BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

September 11th, 2014 State Capitol Building, Room 455 Helena, MT

Thursday September 11th, 2014 8:30 AM

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM by Chair Carroll. The Board said the Pledge of Allegiance and recognized a moment of silence in recognition of the victims of September 11, 2001.

Chair Carroll read the Statement of Public Participation, and welcomed all visitors.

Board members present included: Ms. Sharon Carroll-Chair; Mr. Bernie Olson-Vice Chair; Ms. Erin Williams; Mr. Paul Andersen; Ms. Lila Taylor; Mr. John Edwards; Ms. Mary Jo Bremner; Ms. Greta Gustafson. Staff present included: Mr. Pete Donovan, Executive Director; Ms. Kris Stockton, Administrative Assistant. Ex-Officio members included: Ms. Shannon O'Brien, Education Policy Advisor to Governor Bullock; Superintendent Juneau; Deputy Commission of Higher Education Dr. Neil Moisey. Guests present included: Ms. Nancy Coopersmith, OPI; Mr. Marco Ferro, MEA-MFT; Mr. Eric Feaver, MEA-MFT; Ms. Norma Bixby, MACIE; Mr. Dennis Parman, OPI; Mr. Bob Currie, Digital Academy; Mr. Rob Miller, LFD; Ms. Nancy Hall, OBPP.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Gina Satterfield, Helena Montana gave public comment regarding Common Core.

Ms. Jean Ruppert, Butte Montana gave public comment regarding Common Core.

Mr. Tim Ravndal, Townsend Montana gave public comment regarding public education in Montana.

ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA

Consent agenda approved as presented.

ADOPT AGENDA

Mr. Bernie Olson moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. John Edwards.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously

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

INFORMATION ITEMS

* REPORTS – Sharon Carroll (Items 1-6)

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 1 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Sharon Carroll

Chair Carroll announced that Mr. Donovan will be receiving the Governor's Award for Excellence. Chair Carroll also recognized the staff of the Board and thanked them for the work they do.

Election of Officers

Mr. Bernie Olson moved to nominate Ms. Carroll as the next Chair of the Board of Public Education. Motion seconded by Mr. John Edwards.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Bernie Olson moved to nominate Mr. Paul Andersen as the Vice Chair of the Board of Public Education. Motion seconded by Ms. Lila Taylor.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve Public Comment Guidelines

Ms. Lila Taylor moved to approve the Public Comment Guidelines as proposed. Motion seconded by Mr. Bernie Olson.

Public Comment from Mr. Tim Ravndal.

Motion passed unanimously.

Item 2 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT Pete Donovan

Mr. Donovan thanked Chair Carroll for the Governor's Award nomination. Mr. Donovan discussed the Community Service award that former Chair Myers will be receiving on Saturday, the upcoming Education and Local Government Interim Committee meeting September 15-16th, the University of Montana Distinguished Alumni Award Superintendent Juneau will be receiving, and the MEA-MFT Conference in October 16-17th. Mr. Donovan also added that the upcoming rule changes, if approved, will cost the Board approximately \$7,000.

Item 3 STATE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT State Superintendent Denise Juneau

Superintendent Juneau gave an update from the Office of Public Instruction, including the ACT results from Spring 2014, partnership with Student Assistance Foundation to Graduation Matters schools for FAFSA assistance, College Application week November 3-7th, the upcoming meeting of the Student Advisory Board Oct 11-12th, and the Back to School tour with Governor Bullock, specifically the stop in Bozeman to see how they have implemented Common Core.

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MACIE NOMINATIONS

- o Jennifer Smith, Billings Public Schools
- o Georgia Gourneau, MEA-MFT

Ms. Mary Jo Bremner moved to approve the nominations of Ms. Jennifer Smith, Billings Public Schools, and Ms. Georgia Gourneau, MEA-MFT. Motion seconded by Mr. Paul Andersen.

Clarification on public comment from a member of the public.

No Board discussion.

Motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

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

Dr. Neil Moisey gave the Commissioner's Office report. Dr. Moisey updated the Board with some items on the agenda for the upcoming Board of Regents Meeting in Billings including an update on the EverFi product, the requirement of college students to take a course regarding sexual assault and alcohol issues, an update on Ed Ready, the Complete College Montana project, and the math pathways initiative as a part of that project.

