BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

May 10-11, 2018

Montana School for the Deaf and Blind
3911 Central AVE
Great Falls, MT

Thursday May 10, 2018 8:30 AM

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Carroll called the meeting to order at 8:35 AM.

Students from the MSDB led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Kris Stockton took roll call and Chair Carroll read the Statement of Public Participation. Chair Carroll welcomed guests.

Board members present included: Ms. Sharon Carroll, Chair; Ms. Tammy Lacey; Ms. Anne Keith; Mr. Jesse Barnhart; Mr. Scott Stearns; Ms. Mary Jo Bremner; Ms. Molly DeMarco, Student Representative; Ms. Paris Becker, new Student Representative. Ex-Officio members: Superintendent Arntzen; Ms. Siri Smillie, Governor's Office; Ms. Angela McLean, OCHE. Staff present: Mr. Pete Donovan, Executive Director; Ms. Kris Stockton, Administrative Assistant. Guests present included: Mr. Rob Stutz, Counsel, Agency Legal Services; Ms. Donna Sorensen, Superintendent Montana School for the Deaf and Blind; Dr. Tim Tharp, OPI; Mr. Dennis Parman, Montana Rural Education Association; Dr. Linda Vrooman Peterson, OPI; Ms. Kristine Thatcher, OPI; Mr. Ray Sevrie, Great Falls; Ms. Jennifer Wasson, MSDB; Ms. Patty Muir, OPI; Ms. Nancy Hall, Office of Budget and Program Planning; Mr. Bryce Hugs, School District 2 & 3; Mr. Craig Barringer, Libby School District; Mr. Ron Goodman, Libby School District; Ms. Ruth Rogers, Libby School District; Ms. Linda Pase, Pryor School District; Ms. Alice Hecht, Legislative Fiscal Division; Dr. Rob Watson, Bozeman Public Schools; Mr. John E Bach, Jr, Hays/Lodge Pole School District; Mr. Frank Doney, Hays-Lodge Pole School District; Ms. Melanie Blount-Cole, Frazer Public Schools; Ms. Amy Burland, Salish Kootenai College; Mr. Hugh Smith, Great Falls Catholic School; Mr. Tim Lawrence, Great Falls Catholic School; Dr. Nick Lux, MSU-Bozeman;

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was made.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda was approved as presented.

ADOPT AGENDA

<u>Mr. Scott Stearns moved to adopt the agenda as presented</u>. Motion seconded by Ms. Tammy Lacey.

Ms. Lacey thanked the Board staff for their organization with the agenda.

No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS

❖ REPORTS – Sharon Carroll (Items 1-6)

Item 1 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – 10 minutes

Sharon Carroll

Recognition of Student Representative

Chair Carroll thanked Ms. DeMarco for representing the students of Montana on the Board for the last two years and wished her well at MSU. Ms. Lacey noted several scholarships Ms. DeMarco has received and recognition she gave to several of her teachers. Ms. Carroll also thanked Ms. Stockton for her work on the agenda and to Mr. Donovan for his work coordinating the meeting. Ms. Carroll noted that she is now a member of the Ed Ready committee.

ACTION

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Item 2 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT – 15 minutes Pete Donovan

Mr. Donovan also thanked Ms. DeMarco for her service on the Board and wished her well at MSU next fall. Mr. Donovan reviewed the two applications to the CSPAC and request for reappointment to CSPAC from current Chair Mr. Kelly Elder. Mr. Donovan requested the Board's approval of the three individuals.

- CSPAC Appointments
 - Kelly Elder Reappointment K-8
 - o Tom Cubbage Teacher 9-12
 - o Ann Wake School Trustee

<u>Tammy Lacey moved to approve the appointments to the Certification</u>
<u>Standards and Practices Advisory Council for Mr. Kelly Elder, Teacher K-8, Mr. Tom Cubbage, Teacher 9-12, Ms. Ann Wake, School Trustee</u>. Ms. Anne Keith seconded the motion.

Ms. Tammy Lacey noted the importance of the Advisory Council to the Board.

