

BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION
MEETING AGENDA MINUTES

July 10-11, 2019
Montana State Capitol Building, Room 102
Helena, MT

Wednesday July 10, 2019
3:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Schottle called the meeting to order at 3:12 PM. Ms. Stockton took roll call. Chair Schottle read the Statement of Public Participation.

Board members present: Dr. Darlene Schottle, Chair; Ms. Tammy Lacey, Vice-Chair; Ms. Paris Becker, Student Rep; Ms. Mary Jo Bremner; Mr. Jesse Barnhart; Ms. Madalyn Quinlan; Ms. Anne Keith; Mr. Scott Stearns. Ex Officio members: Superintendent Arntzen; Ms. McCall Flynn, Education Policy Advisor to Governor Bullock. Staff present: Mr. Pete Donovan, Executive Director, Board of Public Education; Ms. Kris Stockton, Administrative Assistant. Guests: Mr. Rob Stutz, Agency Legal Services; Ms. Dianne Burke, Montana Quality Education Coalition; Mr. Dennis Parman, Montana Rural Education Association; Mr. Marco Ferro, Montana Federation of Public Employees; Ms. Patty Muir, OPI; Ms. Kristine Thatcher, OPI; Ms. Katie Madsen, OPI; Mr. Dick Trerise, OPI;

PUBLIC COMMENT

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Scott Stearns moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion seconded by Ms. Madalyn Quinlan.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

ADOPT AGENDA

Ms. Mary Jo Bremner moved to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Mr. Scott Stearns.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

******Items will be listed in the order in which they were presented******

INFORMATION ITEMS

❖ **REPORTS – Dr. Darlene Schottle (Items 1-6)**

Item 1 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT
Dr. Darlene Schottle

Chair Schottle welcomed everyone to the meeting and congratulated Board members Barnhart and Lacey on their retirement. Chair Schottle noted her keynote address at the School Administrators of Montana Evening of Excellence, and thanked Board member Bremner and Director Donovan for their attendance at the NASDTEC conference in Denver. Ms. Bremner spoke briefly about the conference and what she

learned. Mr. Donovan also discussed the conference and some of the state directors of other states that he spoke with at the conference.

Item 2 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT - (Action)
Pete Donovan

- **Request Approval of Dr. Trent Atkins, Post-Secondary Rep to CSPAC**

Ms. Tammy Lacey moved to approve Dr. Trent Atkins as the Post-Secondary Representative to the Certification Standards and Practices Advisory Council. Mr. Jesse Barnhart seconded the motion.

Ms. Lacey noted that his background will fit well with the Council.

No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

- **BPE Request for OPI to Administer Application Process HB 351, HB 387**

Ms. Tammy Lacey moved that the Board delegate administration of the Montana Transformational Learning Act and the Montana Advanced Opportunity Act applications and fund distribution processes to the Office of Public Instruction, including preparing, receiving, and reviewing the applications and distributing funds, but not including qualifying the applications, which by law the Board must do. Motion seconded by Ms. Mary Jo Bremner.

Clarification by Mr. Stutz.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Donovan noted that the Board staff and the OPI have begun working on this process and noted that Ms. Cheryl Allen has been hired by the Superintendent to work on the application. Ms. Allen addressed the Board and distributed a draft application for the Transformational Learning Grant. Ms. Allen reviewed the application with the Board and answered questions.

- **Request Approval of Future Ready Cabinet Resolution**

Ms. Tammy Lacey moved to approve the Future Ready Cabinet Resolution. Motion seconded by Ms. Anne Keith.

Question from Ms. Quinlan.

No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 3 STATE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - (Action)
State Superintendent Elsie Arntzen

Superintendent Arntzen welcomed the Board to Helena and thanked Mr. Donovan on his work with the OPI on the Transformational Learning and Advanced Opportunity Grant applications, noting that this will be an ongoing, collaborative effort. The Superintendent then reviewed the ESSA amendment the OPI sent to the Department of Education defining an "ineffective teacher" and noted the Youth Risk Behavior Survey will be finalized soon. The Superintendent also noted that the OPI presented at the June Education Interim Committee Meeting, noted that nominations for Teacher of the Year are underway, and then requested approval of the MACIE nomination for Iris Killeagle. Additionally, the Superintendent distributed a letter from the OPI, Board, and education associations to the Department of Public Health

and Human Services regarding Administrative Rule changes proposed by the DPHHS. The letter asks for an extension of the public comment period so that schools have ample opportunity for input and to review possible impacts and fiscal impacts.

- **Approve MACIE Nomination for Iris Killeagle**

Ms. Tammy Lacey moved to approve the nomination to MACIE for Ms. Iris Killeagle. Motion seconded by Mr. Scott Stearns.

Ms. Dianne Burke, MQEC, noted that she served on the MTSBA Board with Ms. Killeagle and noted that she will be a great addition to MACIE

No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Item 4 COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION'S REPORT
Angela McLean**

No one present from the Commissioner's Office.