Item 5 GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORT Shannon O'Brien

Dr. Shannon O'Brien updated the Board on the activities from the Governor's office and passed out a report on some projects regarding education being worked on in the Governor's office which included: Early Edge, Smart Schools, NoKid Hungry, Dual Enrollment, and the Mobile App Challenge.

Item 6 STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT Greta Gustafson

Ms. Gustafson updated the Board on her activities since the May Board meeting including national student council meeting in Florida. Ms. Gustafson noted that her goal is for more students from Montana to be able to attend the conference next year. Ms. Gustafson also participated in the National Finals Rodeo in Rock Springs, Wyoming in July finishing in the top 50 in girls cutting. In addition, she reported on back to school activities, her role as Student Body Vice President and upcoming activities and projects outlined for the year. Ms. Gustafson reviewed how Common Core has been implemented in her school at Cut Bank High School, and the new Peer Mentoring program introduced this year at Cut Bank High School.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

TIME CERTAIN AT 10:00

❖ EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – Sharon Carroll (Items 7-8)

Item 7 STUDENT LEARNING THROUGH STAFF COLLABORATION Helena School District

Dr. Kent Kultgen presented to the Board some new projects going on in the Helena School District, including consistency amongst the elementary schools, and how the Helena School District has incorporated the Common Core Standards into the curriculum in the Helena School District. Dr. Kultgen also discussed the Professional Learning Communities in the district and how the teachers are working together.

Item 8 HIGH SCHOOL READING INTERVENTION PROGRAM Helena School District

Mr. John Stillson, Reading Specialist from Helena High School introduced himself and his background with the reading intervention program at Helena High School. Mr. Stillson discussed the new Read 180 program, the impact it has had on students, and how the program has grown. The program was implemented in the 2013-14 school year and is starting in the middle schools this current year. Mr. Stillson fielded guestions from the Board.

❖ DIGITAL ACADEMY LIAISON – Paul Andersen (Items 9-10)

Item 9 MONTANA DIGITAL ACADEMY REPORT Bob Currie

Mr. Currie introduced himself and quickly reviewed for the Board the history of the Digital Academy and its purpose. The presentation encompassed both the Digital Academy and Ed Ready. Mr. Currie discussed where the program started, where it's heading and projections for the future of the programs.

Item 10 ED READY REPORT Bob Currie

Mr. Currie further discussed Ed Ready, a tool used to help students determine where he/she wants to be in relation to being college and career ready. Currently the program is structured for math, but reading will be implemented for the next school year. The program is cost free. Mr. Currie did a quick run through of what the student sees and how it prepares them for the areas in which they are not ready.

❖ MACIE LIAISON – Mary Jo Bremner (Item 11)

Item 11 MACIE Update Norma Bixby

Ms. Norma Bixby gave the MACIE update to the Board. MACIE held a meeting the previous day in Helena and Ms. Bixby reported to the Board on the following items including: a presentation from Special Olympics and their effort to involve Indian Reservations in a new project, an update from OPI on Title I Part D, and a request to Senator Tester's office to have the FERPA laws changed to include Tribes. MACIE also received an update from Jobs for Montana Graduates in order to get the program implemented in the reservation schools, and an update from the ACLU. Other reports to MACIE included Schools of Promise, Title 3, and Professional Development Grants. Superintendent Juneau thanked Ms. Bixby for all of the hard work she does for Indian Education for All and for MACIE.