No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously

DISCUSSION

Item 3 STATE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – 15 minutes State Superintendent Elsie Arntzen

Superintendent Arntzen discussed the flooding ongoing in Helena that is affecting Rossiter Elementary School. The school is currently closed due to the flooding. The Superintendent recognized Dr. Tim Tharp for his service to the Office of Public Instruction and wished him well as he prepares to leave the OPI, then introduced Ms. Jule Walker who will serve as the new Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction. Ms. Walker introduced herself to the Board. Superintendent Arntzen also introduced Ms. Susie Hedalen as her Deputy Superintendent of Educational Leadership at the OPI and thanked her for her work on the ESSA plan.

Item 4 COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION'S REPORT - 15 minutes Angela McLean

Ms. Angela McLean updated the Board on issues the Commissioner's Office is working on particularly issues surrounding teacher recruitment and retention experienced in the small eastern Montana schools. Ms. McLean also discussed a 2-year education panel and noted that Dr. Jon Cech will be leaving the Commissioner's Office to be the new President at Carroll College. Ms. McLean fielded questions from the Board, especially regarding struggles in small schools and particularly in Indian Country retaining teachers, and issues with lack of support from leadership. Dr. Kirk Miller discussed a program through the School Administrators of Montana to try to address this issue, and to help administrators mentor new teachers and support them in their profession.

Item 5 GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORT – 15 minutes Siri Smillie

Ms. Smillie thanked Dr. Tharp for his service and welcomed Ms. Walker to the team. Ms. Smillie thanked MSDB Superintendent Sorensen for the 125th Anniversary Celebration she attended with Lieutenant Governor Cooney. Ms. Smillie discussed projects she is working on including a new grant program in collaboration with Jobs for Montana's Graduates (JMG) to assist students in the transition to post-secondary education. Ms. Smillie also gave an update on the STARS Preschool program and distributed a summary of the program to date. Forty-five SMART Schools awards have been given out to schools who have implemented recycling and waste reducing programs at their schools. Ms. Smillie addressed questions from Board members.

Item 6 STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT – 15 minutes Molly DeMarco

Ms. DeMarco discussed the 17 days of kindness program continuing at CMR, as well as year end activities and events she is participating in for preparation of graduation, including a Graduation Matters walk at their prospective elementary schools. Ms. DeMarco thanked the Board for the opportunity she has been given over the last two years and the support she has received from the Board. Ms. DeMarco introduced the new student representative to the Board, Ms. Paris Becker from Fairfield, who introduced herself to the Board.

ACTION

PUBLIC COMMENT

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❖ MSDB LIAISON - Mary Jo Bremner (Item 7)

Item 7 MSDB REPORT – 20 minutes Donna Sorensen

Superintendent Sorensen updated the Board on year end activities going on at the school. Three students from the Academic Bowl Team shared their experiences participating in the Academic Bowl with the Board.

Out of State Travel Requests

Ms. Bremner asked Ms. Sorensen some clarification questions regarding the travel requests.

Ms. Mary Jo Bremner moved to approve the out of state travel for: Deaf Teen Leadership Camp; Great Meeting of the Minds-West Coast; COSB Board Meeting; AER International Conference. Motion seconded by Ms. Tammy Lacey.

Public comment from Ms. Nancy Hall, Office of Budget and Program and Planning requesting cost details on the state car travel through state motor pool. Clarification that student travel is not requested in the motion. Ms. Lacey noted that professional development for superintendents is important as is Ms. Sorensen's representation on the national board.

No additional comment. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve MSDB 2018-2019 School Calendar

Ms. Mary Jo Bremner moved to approve the MSDB 2018-2019 School Calendar. Motion seconded by Mr. Jesse Barnhart.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Mary Jo Bremner questioned the financials of the school regarding personal services, inquiring on what positions are unfilled and the high dollar amount of personal services still available. An in-depth conversation was had regarding expenditures, allotments, spending, unfulfilled positions, etc. Ms. Nancy Hall, Governor's Budget Office explained the financials and how the budgets are put together for agencies. Ms. Hall gave some historical context to the MSDB Budget concerning personal services and FTE.

