. Angela McLean moved to accept the nomination of Ms. Jennifer Flat Lip to serve on the Montana Advisory Council on Indian Education (MACIE). Dr. Kirk Miller seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. John Fuller was absent for the vote.

Item 5 COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION'S REPORT - Commissioner Sheila Stearns

Commissioner Sheila Stearns was not present for this report, but Mr. Steve Meloy distributed a memo on admissions, placement, and remediation policies to the Board. Included in this report were:

- A two-page summary with background information and the highlights of each policy;
- An overview of admissions policies, including the proposed revision to the Mathematics Proficiency Admissions Standard; and
- A copy of each of the three policy drafts:
 - Composition Placement (proposed number 301.17);
 - Revision to the existing Mathematics Proficiency Admissions Standard (301.15); and
 - Remedial Education.

The Academic and Student Affairs Committee was scheduled to consider three policies as information items on September 19, 2007 Board of Regents' meeting in Billings. The Board of Regents anticipate that these policies will become action items for their November meeting.

Item 6 GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORT - Jan Lombardi

Ms. Anna Green stated that Governor Schweitzer relayed his report at the Board of Education meeting that occurred in the morning.

Item 7 STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT - Katie Wood

Ms. Katie Wood attended the National Association of Student Councils (NASC) Conference in Overland Park, Kansas in June 2007. October 22-24, 2007, Ms. Katie Wood will be attending the Montana Association of Student Councils Conference in Glasgow, MT. She included some sample questions for the MASC survey for the Board to review.

Item 8 ACCREDITATION RESPONSE OPTIONS - Linda Vrooman Peterson

The State Superintendent of Public Instruction provides annual recommendations to the Board of Public

Education for accreditation status determinations for all Montana accredited schools. The continuing concern is: How does the Office of Public Instruction's accreditation staff address continuing deviations fairly, consistently and with intentions toward continuous education improvement? The State Superintendent presented to the Board for discussion the outline of the process the Office of Public Instruction will use to address ongoing accreditation deviations. The following documents were included for the Board to review: Accreditation response options for continuing deviations; annual accreditation process calendar; regular status criteria; advice status criteria; deficiency with assistance status criteria; and non-accredited status criteria.

Item 9 PROPOSAL BY ROCKY MOUNTAIN COLLEGE TO ADD A MASTER OF EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM - Linda Vrooman Peterson

This presentation informed the Board of Public Education of an initial proposal to develop a Master of Educational Leadership program in the Professional Education Unit at Rocky Mountain College in Billings,

MT. Included was a letter from the Rocky Mountain College Board Executive Committee describing its plan to develop, subject to faculty approval, the Master in Educational Leadership program. Pursuant to Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM) 10.58.801 and 10.58.802, Rocky Mountain College will provide further details of the Master of Educational Leadership program at a future Board meeting.

Item 10 NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND REPORT - Nancy Coopersmith

This presentation included information concerning the approval by the U.S. Department of Education of amendments to the Montana Accountability Workbook; correspondence from the U.S. Secretary of Education that includes highly qualified teacher data reported by states; plans concerning monitoring of Montana federal programs by the U.S. Department of Education; and Adequate Yearly Progress status of Montana schools and districts. Mr. Eric Feaver addressed his concern that highly qualified licensed teachers in the state of Montana are required to teach in their core areas; however, if university professors, part-time university professors, and adjunct faculty who are not licensed to teach K-12 in the state of Montana are allowed to teach through dual enrollment, how might this impact Montana reporting to the U.S. Department of Education in regard to NCLB? State Superintendent Linda McCulloch acknowledged that this issue has been raised before higher education and she is assured that the Board of Regents would not want to jeopardize K-12 funding.

