

BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES

September 12th, 2013
Lincoln Center Board Room
415 N 30th Street
Billings, Montana

Thursday September 12, 2013
8:30 AM

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 8:35 AM.

Board members present: Ms. Patty Myers – Chair; Ms. Sharon Carroll – Vice Chair; Ms. Lila Taylor; Ms. Charity Ratliff – Student Representative; Mr. John Edwards; Mr. Bernie Olson; Mr. Paul Andersen. Ex-Officio members: Superintendent Denise Juneau; Ms. Shannon O'Brien – Governor's Office. Staff members present: Mr. Pete Donovan – Executive Director; Ms. Kris Stockton – Administrative Assistant. Guests included: Ms. Nancy Coopersmith, OPI; Ms. Ann Gilkey, OPI; Dr. Linda Peterson, OPI; Mr. Dennis Parman, OPI; Ms. Terri Wing, OPI; Ms. Elizabeth Keller, OPI; Mr. Scott Furois, OPI; Ms. Sandra Boham, MACIE; Ms. Lynn Hinch, OPI; Mr. Marco Ferro, MEA-MFT; Dr. Kirk Miller, SAM; Ms. Penny Kipp, Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes; Mr. Scott McCullough, Billings; Mr. Kevin O'Brien, Florence; Mr. Richard Paris, Florence; Mr. Colby Reynolds, Florence; Mr. Jeff Weldon, Billings; Mr. John McGee, Florence; Ms. Kristin Page-Nei, Florence; Ms. Vickie Cornish, Florence; Mr. Steve Nei, Florence; Mr. John Cornith, Florence; Mr. Tom Dennison, Florence; Ms. Amy York, Florence; Mr. John Boucher, Florence; Dr. Trent Atkins, Missoula; Dr. Mary Susan Fishbaugh, Billings; Dr. Kent Kultgen, Helena School District; Mr. Greg Upham, Helena School District; Mr. Chad Kinnett, Billings; Ms. Teresa Majerus, Lewistown; Ms. Lisa Kuehn, Terry; Ms. Lisa Held, Clyde Park; Mr. Bob Besel, Billings; Ms. Karen Severeide, Billings; Mr. Terry Booth, Billings; Mr. Daniel Sybrout, Corvallis; Ms. Libby Goldes, Helena School Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was given.

CONSENT AGENDA

Agenda approved as presented.

ADOPT AGENDA

Agenda approved as presented.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Items are listed in the order in which they are presented.

❖ **REPORTS – Patty Myers (Items 1-6)**

Item 1 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT
Patty Myers

Ms. Myers reviewed her activities since the July Board meeting including the "Back to School" tour of Great Falls Schools with Governor Bullock. Ms. Myers also discussed the public records request to the Board regarding the process of adoption of the Common Core State Standards from Senator Essman,

and her attendance at the MACIE meeting the previous day. Also noted was the upcoming Montana Educator's Conference in October.

ACTION

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

- **Approve Changes to Board By-Laws**

Ms. Lila Taylor moved to adopt the changes to the By-Laws. Motion seconded by Mr. John Edwards.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Approve Changes to Board Goals**

Ms. Sharon Carroll moved to approve the changes to the Board Goals with changes to goal #2, #5, #4, and #6. Motion seconded by Mr. John Edwards.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Set 2014 Annual Agenda Calendar**

Mr. John Edwards moved to approve the 2014 Annual Agenda Calendar. Motion seconded by Mr. Bernie Olson.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Set 2014 BPE Meeting Calendar**

Mr. Bernie Olson moved to approve the 2014 BPE Meeting Calendar. Motion seconded by Ms. Lila Taylor.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 2

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Pete Donovan

Mr. Donovan reported on his recent activities representing the Board of Public Education. Mr. Donovan discussed the public records request from Senator Essman's office and the upcoming Education and Local Government Interim Committee meeting in which the adoption process for the Common Core Standards will be reviewed.

Item 3

STATE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

State Superintendent Denise Juneau

Superintendent Juneau highlighted a few items on her calendar including Graduation Matters Montana, results from the ACT test administered to all juniors in the Spring of 2013, and a partnership with Student Assistance Foundation to help seniors complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. The Superintendent distributed flyers that have been created for parents to help them in understanding the

❖ EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – Patty Myers (Items 8-10)

Item 8 **FEDERAL UPDATE**
Nancy Coopersmith, Scott Furois

Ms. Coopersmith reviewed the Federal Budget including what can be expected in the coming weeks regarding Sequestration, Reauthorization, and upcoming issues on the Federal level. Mr. Furois then presented the Adequate Yearly Progress report.

Item 10 **THE STATE MODEL FOR THE EVALUATION OF TEACHERS AND PRINCIPALS**
Dr. Linda Peterson

Dr. Peterson gave a brief update on the State Model for the Evaluation of Teachers and Principals, training that has been conducted, and upcoming sessions for schools for using the model. Dr. Kirk Miller and Mr. Marco Ferro also discussed the model from their perspectives.

