

BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES

March 14th, 2014
State Capitol Building, Room 455
Helena, MT

Friday, March 14th, 2014
8:00 AM

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Sharon Carroll called the meeting to order at 8:04 AM.

Chair Carroll read the timeline of the Adoption of the Montana Common Core State Standards and the legal advice from Ms. Katherine Orr, Attorney, Agency Legal Services.

Board members present included: Chair - Ms. Sharon Carroll; Ms. Erin Williams; Ms. Charity Ratliff; Mr. Paul Andersen; Ms. Lila Taylor; Mr. John Edwards; Ms. Mary Jo Bremner. Absent: Vice-chair Mr. Bernie Olson. Staff present included Mr. Pete Donovan, Executive Director Board of Public Education; Ms. Kris Stockton, Board of Public Education Administrative Assistant. Guests present included: Dr. Linda Peterson, OPI; Ms. Ann Gilkey, OPI; Deputy Superintendent Mr. Dennis Parman, OPI; Ms. Nancy Coopersmith, OPI; Ms. Teri Wing, OPI; Ms. Christine Emerson, OPI; Ms. Judy Snow, OPI; Representative Tom Jacobson, Great Falls, MT; Dr. Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana; Ms. Nancy Hall, OBPP; Mr. Tim Ravandal, Townsend, MT; Ms. Cindy Brooks, Eureka, MT; Ms. Gina Satterfield, Helena, MT; Kathy Titchbourn, Trego, MT; Mr. Eric Feaver, MEA-MFT; Mr. Pat Schlaugh, Student Assistance Foundation; Ms. Debra Lamm, Livingston, MT; Ms. Kelly Cresswell, Student Assistance Foundation; Mr. Dohn Ratliff, Hardin, MT; Mr. TJ Eyer, OPI; Ms. Laura Needham, Billings, MT; Ms. Lori Gilbert Lee, Billings, MT; Ms. Karen Cox, Billings, MT; Mr. Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation, Helena, MT; Ms. Kristi Miller, Billings, MT; Dr. Christine Shearer-Cremean, MSU Northern; Dr. Barbara Vail, Rocky Mountain College; Ms. Kari Zeier, Billings, MT; Ms. Christy Wagner, Harrison, MT.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment was heard from Ms. Laura Needham; Ms. Gina Satterfield; Mr. Tim Ravandal; Ms. Cindy Brooks; Ms. Lori Gilbert Lee; Ms. Kathy Titchbourn; and Ms. Karen Cox. All comments were in opposition to the Montana Common Core State Standards.

CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda was approved as presented.

ADOPT AGENDA

The agenda was approved with changes as Item 5 being moved to Item 1.

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

INFORMATION ITEMS

❖ **REPORTS – Sharon Carroll (Items 1-6)**

Item 5 **GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORT**
 Shannon O'Brien

Dr. O'Brien was dialed in via conference phone to give the Governor's Office report. Dr. O'Brien discussed Early Childhood and the work being done for that program. An update was given regarding K-12 specifically increased graduation rates due to the Graduation Matters Montana program, and a grant from the Washington Foundation to the MT Digital Academy to support lowering remediation rates for college freshman. Higher Education is focusing on increasing Dual Enrollment and the number of Montanans with at least a 2 year degree. The Mainstreet Montana report will be released within the next 2 weeks. Dr. O'Brien also reported on some of the events the new Lieutenant Governor Angela MacLean has been attending.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Carroll returned to the Public Comment period so that all visitors could speak. Ms. Karen Fox gave public comment in opposition to the Montana Common Core State Standards.

Item 1 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT Sharon Carroll

Chair Carroll reported that she has been asked to be a member of the Montana Developmental Education Council. Chair Carroll also discussed her attendance at a recent EPASS training and how her school is developing a teacher evaluation tool, her weekly calls with Mr. Donovan, and a new Science Friday's program at her school. Chair Carroll announced that Mr. Donovan and Mr. Gettel's evaluations will be conducted at the May Board meeting.

Item 2 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT Pete Donovan

Mr. Donovan gave a brief update on a few items including his attendance at OPI's Assessment Conference in January, his work on the Dual Enrollment Task Force in conjunction with the Commissioner's Office, attendance at the Board of Regents meeting, and upcoming events including CSPAC appointments at the May meeting, the ELG K-20 Sub group, and the upcoming CSPAC meeting April 25th.