Item 11 QUALITY EDUCATOR LOAN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SB 2) - Nancy Coopersmith

Senate Bill 2, approved during the Special Session of the 60th Montana Legislature, contains provisions for a quality educator loan assistance program. This presentation included information about the responsibilities of the Board of Public Education and the Office of Public Instruction in the implementation of this program. In addition, information was presented about the process to develop data for the program and about the expected schedule for completion of a recommendation to Superintendent Linda McCulloch and the Board of Public Education. Section 5 of Senate Bill 2 states that "(1) A quality educator shall submit an application for loan repayment assistance to the board of regents in accordance with policies and procedures adopted by the board of regents. The application must include official verification or proof of the applicant's total unpaid accumulated educational loan debt and other documentation required by the board of regents that is necessary for verification of the applicant's eligibility. (2) A quality educator is eligible for loan repayment assistance for up to a maximum of 4 years. The total annual loan repayment assistance for an eligible quality educator may not exceed \$3,000. The board of regents may require an eligible quality educator to provide documentation that the quality educator has exhausted repayment assistance from other federal, state, or local loan forgiveness, discharge, or repayment incentive programs." The Board of Regents, the Board of Public Education, and the Office of Public Instruction will continue to work collaboratively to determine those who qualify for the quality educator loan assistance program. Discussion ensued how the teachers and school districts will be notified. It was suggested that a press release be sent once the details have been established.

***September 14, 2007 – Friday
8:30 a.m.***

PUBLIC COMMENT

The 2007 Resolutions that were passed at the Montana Indian Education Association's Annual Conference in April were distributed. The resolutions are pertinent to Indian Education issues in the state of Montana and it is MIEA's hope that the Board of Public Education will give them consideration in its work in education in Montana.

The Board of Public Education discussed the memo and the documents that were included in the Commissioner of Higher Education's Report from Item 5 that was distributed at the Board of Public Education's meeting on Thursday, September 13, 2007. State Superintendent Linda McCulloch questioned why this report states that such a high percentage of Montana high school students need to take remedial classes in college, which is not reflective of the fact that Montana high school students have some of the highest ACT scores in the nation. The Board felt that Ms. Sharon Carroll should attend the Board of Regent's meeting in Billings on September 19, 2007 to express her personal experiences and concerns as a Board of Public Education member.

The public will be afforded the opportunity to comment before the Board on every action item on the agenda prior to final Board action.

ACTION ITEMS

Item 12a BPE POSITION ON REAUTHORIZATION OF ESEA – Kirk Miller

The Board of Public Education reviewed the letter that State Superintendent Linda McCulloch wrote on September 5, 2007 to the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Education and Labor that stated four major ways the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) has failed. A summary of the four major flaws are:

1. Improving educational systems relies on providing stronger supports for schools while simultaneously increasing accountability.
2. No Child Left Behind (NCLB) accountabilities were crafted without a broad array of schools in mind, the law was bound to misidentify schools – labeling schools performing well as ailing.
3. The NCLB definition of success was rhetorically powerful, but practically impossible for schools to attain.
4. NCLB overextended the reach of the federal government into affairs more appropriately managed by states and communities.

In addition, the Government Affairs Committee extensively reviewed the Miller-McKoen draft proposal for reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA). Dr. Kirk Miller recommended that the Board of Public Education create a position on the reauthorization of the ESEA that goes to the U.S. Congress. This stance should be written by Mr. Steve Meloy and those involved at the Office of Public Instruction and reviewed by the Government Affairs Committee for final approval.

MOTION: Dr. Kirk Miller moved that the Montana Board of Public Education create a position statement on the reauthorization of Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) to be written cooperatively by the Board of Public Education's Executive Secretary along with the Office of Public Instruction. The position statement will be reviewed by the Government Affairs Committee for final approval. Ms. Angela McLean seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. John Fuller was absent for the vote.

Item 12 ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS - Steve Meloy

Ms. Patty Myers passed the chairmanship to Mr. Steve Meloy, Executive Secretary for the Board of Public Education. Mr. Steve Meloy opened the floor for nominations for the chair of the Board of Public Education. Ms. Angela McLean nominated Ms. Patty Myers for the chair position. No other nominations were made.

MOTION: Ms. Angela McLean moved to nominate Ms. Patty Myers for the chairperson for

the Board of Public Education. Dr. Kirk Miller seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. John Fuller was absent for the vote.