Ms. Mary Jo Bremner moved that the BPE reauthorize the Montana Advisory Council on Indian Education until October 1, 2016. Motion was seconded by Mr. Bernie Olson.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

ACTION

PUBLIC COMMENT

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❖ LICENSURE COMMITTEE – John Edwards (Items 12-19)

Item 12 RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF ARM TITLE 10, CHAPTER 57, EDUCATOR LICENSURE

Dennis Parman

Mr. Parman briefly reviewed the process of reviewing the Chapter 57 rules and highlighted a few of the proposed changes and requested the Boards approval of the Notice of Public Hearing and the Timeline. Mr. Parman fielded guestions from the Board

Mr. John Edwards moved to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to approve the Notice of Public Hearing of ARM Title 10 Chapter 57 Educator Licensure with the following changes: 10.57.102(b), 10.57.102(3)(iii), and 10.57.605(5). Motion was seconded by Ms. Lila Taylor.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

TIME CERTAIN AT 1:30 PM THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 11TH. 2014

Item 15 RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF PROVISIONAL ACCREDITATION OF THE

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN SECONDARY EDUCATION-MATHEMATICS AT

SALISH KOOTENAI COLLEGE

Dr. Linda Peterson, Dr. Cindy O'Dell

Dr. Peterson reviewed the new program being requested for approval at Salish Kootenai College and introduced Dr. Sarada, Chair, Mathematics Dept. at SKC, and Dr. Cindy O'Dell, Chair of Education Dept. at SKC. Dr. Sarada and Dr. O'Dell reviewed the new program for Board with specifics regarding the need for math programs in Native American schools and the importance of having Native American teachers in the field of mathematics to teach math to Native American students. Dr. O'Dell then discussed how the education program at SKC is expanding and that future expansions are expected. Dr. Sarada then explained how the program was created using iNTASC Standards and the PEPS standards. Dr. Peterson requested the Board to approve the program for provisional accreditation status. A review will be conducted in two years for full approval.

Mr. John Edwards moved to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to approve the Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education-Mathematics at Salish Kootenai College. Motion seconded by Mr. Olson.

Public comment from member of the public, from Mr. Eric Feaver, Dr. Neil Moisey, all in favor of the new program.

Motion passed unanimously.

TIME CERTAIN AT 2:00 PM THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2014

Item 16 CONTESTED CASE HEARING OF BPE CASE #2014-01

Rob Stutz

See item 19

Item 17 CONTESTED CASE HEARING OF BPE CASE #2014-02

Rob Stutz

See item 19

Item 18 CONTESTED CASE HEARING OF BPE CASE #2014-03

Rob Stutz

See item 19

Item 19 DISMISSAL OF BPE CASE #2013-02

Rob Stutz

For items 16-19

Mr. John Edwards moved for the Board to accept the withdrawal of the appeal of the denial of educator license in BPE case #2014-01, BPE Case #2014-02, BPE Case #2014-03, and BPE Case #2013-02. Motion seconded by Ms. Lila Taylor.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 13 RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF ARM

TITLE 10, CHAPTER 58, PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR PREPARATION

PROGRAM STANDARDS

Dr. Linda Peterson, Michael Hall, Patty Muir

Dr. Linda Peterson introduced the Notice of Public Hearing of ARM Title 10 Chapter 58 Professional Educator Preparation Program Standards. Dr. Peterson reviewed some of the proposed amendments in the document and proposed new rules. Ms. Patty Muir noted for the Board that the document presented today has all the changes recommended by CSPAC and noted a couple changes in regard to Indian Education For All.

Mr. John Edwards moved to approve the Notice of Public Hearing of ARM Title 10 Chapter 58 Professional Educator Preparation Program Standards. Motion seconded by Ms. Mary Jo Bremner.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 14 RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE CAEP/MONTANA STATE AGREEMENT

Dr. Linda Peterson

Dr. Linda Peterson noted some new changes in the document made by CAEP and walked the Board through those changes. Dr. Peterson then requested the Board to approve agreement.

Mr. John Edwards moved to approve the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation/Montana State Agreement. Motion seconded by Ms. Lila Taylor.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION

❖ ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE – Paul Andersen (Item 20)

Item 20 ASSESSMENT UPDATE

Judy Snow

Ms. Snow announced that the Smarter Balanced Assessment reports are in and that OPI will be contracting with 2 companies to assist them in gathering the results. Ms. Snow reviewed assessments upcoming for the 2014-15 year including CRT for science and ACT, and then reviewed Goals and Objectives for the Assessment division for the upcoming year. Questions from the Board were answered.