Item 9 **CRITERION REFERENCED TEST (CRT) RESULTS FOR 2012-13 SCHOOL YEAR**
Scott Furois

Mr. Furois gave the statewide report on the Criterion Referenced Test Results for the previous school year and highlighted improvement in the scores in math and reading.

❖ LICENSURE COMMITTEE – Sharon Carroll (Items 12)

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Item 12 **REPORT ON THE SURRENDER OF TEACHER LICENSES**
Ann Gilkey

Ms. Gilkey reported the surrender of a Class 2 license for an elementary school teacher in Gallatin County.

Meeting broke for lunch at 12:10

Meeting resumed at 12:57

ACTION

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

❖ LICENSURE COMMITTEE – Sharon Carroll (Item 11)

TIME CERTAIN AT 1:00

Item 11 **HEARING BPE CASE #2013-01**
Katherine Orr

Ms. Carroll introduced the item and turned the hearing over to Katherine Orr, Agency Legal Services counsel.

Ms. Sharon Carroll moved to accept the items of evidence 1-10 from OPI and A-I from Mr. McGee. Motion was seconded by Ms. Lila Taylor.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Sharon Carroll moved to issue a letter of reprimand to educator John C. McGee pursuant to 20-4-110 MCA and ARM 10.57.601. Motion seconded by Mr. Paul Andersen.

Board members Edwards and Andersen asked questions. The Board members requested to review the letter of reprimand prior to approval.

No discussions. Motion passed unanimously.

ACTION

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

❖ ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE – Bernie Olson (Items 14-15)

TIME CERTAIN AT 3:00 PM

**Item 14 ACTION ON THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE VARIANCE TO STANDARDS APPLICATIONS
Dennis Parman**

Mr. Parman reviewed ARM 10.55.604 the Variances to Standards Review Board and their oversight responsibilities, and ARM 10.55.1901 School Counseling. Mr. Parman reviewed the application from the Helena Public Schools regarding a variance request to ARM 10.55.710. Questions from Board members were answered by Mr. Parman and Dr. Kultgen, Superintendent Helena School District, reviewed the student ratio spreadsheet with the Board and fielded questions from the Board.

a. Mr. Bernie Olson moved to approve the Superintendent's recommendation for a variance to ARM10.55.710 for Helena elementary schools: Broadwater Elementary School, Bryant Elementary School, Central Elementary School, Four Georgians Elementary School, Hawthorne Elementary School, Jefferson Elementary School, Jim Darcy Elementary School, Kessler Elementary School, Rossiter Elementary School, Smith Elementary School and Warren Elementary School with the stipulation: That there must be a school counselor assigned to each elementary school. Every school does not need to be a blended model school. Those schools that are not blended model schools must meet the staffing requirement ratio of 1 counselor for every 400 students as stated in 10.55.710. Those schools that are blended model schools, the district can determine the staffing level of school counselors.

b. The variance is only for two years including the current year.

c. The Helena School District must be in full compliance of the requirements in 10.55.710 by the start of the 2015 school year.

d. The Variance to Standards Review Board shall never review licensure and endorsement.

e. That no school may create alternate models of standards or professional programs without the input of the Office of Public Instruction

Item 15 **ACTION ON THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT ON THE 2012-13 ACCREDITATION CORRECTIVE ACTION PLANS**
Teri Wing

Mr. Bernie Olson moved to approve the recommendation of the State Superintendent of the corrective action plans for Lincoln K-12 Schools, Glendive Public Schools – Jefferson School and Lincoln School, Denton Public Schools – Denton High School, and Helena Public Schools – all elementary schools. Motion seconded by Ms. Lila Taylor.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

❖ MSDB LIAISON - Lila Taylor (Item 16)

Item 16 **MSDB REPORT**
Lila Taylor

Ms. Taylor updated the Board on the most recent meeting of the MSDB Committee. Fewer students are enrolled in the school this year and the school is replacing Cottage Life Attendants who have moved on.

Item 17 **ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS**
Pete Donovan

Ms. Patty Myers nominated Ms. Sharon Carroll as Chair of Board of Public Education. Ms. Lila Taylor moved to cast a unanimous vote. Seconded by Ms. Patty Myers.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Sharon Carroll moved to nominate Mr. Bernie Olson as Vice Chair. Ms. Lila Taylor seconded the motion. Ms. Lila Taylor moved to cast a unanimous vote. Seconded by Mr. John Edwards.

No discussion. Motion passed.

Item 18 **COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**
Patty Myers

New committee chairs were named for the Licensure Committee, Assessment Committee, and Executive Committee. Board member Edwards will chair the Licensure Committee, Board member Andersen will chair the Assessment Committee, and Board member Carroll will chair the Executive Committee. Board member and Chair elect Carroll will replace Chair Myers as the ex-officio member on the Accreditation Committee, Licensure Committee, Legislative Committee, and Assessment Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 6:13 PM.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS November 15th, 2013 via VisionNet

MACIE Annual Report

Assessment Update

Federal Update

Alternative to Standards Requests

