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 student's 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.

Item 9 APPROVE REVISIONS TO K-12 PAYMENT SCHEDULE - (Action) Kara Flath

Ms. Kara Flath presented the revised K-12 Payment schedule to the Board noting that three dates were left off the request in May, and thus the reason for the request.

Mr. Scott Stearns moved to approve the Revisions to the K-12 Payment Schedule for the 2019-2020 school year. Motion seconded by Ms. Madalyn Quinlan.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 10 ANNUAL HISET REPORT – (Information Only) Katie Madsen

Ms. Katie Madsen presented the Annual HiSET Report to the Board, briefly reviewing test administration and available testing sites across the state. Ms. Madsen highlighted a few points for the Board, noting that test results have remained consistent across the state with an 82% pass rate. Most test takers are within the 16-24-year old age group, the majority are male, and most are taking for personal satisfaction, or for higher education completion and/or job requirements.

Item 11 ANNUAL SPECIAL EDUCATION REPORT – (Information Only) Dick Trerise

Mr. Dick Trerise presented the Annual Special Education Report to the Board. Mr. Trerise briefly reviewed the report for the Board, noting that the Special Education Department at OPI has been renamed Student Support Services and also includes Gifted and Talented. Mr. Trerise noted the Autism project is underway and support staff is working with schools. Mr. Trerise answered Board member questions.

Item 12 FEDERAL REPORT – (Information Only) Shannon Boswell

Ms. Boswell presented the Federal Report to the Board discussing specifically the reauthorization of the Perkins Grant, and work the office is doing in conjunction with the Commissioner of Higher Educations' Office. ESSA has new requirements for the Perkins Grant and the office is working to be compliant with the new regulations. Ms. Boswell answered Board member questions.

❖ ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE - Anne Keith (Items 13-14)

Item 13 ASSESSMENT REPORT – (Action) Ashley McGrath

Ms. McGrath walked through the Assessment report contained in the Board packet noting any updates that have taken place since the report was assembled. Ms. McGrath distributed applications to apply to an English Language Learners assessment workgroup then discussed with the Board the issue of being alerted on May 12th that Montana would not be able to use the State of Washington's Science Assessment. Ms. McGrath discussed what has taken place since being notified.

Ms. Lacey noted the recent posting of the SBAC assessment results and concerns some schools have surrounding some of the results. Ms. McGrath noted that the OPI is aware that some of the results may have accuracy issues that the office is currently researching and going through quality assurance checks.

Chair Schottle questioned as to whether the Board has ever approved a vendor in the past. Mr. Donovan expressed his thanks to Ms. McGrath for her report but noted that he does not believe that the Board has ever approved a vendor for assessments but has "accepted" the vendor as approved by the Office of Public Instruction. Ms. Quinlan agreed that it is the role of the OPI, not with the Board. Discussion as to what the Board needs to approve for this item, and Ms. Quinlan noted that typically grade level changes are done via the rulemaking process. Mr. Donovan clarified that those grade levels are not currently in

rule and that the 5, 8, and 11 grade levels would be out of compliance with what will be adopted in the following item. No action will be taken in Item 13 but will be discussed in Item 14.

Item 14 REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE NOTICE OF ADOPTION FOR REVISIONS TO ARM TITLE 10, CHAPTER 56, ASSESSMENT – (Action)
Ashley McGrath

Ms. McGrath presented the Proposed Notice of Adoption for Revisions to ARM Title 10, Chapter 56, Assessment.

Ms. Anne Keith moved to approve the Notice of Adoption to ARM Title 10, Chapter 56, Assessment, and to revise the timeline for implementation to August 9, 2019.

Ms. Tammy Lacey seconded the motion.

PERTAINING TO AMENDMENTS OF ARM 10.55.606, 10.55.605, AND

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

❖ ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE – Jesse Barnhart (Items 15-19)

Item 15 RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

10.55.602 - (Action)

Dr. Linda Peterson, Presented by Patty Muir

Ms. Patty Muir presented the proposed Notice of Public Hearing for the amendments to Chapter 55. Ms. Muir briefly reviewed the negotiated rulemaking process over the past several months regarding the revisions to Chapter 55. Ms. Muir requested the Board's approval of the notice of public hearing.