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 21-22)

Item 21 RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE ADDENDUM TO THE 2013-14 FINAL

ACCREDITATION STATUS OF ALL SCHOOLS

Dr. Teri Wing

Dr. Wing presented the addendum to the Accreditation report to the Board and explained why some of the changes were necessary.

Mr. Bernie Olson moved to approve recommendation of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to approve the addendum to the 2013-14 Final Accreditation Status of All Schools. Motion was seconded by Ms. Erin Williams.

Public Comment by Jean Ruppert, Butte, regarding accreditation of Butte schools.

Motion passed unanimously.

Item 22

RECOMMEND APROVAL OF THE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF ARM TITLE 10, CHAPTER 63, PRESCHOOL STANDARDS Dennis Parman

Superintendent Juneau reviewed for the Board the new Chapter 63 Preschool Standards and the process of how the standards were created. Mr. Parman fielded questions from the Board. Dr. Moisey discussed the importance of Early Childhood and the impact it has on the child throughout their academic life, and also read notes from Dr. Bobbi Evans-University of Montana, and Dr. Linda Ransdal, Dean of College of Education-MSU in support of the standards. Ms. Shannon O'Brien extended thanks from the Governor to everyone who worked on the Early Learning Standards project.

Mr. Bernie Olson moved to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to approve the Notice of Public Hearing of ARM Title 10, Chapter 63, Preschool Standards. Motion seconded by Ms. Lila Taylor.

Public Comment

Opponents

Ann Moran-Conrad Montana representing herself Jean Ruppert – Butte Montana representing herself Tim Ravndal – Townsend Montana representing himself

Proponents

Tammy Lacey, Superintendent of Great Falls Public Schools and CSPAC Chair, representing GFPS, and CSPAC

Tara Ferriter-Smith, OPI

Heather O'Loughlin-Montana Budget & Policy Center

Kirk Miller – School Administrators of Montana

Marco Ferro – MEA MFT

Denille Miller - Bozeman Montana representing herself

Terri Barclay - OPI

Sharon Dibrito – Florence Montana Executive Director of the Montana Association of Young Children

Motion passed unanimously.

❖ MSDB LIAISON - Lila Taylor (Items 23-24)

Item 23 APPROVE AMENDMENT TO ARM TITLE 10, CHAPTER 59, MSDB

FOUNDATION Pete Donovan

Ms. Lila Taylor moved to approve the amendment to ARM Title 10, Chapter

59, MSDB Foundation. Motion seconded by Mr. Bernie Olson.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEM

Item 24 MSDB REPORT

Donna Sorensen, MSDB Superintendent

Ms. Sorensen gave the report to the Board on the happenings of the MSDB including enrollment numbers of 45 students on campus. Ms. Sorensen reported on several changes in Human Resources including the scheduling secretary who has now been replaced, 4 new staff members in the cottage, and an open counselor position. The Outreach Director Position has been offered and accepted. Ms. Sorensen highlighted happenings at the school including back to school activities, new technology at the school including new computers for staff and iPads for students. 19 current students are living in the cottage this year. Ms. Donna Schmidt reported on safety and facility issues as well as budget and finance. Ms. Schmidt reported on a major water leak in one of the cottages which required a complete gut and remodel of one section of the cottages, as well as a remodel of the locker rooms in the pool area, repair of the pool, and a replacement of the windows, as approved in the last biennium. Ms. Sorensen reported that the budget is in good shape as well. Ms. Sorensen also noted a \$23,000 donation to the Foundation from 1st Interstate Bank. Discussion then ensued regarding how to handle the MSDB reports in the future, whether to have face to face or conference call meetings for the MSDB committee. Mr. Olsen suggested putting the report at the beginning of the meeting. Ms. Taylor suggested Ms. Carroll and Ms. Sorensen discuss it and let the Board know.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Ruppert, Butte Montana gave public comment about having a member of the public on the Board and also her concerns about the cost of all the programs the Board approves.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS November 13-14th, 2014

Assessment Update
Federal Update
Accreditation Report
Annual Renewal Unit Providers List – C
Alternative to Standards Requests

ADJOURN

Mr. Bernie Olson moved to adjourn the Board of Public Education Meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. John Edwards.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURN 4:56 PM

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