Item 3 STATE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT State Superintendent Denise Juneau

Superintendent Juneau welcomed new Board member Ms. Mary Jo Bremner to the Board of Public Education. The Superintendent announced new Graduation Matters Schools, a new grant helping to fund the program, and that she will report to the Board in May regarding a meeting of the Health Education group. The Superintendent also discussed new Arts standards being worked on in conjunction with the MT Arts Council, and the revision of the Chapter 57 and Chapter 58 Standards. The Superintendent asked for the Board to approve the following MACIE Nominations.

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.

APPROVAL OF MACIE NOMINATIONS

- **Mr. Voyd St. Pierre**
- **Ms. Glenda McCarthy**
- **Mr. Alvin "Jim" Kennedy**
- **Ms. Corri Smith**

Ms. Mary Jo Bremner moved to approve Mr. Voyd St. Pierre, Ms. Glenda McCarthy, Mr. Alvin Kennedy, and Ms. Corri Smith to the MACIE Advisory Council. Motion seconded by Mr. John Edwards.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Item 4 COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION'S REPORT
 Commissioner Clayton Christian**

Dr. Neil Moisey gave the Commissioner of Higher Education's report. Dr. Moisey updated the Board on the collaborative efforts between the Board of Regents, the Board of Public Education, the Office of Public Instruction, and Governor Bullock's office on K-20 education. Dr. Moisey also discussed the work of the Developmental Education group; the Bootcamp being put on in April for educator's to offer developmental education classes, the efforts to expand Dual Enrollment opportunities for students, the 2 openings on the Board of Regents, and the student appointment in July. Dr. Moisey also discussed work for the upcoming 2015 Legislature.

**Item 6 STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT
 Charity Ratliff**

Ms. Ratliff updated the Board on her activities since the January meeting including her school's efforts to help students file the FAFSA, controversy surrounding the upcoming Prom, Graduation Matters report and how the graduation rates are increasing, the invitation she received to be on a conference call regarding the Smarter Balanced Assessment, and her recent trip to Washington DC for the Close Up program. In addition Ms. Ratliff reported on conversations the group had with Senator Tester and Representative Daines. Ms. Ratliff noted that this coming Sunday March 16th the new student representative will be elected. Ms. Ratliff will be attending the Spring Student Representative Conference, and the ACT for all Juniors in April. Discussion ensued surrounding the student's discussions with the Congressional delegates, the ACT for Juniors, and the petition regarding the prom at Hardin High School.

DISCUSSION

❖ EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – Sharon Carroll (Items 7-10)

**Item 7 FEDERAL UPDATE
 Nancy Coopersmith**

Ms. Nancy Coopersmith gave the Federal update. Ms. Coopersmith discussed the Federal Budget, the Omnibus Bill, Sequestration levels for FY14, then gave an update on what may be expected for FY15. Ms. Coopersmith discussed the request of the Superintendent to be waived from double testing and that this year the Smarter Balanced Assessment is a "test of the test". The waiver was approved in November 2013. Superintendent Juneau answered questions regarding the assessment waiver and why there will not be any test results from the Smarter Balanced Assessment this year. Mr. Feaver complimented the Superintendent on asking for the waiver to not double test, and to not tie student assessment to teacher evaluations.

**Item 8 SCHOOL NUTRITION ANNUAL REPORT
 Christine Emerson**

Ms. Emerson gave the School Nutrition Annual Report to the Board. Highlights included the OPI Cooperative Purchase Program, the Montana Team Nutrition Program, the Summer Food Service Program, and the Summer Food Summit 2013.

**Item 9 HJ14 AND FINANCIAL EDUCATION
Representative Tom Jacobson**

Representative Tom Jacobson presented to the Board the background of financial literacy, and the history of HJ14. Mr. Jacobson reviewed his history in financial education, and his work with high risk students teaching them financial literacy and savings. Members of the public then commented on HJ14 and the importance of educating youth on financial literacy. Public Comment was heard from Vicki McDonald, Financial Life Coach from Missoula; Ms. Kelly Cresswell, Student Assistance Foundation, Ms. Laura Needham, and Mr. Dohn Ratliff. Chair Carroll asked that Mr. Jacobson work with Board member Williams who is on the Accreditation Committee to discuss this item. The Accreditation Committee will then refer it back to the Board with a recommendation.

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.

**Item 10 RECOMMENDATION OF APPROVAL OF NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND
TIMELINE PERTAINING TO THE AMENDMENTS OF ARM TITLE 10,
CHAPTER 64 SCHOOL BUS DRIVER QUALIFICATIONS
Donell Rosenthal**

Ms. Rosenthal presented the Notice of Public Hearing and proposed Timeline for the Amendments of ARM Title 10, Chapter 64 School Bus Driver Qualifications. Board member Edwards addressed concerns he has with the new rules and asked for any comments from the Board. Board member Williams asked for more specifics on what school districts should look for when reviewing background checks on bus drivers. Discussion took place on how that can or cannot be done.