**Item 6 STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT
Paris Becker**

Ms. Becker gave her Student Report to the Board. Ms. Becker reviewed her recent attendance at the National State Student Councils Conference in Pennsylvania and reviewed issues that were discussed at the conference dealing with student involvement, suicide, mental health, and different ways to get more students involved. Ms. Becker noted a 12-hour dance marathon called "mini-thon" that supports a child with cancer and that she hopes to hold a mini-thon at Fairfield High School this year. Additionally, Ms. Becker discussed changes in the structure of the Montana State Student Council, then discussed changes to the diplomas at Fairfield High which will note specific achievements such as "Rigorous Core", "CTE", etc. Ms. Becker will also be the President of the School Council at Fairfield High School for the upcoming school year.

Thursday July 11, 2019
8:30 AM

Chair Schottle opened the meeting at 8:31 AM. The Chair read the Statement of Public Participation

**Item 5 GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORT
McCall Flynn**

Ms. Flynn introduced herself to the Board and briefly discussed the ECS conference she attended earlier in the week and shared information with the Board.

❖ **MSDB LIAISON - Mary Jo Bremner (Item 7)**

**Item 7 MSDB REPORT - (ACTION)
Donna Sorensen**

Ms. Mary Jo Bremner gave the MSDB report on behalf of Ms. Sorensen. Ms. Bremner reviewed the MSDB report and discussed the most recent MSDB Committee Meeting held via conference call. Ms. Bremner discussed the new Prodigy machines the school is receiving noting that additional machines have been received since the May Board meeting. The MSDB audit has also wrapped up. Ms. Bremner noted the action items will be heard later in the meeting when Ms. Sorensen arrives.

❖ EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – Dr. Darlene Schottle (Items 8-12)

Item 8 **SHAPE MONTANA PRESENTATION ON PE 150 - (Information Only)**
Reg Hageman, SHAPE Montana

Mr. Reg Hageman, Capital High School PE Teacher and President of SHAPE Montana, presented the PE 150 program to the Board, which encourages 150 minutes of physical education per week in elementary schools. Eleven pilot schools in Montana have proven that the program works. Demonstrations were done with the Board on how Kindergarten classes use the program incorporating math with PE. SHAPE Montana requests that the Board support SHAPE Montana’s efforts to encourage 150 minutes of PE per week in elementary schools. Mr. Hageman answered questions from Board members surrounding the PE 150 program. Mr. Hageman noted he is working the Teacher Education programs across the state and noted that he has also worked with the Teaching Methods course at Carroll College. Resources for teachers are also available on the Teacher Learning Hub through OPI.

❖ MSDB LIAISON - Mary Jo Bremner (Item 7)

Item 7 **MSDB REPORT - (ACTION)**
Donna Sorensen

Ms. Sorensen arrived and thanked Ms. Bremner for her attendance at the MSDB graduation and for handing out diplomas. Ms. Sorensen briefly reviewed current job openings at the school and noted that interviews for those openings will be taking place next week. Ms. Bremner requested Ms. Sorensen to explain the Out-of-State travel requests for the Board before requesting approval.

- **First Reading MSDB Policy 4342: Web Accessibility and Plan for New Content**

Ms. Sorensen noted that the policy has been reviewed and approved by the Office of Civil Rights. Ms. Bremner explained that no action is required at this time, but the item will be returned at the September meeting for approval.

- **Out-of-state Travel Requests**

Ms. Mary Jo Bremner moved to approve the Out-of-State Travel requests for MSDB for: Hands and Voices Leadership Conference, Goalball Tournament, Northern Plains Law Conference for Students with Disabilities, COSB Leadership Institute and APH Annual Meeting, Northern Rockies AER Conference, National Braille Association Conference, Pediatric Audiology Conference, National Council of Teachers of English. Motion seconded by Mr. Jesse Barnhart.

Ms. Lacey pointed out that most of the travel for the school is funded by the MSDB Foundation and that their work is appreciated.

Ms. Keith thanked Ms. Sorensen for providing professional development for her staff, and asked for clarification of the Goalball Conference, and Ms. Sorensen provided an explanation.

No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Barnhart thanked the school for the hospitality they provide the Board each year at the May meeting.

Ms. Quinlan asked if the school had funding for the redesign of the website to allow for accessibility and Ms. Sorensen responded that the school has available funding.

Mr. Jesse Barnhart moved to approve the Notice of Adoption for the amendment to ARM Title 10, Chapter 54, Educational Opportunities. Motion seconded by Mr. Scott Stearns.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Item 19 RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE 2018-2019 CORRECTIVE PLANS AND
TIMELINES OF ACCREDITED SCHOOLS WITH ADVICE OR DEFICIENCY
STATUS (Action)
Nathan Miller**

Mr. Miller presented the Corrective Plans and Timelines of schools with advice or deficiency status to the Board. Mr. Miller summarized the report for the Board and answered Board member questions.

Mr. Jesse Barnhart moved to approve the 2018-2019 Corrective Plans and Timelines of Accredited Schools with Advice or Deficiency Status. Motion seconded by Madalyn Quinlan.