DISCUSSION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – Sharon Carroll (Items 8-11)

Item 8 FEDERAL UPDATE – 15 minutes Susie Hedalen

Ms. Susie Hedalen gave the Federal update from the OPI including the After-School Program and new funding requirements in ESSA. 42 applications were received for the After-School Program including high schools and nonpublic school programs such as Boys and Girls Clubs. OPI screened the applications initially then forwarded them to MT Tech in Butte for an outside review. The OPI will work with Governor Bullock and Ms. Smillie in awarding the grants. Ms. Hedalen reviewed the Prosper Act, which is the reauthorization to the Higher Education Act, and the OPI is working with the Commissioner's Office watching the progress of that Act. Also discussed was the Omnibus Spending Bill, and the Stop Act Grant. Ms. Hedalen fielded questions from the Board.

ACTION

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Item 9 APPROVE K-12 SCHOOLS PAYMENT SCHEDULE – 10 minutes Dr. Tim Tharp

Dr. Tharp presented the proposed payment schedule to the Board as required in statute. The proposed schedule was prepared with assistance from the Board of Investments and the Governor's Budget Office. Dr. Tharp requested approval of the proposed schedule.

Ms. Tammy Lacey moved to approve the K-12 Schools Payment Schedule as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Scott Stearns.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 10 NOTICE OF ADOPTION FOR ARM 10.64.301, BUS STANDARDS – 15 minutes Kara Sperle

Dr. Tharp briefly reviewed the legislation passed in 2017 that created the option of a 10-person van to be used as a school bus, the Negotiated Rulemaking process the OPI undertook, the MAPA process, public hearing and the overall process to date.

Mr. Scott Stearn moved to approve the amendment of ARM 10.64.301
pertaining to school bus requirements, response to comments, and
authorize the filing of Notice with the Secretary of State for publication in
the Montana Administrative Register. Motion seconded by Ms. Mary Jo
Bremner.

Public comment from Mr. Dennis Parman regarding the wording of "if purchased new" and noted that MREA supports the new rule.

No additional comment. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 11 RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION AND RESPONSE – 10 minutes Dr. Linda Peterson

Dr. Peterson reviewed the plan developed by the OPI and reviewed the Negotiated Rulemaking process to date.

Ms. Mary Jo Bremner moved to approve the recommendation to publish the Notice of Public Hearing for Suicide Prevention & Response Policies, Procedures, and Plans and Timeline with the Secretary of State. Motion seconded by Ms. Anne Keith.

Public comment from Dr. Miller, School Administrators of Montana spoke in support of the proposed rule change.

Chair Carroll thanked all parties involved in drafting the proposed rule.

No additional discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION

❖ ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE – Anne Keith (Item 12)

Item 12 ASSESSMENT UPDATE – 15 minutes Jessica Eilertson

Ms. Jessica Eilertson presented the Assessment update to the Board. Spring assessments are currently wrapping up including the CRT Science and multi state alternate assessment, ACT with writing ended two days ago, and the Smarter Balanced tests are currently wrapping up. 2018 release dates of test results are currently being finalized. Future plans at the OPI regarding Assessment include an RFI for a new Science Assessment. The office is hoping for 10-12 vendors to provide information on assessments, so the office can select a new assessment. The Statewide Test and Securities plan is currently being created from a recent review that discovered some discrepancies. Peer Review results from the US Department of Ed are still be finalized. At the July BPE meeting the initial presentation for proposed rulemaking for the Science test will be brought to the Board for ARM 10.56.101 and 10.55.603. Ms. Eilertson fielded questions from the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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❖ LICENSURE COMMITTEE – Tammy Lacey (Items 13-14)

Item 13

RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE
ADDITION OF COMPUTER CODING & TEACHER EDUCATION TO ARM 10.57.421,
TEACHER LICENSURE – 15 minutes
Dr. Tim Tharp

Dr. Tharp presented the item to the Board with a brief background on the process to date. The CSPAC recently reviewed the proposed language. Dr. Tharp also reviewed the upcoming Fire and Emergency Services Training proposed language that will be presented in July. Dr. Rob Watson, Bozeman Public Schools Superintendent joined Dr. Tharp and answered questions from the Board. Questions from the Board regarding the phrase "blended professional development course". Clarification from Kris Thatcher regarding Teacher Education and the CTE endorsement that would not be included in the CTE, the Computer Coding language addresses the CTE for Computer Coding.

Ms. Tammy Lacey moved to approve the Notice of Public Hearing for the addition of Computer Coding and Teacher Education to ARM 10.57.421. Motion seconded by Ms. Mary Jo Bremner.