Ms. Patty Myers resumed the chairmanship of the Board. Ms. Patty Myers opened the floor for nominations for the vice-chair of the Board of Public Education. Ms. Sharon Carroll nominated Ms. Angela McLean for the vice-chair position. No other nominations were made.

MOTION: Ms. Sharon Carroll moved to nominate Ms. Angela McLean for the vice-chairperson for the Board of Public Education. Mr. Storrs Bishop seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. John Fuller was absent for the vote.

Item 13 COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS - Patty Myers

Ms. Patty Myers addressed the need to update the 2007-2008 Committee Assignments to reflect Ms. Katie Wood in lieu of Ms. Jenny Tiskus under the Accreditation Committee and Legislative Committee. The Board members agreed to continue in their current assignments.

MOTION: Ms. Angela McLean moved to adopt the 2007-2008 Board of Public Education's Committee Assignments with the amendment of replacing Ms. Jenny Tiskus with Ms. Katie Wood under the Accreditation Committee and the Legislative Committee. Mr. Storrs Bishop seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. John Fuller was absent for the vote.

Item 14 SET ANNUAL AGENDA CALENDARS - Patty Myers

State Superintendent Linda McCulloch requested approval from the Board of Public Education to have some freedom with the proposed Office of Public Instruction's items for Board meetings that occur outside of Helena to save travel expenses. The Board agreed to some flexibility through open communication.

MOTION: Ms. Sharon Carroll moved to accept the proposed Board of Public Education's Annual Agenda Calendars for September 2007 – November 2008 and September 2008- November 2009. Mr. Cal Gilbert seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. John Fuller was absent for the vote.

Item 15 BPE BYLAWS - Patty Myers

Ms. Patty Myers reviewed the proposed amendments to the Board of Public Education bylaws. Ms. Patty Myers offered the following amendments to the proposal:

- Under Article VIII. Committees it states, "The committee shall meet at the school on a regular basis, not less than ~~eight~~ six times annually." The Board of Public Education meets six times annually with two Board of Education meetings.
- Under Article X. Order of Business the regular order of business shall be listed as follows:
 1. Call to Order
 2. Roll Call
 3. Statement of Public Participation
 4. ~~Approval of the minutes of the preceding meeting~~ Consent Agenda Agenda Adoption
 5. ~~Agenda Adoption~~ Consent Agenda
 6. Agenda Items Pulled from Consent Agenda
 7. ~~Items Pulled from Consent Agenda~~ Agenda
 8. Date and Place of Next Meeting
 9. Adjournment

MOTION: Ms. Angela McLean moved to accept the amended Board of Public Education bylaws. Dr. Kirk Miller seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. John Fuller was absent for the vote.

INFORMATION ITEM

Item 16 MSDB COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT - Steve Gettel

Ms. Patty Myers presented the MSDB report on behalf of Mr. Steve Gettel. The following items were addressed in the report:

1. Student Enrollment/Evaluation
2. Human Resources
 - Personnel actions
 - Update on negotiations with MEA-MFT and UFCW
3. School Improvement
 - Update on SIP activities
 - Framework for strategic planning process
 - Strategies for increasing educational opportunities for students served in the LEAs
4. Professional Development Activities
 - Update on in-service training
 - Fall conferences
5. MSDB Foundation Activities
 - Update on activities
6. Conferences, Meetings, and Contacts
7. Finance and Facilities
 - Update on budget and maintenance projects
8. School Calendar of Events
9. Student News and School Events

MOTION: Dr. Kirk Miller moved to adjourn the Board of Public Education meeting. Ms. Angela McLean seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. John Fuller was absent for the vote.

10:00 a.m. Adjourned

PRELIMINARY AGENDA ITEMS BPE MEETING– NOVEMBER 8-9, 2007

Assessment Update

NCLB Update

Alternative Standards Request

MACIE Annual Report

Youth Risk Behavior Survey Update

Quality Educator Loan Assistance Program (Action)

Distance Learning Task Force Phase II

Teacher of the Year – Gary Carmichael – Friday, November 9, 2007