Mr. John Edwards moved to disapprove the Superintendent's request to submit the Notice of Public Hearing for ARM 10.64.201 and hearing for April 23rd, and delay the motion until the May 2014 Board of Public Education meeting with new language. Motion seconded by Ms. Erin Williams.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION

❖ LICENSURE COMMITTEE – John Edwards (Items 11-13)

**Item 11 REPORT ON THE REVISION PROCESS OF ARM TITLE 10, CHAPTER 58
PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM STANDARDS
Dr. Linda Peterson**

Dr. Peterson reviewed the revision process for the Chapter 58 Program standards. Dr. Peterson anticipates having information to present to the Certification Standards and Practices Advisory Council at the April 25th meeting. OPI is also working with the Montana Council of Deans in this process. Dr. Peterson noted that Areas of Permissive Special Competency are being reviewed to see how beneficial they are, and whether or not an endorsement or a minor might be a better option.

**Item 12 STATE EXIT REPORT FROM THE DECEMBER 1-4, 2013 REVIEW OF THE
PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION UNIT AT ROCKY MOUNTAIN COLLEGE
Dr. Linda Peterson, Dr. Barbara Vail, Rocky Mountain College, Dr. Christine
Shearer-Creman, MSU Northern**

Dr. Linda Peterson reviewed the State Exit Report from the Rocky Mountain College review. Dr. Peterson introduced Dr. Barbara Vail from Rocky Mountain College, and Dr. Christine Shearer-Creman from MSU Northern. Dr. Peterson discussed the review process and that she expects an Action Item for approval of the Exit Report at the May Board meeting. Dr. Creman provided a summary of the documentation of the visit and that Rocky Mountain College met the criteria for the review, and that the school received many commendations. Dr. Vail spoke about the Education programs at Rocky and that the program is already made improvements since the review.

❖ **ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE – Paul Andersen (Item 14)**

Item 14 ASSESSMENT UPDATE
Judy Snow, Dennis Parman

Ms. Judy Snow briefly reviewed the new Assessment and how communications have been handled for example with digital e-mail blasts to schools. Ms. Snow also discussed the success of the Assessment Conference this past January. Deputy Superintendent Parman passed out an email announcing a delay to the Smarter Balanced Assessment by 1 week. Mr. Parman then discussed the technology aspect of the test and how schools have prepared themselves, with the help of OPI, to administer the new assessments.

Item 13 REPORT ON THE REVISION PROCESS OF ARM TITLE 10, CHAPTER 57
EDUCATOR LICENSURE
Ann Gilkey

Ms. Ann Gilkey reviewed the revision process for the Chapter 57, Educator Licensure. Ms. Gilkey discussed the internal review happening at OPI which will be brought to the review committee and that final approval will be brought to CSPAC hopefully by July. Ms. Gilkey noted that Ms. Tammy Lacey will be the CSPAC representative on the committee.

❖ **ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE – Erin Williams (Item 15)**

Item 15 TEAMS UPDATE
Teri Wing

Ms. Wing gave the Board an update on TEAMS, struggles schools have had, and how those are being worked through. Ms. Wing presented a timeline for TEAMS and that an update will not be available for the Board at the May meeting due to struggles schools are experiencing. The update will be at the July meeting instead.

❖ **MSDB LIAISON - Lila Taylor (Item 16)**

Item 16 MSDB REPORT
Lila Taylor

Ms. Taylor gave the MSDB report to the Board. One of the struggles is meeting the Smarter Balanced Assessments because of the special education needs of the students, so Mr. Gettel is working on those issues. Funds are needed for maintenance at the school, and Mr. Gettel is working on getting figures together. Board member Edwards asked Mr. Donovan to research to find out if the Board can appoint someone to serve on the MSDB Foundation Board on their behalf.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment from Cindy Brooks; Ms. Christy Wagner; Ms. Laura Needham; Ms. Kathy Titchbourn; Ms. Debra Lamm; Ms. Lori Gilbert Lee; and Ms. Karen Cox. All spoke in opposition to the Montana Common Core State Standards.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS May 8-9th, 2014

CSPAC Appointments
Student Representative Last Meeting
BASE Aid Payment Schedule
Assessment Update
Alternative to Standards Requests & Renewals
MACIE Update
Federal Update
College & Career Readiness/Professional Learning Network - OPI

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn meeting at 1:57 PM made by Mr. John Edwards. Motion seconded by Ms. Erin Williams.

Meeting adjourned at 1:57 PM.

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