Public comment from Mr. Dennis Parman, MREA and representing Mr. Marco Ferro, MEA-MFT, in support of the rule.

Dr. Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana, and representing Montana Quality Education Coalition in support of the rule.

Dr. Tharp noted the language is not set in stone yet and the public hearing may bring more comments.

No further public comments.

Ms. Tammy Lacey thanked CSPAC for their work and noted that this is the way the process is designed to work, vetting through CSPAC first.

Mr. Stutz noted that he does not have a due process concern in the current language.

Ms. Angela McLean echoed her thanks to all involved.

No additional discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION

Item 14 AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN – 10 minutes Dr. Linda Peterson

Ms. Lacey introduced the item and turned it over to Dr. Linda Peterson, who reviewed for the Board the implementation plan for adding ASL as a World Language to the Chapter 55 Appendices, as approved by the Board at the March 2018 BPE Meeting. Ms. Jennifer Watson, Teacher of the Deaf at MSDB and an

instructor at Great Falls MSU, and teacher of sign language at Great Falls High and CMR in Great Falls proposed some questions regarding the recognition of ASL as a World Language.

Mr. Ray Sevrie addressed the Board, thanking them for their hard work over the last year to get this passed.

ACTION

PUBLIC COMMENT

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❖ ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE – Jesse Barnhart (Items 15-16)

Item 15 RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF INITIAL AND RENEWAL VARIANCE TO STANDARDS APPLICATIONS – 15 minutes

Patty Muir

Ms. Patty Muir provided a brief overview of the five initial applications for a Variance to Standards requests for the Board.

Mr. Jesse Barnhart moved to approve the recommendation of State
Superintendent Arntzen of the five requests for Initial Variances to
Standards for Hardin Public Schools – Harding HS; Elysian Elementary;
Elysian 6-8; Elysian School; Ramsay Elementary; Ramsay 7-8; Ramsay
School; Columbia Falls-Glacier Gateway Elementary School; Laurel Public
Schools: West Elementary, Graff Elementary, Laurel Middle School, Laurel
HS. Motion seconded by Ms. Anne Keith.

Ms. Muir noted that the Superintendent from Laurel Public Schools is in attendance. Ms. Bremner noted that she likes rules but will go with the Superintendent's recommendation from the Variances Board. Mr. Stearns asked if any applications have ever been disapproved and Ms. Muir noted that has happened in the past. Ms. Keith who has served on the Variances Board noted that the applications have been through a rigorous review process before it is reviewed by the Superintendent and then the Board of Public Education. Ms. Lacey noted that with the high number of variance requests for Library Science that it may indicate a need to explore the licensure and accreditation rules.

No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Muir reviewed the requests for renewal applications and the process those applications go through before being reviewed by the Superintendent and recommended to the Board.

Mr. Jesse Barnhart moved to approve the recommendation of State
Superintendent Arntzen of the four requests for Renewal of Variances to
Standards for: Joliet Public Schools-Joliet School, Joliet 7-8, Joliet HS;
Bonner Elementary-Bonner School, Bonner 7-8; Columbia Public Schools-Columbia HS; Bozeman Public Schools-Bozeman HS and Bridger Charter
Academy. Motion seconded by Ms. Tammy Lacey

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 16 RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE ADDENDUM TO 2017-2018 ACCREDITATION STATUS REPORT 15 minutes Patty Muir

Ms. Muir noted that only 1 school had an error that needed to be corrected in the Accreditation Status Report that was more of a TEAMS error that resulted in an Advice Deviation for the school. The OPI recommends approval to the addendum.

Mr. Jesse Barnhart moved to approve the addendum to the 2017-2018 Accreditation Status Report. Motion seconded by Ms. Tammy Lacey.

Ms. Lacey congratulated Ms. Muir on the one small error and thanked her for her work.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

❖ ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE – Sharon Carroll (Items 17-18)

Item 17 RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE 2017-2018 CORRECTIVE PLANS AND TIMELINES OF ACCREDITED SCHOOLS REMAINING IN STEP 2 OF THE INTENSIVE ASSISTANCE PROCESS – 15 minutes
Patty Muir

Ms. Tammy Lacey moved to approve the 2017-2018 Corrective Plan and <u>Timeline for Wolf Point 7-8 and Wolf Point High School</u>. Motion seconded by Mr. Scott Stearns.