Mr. Jesse Barnhart moved to approve the Notice of Public Hearing pertaining to amendments to ARM 10.55.606, 10.55.605, and 10.55.602. Seconded Mr. Scott Stearns.

Ms. Madalyn Quinlan and Chair Schottle both thanked OPI and Mr. Donovan for their work on the language.

No further discussion. Motion passed.

Item 16 RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE NOTICE OF ADOPTION PERTAINING TO

(Action)

Dr. Linda Peterson, Presented by Patty Muir

Ms. Patty Muir presented the Notice of Adoption to the Board.

Mr. Jesse Barnhart recommended approval of the notice of adoption pertaining to amendemnts to ARM 10.55.701, Hazard and Emergency Plans. Motion seconded by Mr. Scott Stearns.

AMENDMENTS TO ARM 10.55.701, HAZARD AND EMERGENCY PLANS -

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously

Item 17 RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE NOTICE OF ADOPTION FOR REVISIONS
TO ARM TITLE 10, CHAPTER 54, CONTENT STANDARDS (Action)

Pete Donovan

Mr. Donovan presented the proposed notice of adoption for revisions to ARM Title 10, Chapter 54, Content Standards. Mr. Donovan reminded the Board that this notice is specific to the application dates for the Transformational Learning Grant application.

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 <u>Timelines of Accredited Schools with Advice or Deficiency Status</u>. 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.

<u>Ms. Tammy Lacey moved to approve the Two-year Good Cause Extension for the Teacher Education Program at Carroll College.</u> 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

Ms. Kris Thatcher presented the request for an extension of a Class 5 provisional license for Mr. Linquist. Ms. Thatcher outlined the reasons for the request for the Board.

Ms. Tammy Lacey moved to approve the extension of a Class 5 Provisional License for Mr. Linquist. Mr. Scott Stearns seconded the motion.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 25

RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE NOTICE OF ADOPTION FOR REVISIONS TO ARM TITLE 10, CHAPTER 57, EDUCATOR LICENSURE – (Action) Kris Thatcher

Ms. Thatcher presented the Notice of Adoption for the revisions to ARM Title 10, Chapter 57, Educator Licensure. Ms. Thatcher distributed the proposed revisions for the Board to review.

Ms. Tammy Lacey moved to approve the Notice of Adoption for Revisions to ARM <u>Title 10, Chapter 57, Educator Licensure</u>. Motion seconded by Ms. Mary Jo Bremner.

Public comment from Mr. Marco Ferro, MFPE, in support of the proposed revisions.

Mr. Dennis Parman, MREA spoke in support of the proposed revisions.

Ms. Dianne Burke, MQEC, spoke in support of the proposed revisions.

Ms. Lacey thanked Ms. Thatcher for her work on these changes and for meeting with Ms. Lacey and the Malmstrom Base Commander via conference call. The base struggles with the spouses of airmen being able to be licensed in Montana and to successfully complete the PRAXIS exam prior to employment. These revisions will be instrumental for military spouses to gain employment in the Great Falls Public Schools.

No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Chair Schottle asked the Superintendent for an update on the public hearing for the proposed rule revisions from the Department of Public Health and Human Services regarding school safety. The Superintendent discussed that the letter signed by the OPI, BPE, and Education Partners requesting an extension of the public comment period to allow schools time to comment on the rules was approved. The specific end date of the public comment period has yet to be determined. Mr. Stutz noted that the latest date that DPHHS could file with the Secretary of State is November 26, 2019.

Item 18

RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE 2018-2019 CORRECTIVE PLANS AND TIMELINES OF ACCREDITED SCHOOLS IN STEP 2 OF THE INTENSIVE ASSISTANCE PROCESS (Action)
Patty Muir

Ms. Patty Muir reviewed the Step 2 Intensive Assistance Process. Mr. Nathan Miller presented the plan for Valley Christian High School

Valley Christian High School

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 <u>Timeline as amended to include time for Dr. Dern to secure licensure</u>. Motion seconded by Ms. Tammy Lacey.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

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.

<u>Ms. Tammy Lacey moved the matter to a hearing at the September meeting.</u>

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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