Ms. Lacey thanked Ms. Muir and Mr. Miller for the detail and noted the desperation that districts are having to find licensed educators to fill positions.

No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

❖ LICENSURE COMMITTEE – Tammy Lacey (Items 20-25)

As per Ms. Lacey's request, Mr. Rob Stutz, Agency Legal Services, gave an update to the Board regarding the Oelkers lawsuit and the request by OPI for Judicial Review of the Board's decision in January to not proceed with revocation proceedings against a licensed educator.

**Item 22 UPDATE ON THE EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROVIDERS: APPROVED
EPPS; INITIAL AND ADVANCED PROGRAMS; SEVEN-YEAR VISIT CYCLE –
(Information Only)
Dr. Linda Peterson, Presented by Patty Muir**

Ms. Patty Muir provided the information to the Board on the Education Preparation Provider numbers across the state, the onsite seven-year cycle for accreditation reviews, and reviewed the EPP Praxis Subject Assessments Endorsements. Ms. Muir answered Board member questions and comments.

**Item 23 RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF A TWO-YEAR GOOD CAUSE EXTENSION
FOR THE TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM AT CARROLL COLLEGE –
(Action)
Dr. Linda Peterson, Presented by Patty Muir**

Ms. Muir presented this item to the board noting that Dr. Stansberry presented the initial plan to the Board in May. Carroll College is currently undergoing program reorganization that affects the Teacher Education Program and the school is requesting a Good Cause Extension.

Ms. Tammy Lacey moved to approve the Two-year Good Cause Extension for the Teacher Education Program at Carroll College. Motion seconded by Ms. Anne Keith.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Item 24 REQUEST APPROVAL OF EXTENSION OF CLASS 5 PROVISIONAL
LICENSE - LINQUIST – (Action)
Kris Thatcher**

Valley Christian presented their plan to the Board. Two deviations have been corrected. The school is working with the Montana Small Schools Alliance to help correct the remaining deficiency regarding the School Counseling position. Mr. Miller requested the Board's approval.

Mr. Jesse Barnhart recommended approval of the 2018-2019 Corrective Plan and Timeline for Valley Christian High School. Motion seconded by Mr. Scott Stearns.

Ms. Lacey thanked the administration from Valley Christian for attending the meeting and presenting their plan to the Board. Chair Schottle also expressed her appreciation

No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously

- **Two Eagle River High School**

Mr. Miller reviewed the deviations for Two Eagle River High School for the Board and called the Principal and Board chair to present to the Board. Mr. Rodney Bird, Principal, presented the plan to the Board. Mr. Bird explained to the Board that they are an 8-12 school and that they have been unable to fill a School Counselor position but they are working with the Small Schools Alliance to help fill the requirements. The unlicensed teacher has completed the required schooling and will be licensed this month. The remaining unlicensed teacher is working on obtaining a Class 5 license in order to complete the required training.

Mr. Jesse Barnhart recommended approval for the 2018-2019 Corrective Plan and Timeline for Two Eagle River School. Motion seconded by Ms. Tammy Lacey.

Mr. Jesse Barnhart thanked the school. Ms. Anne Keith noted that she liked their plan and encourage the school to apply for the new Transformational Learning Grant. Ms. Tammy Lacey noted the Paris Gibson Educational Center in Great Falls works on the same premise of individualized learning and asked if they had collaborated with the Alternative Learning Group. The school noted they work with Willard School and an Alternative Learning school in Spokane. Ms. Lacey offered to connect them with the Paris Gibson School.

No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Roy Public Schools**

Mr. Miller reviewed the deviations of the school for the Board and called them to present their plan. Also discussed is a pathway for the Superintendent to obtain licensure.

Mr. Jesse Barnhart recommended approval of the 2018-2019 Corrective plan and Timeline as amended to include time for Dr. Dern to secure licensure. Motion seconded by Ms. Tammy Lacey.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on the process and what options Dr. Dern has for licensure.

*****TIME CERTAIN @2:00*****

**Item 20 HEARING ON BPE CASE #2019-07, TURCOTTE
Rob Stutz, Agency Legal Services**

This matter has been settled prior to the meeting.

Item 21

**INITIAL REVIEW FOR REVOCATION ON BPE CASE #2019-09, JOHNSON
Rob Stutz, Agency Legal Services**

Ms. Lacey opened the item and turned it over to Mr. Rob Stutz for a review of the revocation request from the OPI. Mr. Stutz recommended to move to a hearing.

**Ms. Tammy Lacey moved the matter to a hearing at the September meeting.
Motion seconded by Mr. Scott Stearns.**

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS September 12-13, 2019

Election of Board Officers
Set Yearly Board Meeting Calendar - C
Set Annual Agenda Calendar – C
BPE Goal Review – C
MACIE Update
Digital Academy Update
Assessment Update
Federal Update
MSDB Superintendent Evaluation - preview

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

ADJOURN

Ms. Mary Jo Bremner moved to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Jesse Barnhart.

No discussion. Motion passed.

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