Public comment from Susie Hedalen, OPI, explaining the process which OPI has gone through with these schools to remedy their situation for those schools identified in ESSA as 'comprehensive'.

No additional comment. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Mary Jo Bremner moved to approve the 2017-2018 Corrective Plan and Timeline for Lame Deer 7-8, Lame Deer HS, and Lame Deer School. Motion seconded by Mr. Jesse Barnhart.

Ms. Lacey thanked Ms. Muir for the inclusive information in the packet. Ms. Bremner agreed that the progress the school is making is evident.

No additional discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Mary Jo Bremner moved to approve the 2017-2018 Corrective Plan and <u>Timeline for Box Elder High School.</u> Motion seconded by Ms. Tammy Lacey.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Anne Keith moved to approve the 2017-2018 Corrective Plan and <u>Timeline for Conrad High School</u>. Motion seconded by Ms. Tammy Lacey.

Chair Carroll asked about the 'hold harmless' clause approved last year.

Ms. Muir noted that now data is complete the 'hold harmless' is no longer valid because the data is available for validation.

No additional discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 18 RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE 2017-2018 CORRECTIVE PLANS AND TIMELINES OF ACCREDITED SCHOOLS IN STEP 2 OF THE INTENSIVE ASSISTANCE PROCESS – 2 hours
Patty Muir

Ms. Muir opened this item explaining the process of schools identified as Step 2 and the steps the schools are going through to remedy their deviations.

<u>Group One</u> – Schools Identified as Comprehensive Support and Intensive Assistance Process Step 2:

• 2017-2018 Corrective Plan and Timeline for Lodge Grass School

Ms. Mary Jo Bremner moved to approve the 2017-2018 Corrective Plan and Timeline for Lodge Grass School. Motion seconded by Mr. Scott Stearns.

Ms. Anne Keith asked if the support to teachers is coordinated so the teachers aren't overwhelmed, and Ms. Hedalen answered that is the case and each school has a main point of contact to work with.

No additional comments. Chair Carroll thanked the district for their attendance. Motion passed unanimously.

 2017-2018 Corrective Plan and Timeline for Plenty Coups High School

Ms. Mary Jo Bremner moved to approve the 2017-2018 Corrective Plan and <u>Timeline for Plenty Coups High School</u>. Motion seconded by Ms. Anne Keith.

Board members Lacey, Stearns, and Carroll thanked the district for their appearance.

No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

 2017-2018 Corrective Plan and Timeline for Hays-Lodge Pole 7-8 and Hays-Lodge Pole High School

Ms. Mary Jo Bremner moved to approve the 2017-2018 Corrective Plan and Timeline for Hays-Lodge Pole 7-8 and Hays-Lodge Pole High School.

Motion seconded by Ms. Tammy Lacey.

Board members thanked the district for their enthusiasm.

No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

• 2017-2018 Corrective Plan and Timeline for Frazer High School

Ms. Mary Jo Bremner moved to approve the Corrective Plan and Timeline
for Frazer High School. Mr. Jesse Barnhart seconded the motion.

Questions were answered, and congratulations given on their hard work.

No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

<u>Group Two – Schools Only in Intensive Assistance Process Step 2</u>

 2017-2018 Corrective Plan and Timeline for Northern Cheyenne Tribal Elementary

No representation from Northern Cheyenne Tribal. Ms. Muir suggested that their appearance be postponed to the July meeting. Chair Carroll agreed to move their appearance to the July meeting.

• 2017-2018 Corrective Plan and Timeline for Scobey High School Ms. Tammy lacey moved to approve the 2017-2018 Corrective Plan and Timeline for Scobey High School. Motion seconded by Ms. Anne Keith.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

 2017-2018 Corrective Plan and Timeline for Winifred 6-8 and Winifred High School

Chair Carroll requested that Winifred return to present again in July. In the meantime, the chair suggested the district contact Montana Educator Preparation programs for possible Music Education programs their music teacher can enroll in to obtain licensure, and to come with a plan to present at the July meeting.

 2017-2018 Corrective Plan and Timeline for Libby Elementary School and Libby Middle School

Libby will return in July and present a plan for Library Media Specialist and Elementary Counselor.

