

BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES

December 22, 2020
Zoom Meeting

December 22, 2020
8:30 AM

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Schottle called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM. The Board said the Pledge of Allegiance and Ms. Stockton took Roll Call.

Board members present: Dr. Darlene Schottle, Chair; Ms. Tammy Lacey, Vice Chair; Ms. Mary Jo Bremner; Ms. Anne Keith; Mr. Jerry Lynch; Ms. Madalyn Quinlan; Ms. Sharon Carroll; Ms. Paige Lepard, Student Representative. Ex-Officio members: Ms. Angela McLean, OCHE; Ms. McCall Flynn, Governor's Office. Staff present: Mr. Pete Donovan, Executive Director; Ms. Kris Stockton, Administrative Assistant. Guests: Ms. Lisa Coligan, State Human Resources; Mr. Kelly Elder, CSPAC Chair; Ms. Nancy Hall, Governors Budget Office; Dr. Rob Watson, CSPAC; Dr. Trent Atkins, CSPAC; Ms. Donna Schmit, MSDB; Mr. Paul Furthmyre, MSDB Superintendent; Ms. Melissa Romano; Ms. Sue Wormling; Ms. Diane Burke, MQEC; Ms. Denise Williams, MASBO; Mr. Dennis Parman, MREA; Dr. Kirk Miller, SAM; Ms. Diane Fladmo, MFPE; Ms. Sarah Swanson, OPI.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment was made.

ADOPT AGENDA

Ms. Tammy Lacey moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Ms. Anne Keith seconded the motion.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS

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

Item 1 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT
Dr. Darlene Schottle

Chair Schottle presented Mr. Donovan, who is retiring, with a commemorative plaque and gift from the Board and CSPAC, thanking him for over 31 years of service to public education in Montana. The Chair then asked Ms. Lisa Coligan from State Human Resources for a brief explanation of the interview process. The Board then proceeded with interviews for the Executive Director position.

❖ **INTERVIEWS – Dr. Darlene Schottle (Items 2-5)**

Item 2 INTERVIEW #1 @ 8:45 AM – McCall Flynn
Dr. Darlene Schottle

Item 3 INTERVIEW #2 @10:00 AM – Susie Hedalen
Dr. Darlene Schottle

Item 4 INTERVIEW #3 @11:00 AM – Anna-Margaret Goldman
Dr. Darlene Schottle

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Kelly Elder, Chair of CSPAC, thanked the Board for making time for interviews, noting the three candidates are all high-quality candidates.

*****EXECUTIVE SESSION – CLOSED*****

Item 5 BOARD DISCUSSION OF BPE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CANDIDATES
Dr. Darlene Schottle

*****OPEN SESSION*****

Item 6 BOARD ACTION ON SELECTION OF NEW BPE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Dr. Darlene Schottle

Ms. Tammy Lacey moved to extend an offer to McCall Flynn as Executive Director of the Board of Public Education subject to a one-year period of probation with details to be determined by State Human Resources. Motion seconded by Ms. Madalyn Quinlan.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 pm.

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