Meeting adjourned for the day at 4:42

Friday May 11, 2018 8:30 AM

Chair Carroll reconvened the meeting at 8:30 AM

❖ LICENSURE COMMITTEE – Tammy Lacey (Items 19-22)

Item 19 PRESENTATION OF BPE CASE #2017-09, VANDENBRINK – 30 minutes Rob Stutz

Ms. Tammy Lacey opened the item and turned the item over to Mr. Rob Stutz who reviewed the appeal of the licensure decision by OPI and introduced the parties involved. Mr. Jason Holden, attorney, represented Mr. Vandenbrink. Mr. Holden questioned Mr. Vandenbrink going over his educational background and professional experience. Mr. Moen, Chief Legal Counsel for OPI questioned Ms. Kristine Thatcher, Educator Licensure Program Manager, OPI on the reasons the OPI denied Mr. Vandenbrink's application for licensure. Mr. Moen explained to the Board that upon further consideration, it is the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board consider granting licensure to Mr. VanDenBrink based upon the Unusual Cases rule in ARM 10.57.109. Upon conclusion of testimony, Board members asked questions of the parties.

Ms. Tammy Lacey moved to approve the Superintendent's recommendation to approve a license to Mr. Vandenbrink under the Unusual Cases ARM rule 10.57.109 with the caveat that Mr. VanDenBrink complete Montana school law w/special education. Motion seconded by Mr. Scott Stearns.

Ms. Lacey noted that she appreciates Mr. Vandebrink's extensive experience and the support he has from the community and Great Falls Catholic School. Ms. Lacey noted the importance of the Montana School law for Superintendent licensure.

Mr. Rob Stutz noted that licensure not be granted until completion and passing of the required courses is complete.

No further discussion. Motion passed with Board member Bremner dissenting.

Item 20 NOTICE OF NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING FOR ALL HAZARD EMERGENCY AND RESPONSE PLAN – 15 minutes

Dr. Linda Peterson

Dr. Linda Peterson reviewed for the Board the upcoming Negotiated Rulemaking process called by Superintendent Arntzen to address a rule change for All Hazard Emergency and Response Plans. Dr. Tharp reviewed the history of the Legislative process regarding this topic and its relation to the proposed rule revisions the Office of Public Instruction is currently undertaking regarding school safety. Dr. Peterson fielded questions from Board members.

DISCUSSION

Item 22 UPDATE ON MONTANA INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION COMPUTER SCIENCE TEACHING OPTIONS AND RELATED ISSUES – 15 minutes

Dr. Nick Lux, MSU Bozeman

Dr. Nick Lux, MSU, professor in the College of Education, opened the item. Joining on the phone were Dr. John Paxton, MSU, and Dr. Tim Olsen, Salish Kootenai College. The group discussed the differences between computer science and coding and meeting the needs of students and the workforce so that students are successful in the workforce upon completion of their education.

ACTION

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Item 21 RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE STATE EXIT REPORT AND APPROVAL OF REGULAR ACCREDITATION OF THE EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROVIDER IN THE EDUCATION DIVISION AT SALISH KOOTENAI COLLEGE – 15 minutes Dr. Linda Peterson

Dr. Peterson discussed the Accreditation review of the Educator Preparation Provider in the Education Division at Salish Kootenai College. Dr. Amy Burland, SKC, discussed with the Board the review process and the efforts the college has undergone to address any issues uncovered during the site visit. Dr. Burland discussed resolutions for these issues, particularly the Advisory Council created to assist the program and teachers in their preparations.

Ms. Tammy Lacey moved to approve the State Exit report and approve regular accreditation of the Educator Preparation Provider in the Education Division at Salish Kootenai College. Motion seconded by Ms. Mary Jo Bremner.

Comment from Ms. Bremner on the exceptionally prepared teachers from SKC. Chair Carroll echoed those comments. Ms. Lacey commended Dr. Burland on creating the Advisory Council.

No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

❖ EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – Sharon Carroll (Item 23)

Item 23 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EVALUATION Sharon Carroll

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS July 12-13, 2018

Strategic Planning Meeting
CSPAC/BPE Joint Meeting
CSPAC Annual Report
Annual HiSET Report
Annual Special Education Report
Assessment Update
Federal Update
Educator Preparation Program Report
Accreditation Report

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was made.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 11:57AM

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