

**CERTIFICATION STANDARDS & PRACTICES**  
**ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING AND JOINT BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, MARCH 8-9, 2006

*Wednesday  
Red Lion Colonial Hotel  
2301 Colonial Drive  
Helena, Montana  
Montana Room*

**CALL TO ORDER**

CSPAC Chair, Mr. Scott McCulloch, called the Certification Standards and Practices Advisory Council meeting to order on Wednesday, March 8, 2006 at 8:31 A.M. CSPAC council members present were: Mr. Scott McCulloch, Chair; Dr. Douglas Reisig, Vice-chair; Ms. Melodee Smith-Burreson; Ms. Kim Warrick; Ms. Charla Bunker; Mr. Paul Rowland; and Ms. Tonia Bloom. Staff members present were: Mr. Peter Donovan, Administrative Officer for CSPAC; Mr. Steve Meloy, Executive Secretary to the Board of Public Education; and Ms. Megan Kerzman, CSPAC Administrative Assistant. The following people signed the meeting roster: Elizabeth Keller, OPI; Linda Peterson, OPI; John Hajduk, UM-Western; Erik Burke, MEA-MFT.

**Motion: Dr. Doug Reisig moved to approve the agenda. This was seconded by Ms. Kim Warrick. A note was made by the Chair to move Item 5b to 1e and to remove Items 9c and 9d from the agenda. Motion was unanimously approved.**

**Motion: Ms. Tonia Bloom moved to approve the January 19, 2006, CSPAC meeting minutes. Ms. Melodee Smith-Burreson seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved.**

Mr. Peter Donovan provided a review of CSPAC correspondence, which included several letters from OPI concerning teacher testing and the University of Montana's accreditation review. An article written by Bob Vogel concerning the book The World is Flat and an article from Education Week concerning adjunct teachers were also included as correspondence.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

**ITEM 1 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT – Mr. Scott McCulloch**

Mr. McCulloch opened the floor for nominations for Chair and Vice-chair for the upcoming year.

**Nomination: Ms. Melodee Smith-Burreson nominated Dr. Doug Reisig for Chairperson. No further nominations were made. Nomination was unanimously approved.**

**Nomination: Dr. Doug Reisig nominated Ms. Melodee Smith-Burreson as Vice-chairperson. No other nominations were made. Nomination was unanimously approved.**

Dr. Reisig presented a tribute to Mr. McCulloch, thanking him for his dedication to and vital work on the Council. The Council presented Mr. McCulloch with a card and framed picture.

The Council reviewed the Annual Report and planned for the joint CSPAC/BPE meeting that was to take place the following morning. Mr. McCulloch wanted to highlight the reorganization of the Council and its practices, as well as some of the things the Council has examined: the code of ethics, endorsement of the Area of Special Permissive Competency for technology, and the Council's position on teacher testing.

The Council also evaluated their progress on the yearly goals. Alternative certification will become a higher priority this upcoming year. The Chapter 57 review is also coming up for the future year. Administrative licensure was also mentioned as something to examine next year.

Erik Burke spoke about the planning for this year's educator forum and requested some funding assistance from CSPAC to help pay for the keynote speaker.

**Motion: Dr. Doug Reisig moved to contribute \$500 to the pursuit of a keynote speaker for the Montana Educator Forum. Ms. Melodee Smith-Burreson seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved.**

**ITEM 2 BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION REPORT – Mr. Steve Meloy**

Mr. Meloy spoke to the Council about BPE activities that have occurred since the January meeting. A short list follows: the budget, thanked Megan Kerzman for doing two positions for a period of time, BPE work for interim committee, bullying issue, leadership group liaison with P-20 committees, BPE's new administrative assistant Carol Will, TABOR initiative, and Educator Forum meetings. Mr. Meloy informed the Council that CSPAC is approximately 16% over expended, so the plan is to move \$24,000-\$25,000 from the research fund to the CSPAC fund.

Dr. Linda Peterson gave the Council a small update on the school counseling steering committee.

**ITEM 3 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT – Mr. Pete Donovan**

Mr. Donovan reviewed the meetings he recently attended, including an alternative licensure meeting in San Diego. He led a small discussion on teaching shortages and recruitment nationwide, especially in Florida and California. Mr. Donovan gave the Council an update on the NASDTEC teacher mobility study. He also presented information on Montana teachers by age and endorsement area, which had been requested by Ms. Tonia Bloom at the last CSPAC meeting. This led to a discussion concerning unlicensed or misassigned educators and a request for a research project to determine a true profile of Montana's education workforce. Mr. Donovan gave a brief update on the ongoing research projects, stating that a more in-depth discussion would take place the following morning with the Board and Mr. Dave Puyear from the Montana Schools E-Learning Consortium.

**ITEM 4 MONTANA COMMISSION ON TEACHING COMMITTEE – Ms. Melodee Smith-Burreson**

Ms. Smith-Burreson told the Council about the upcoming NCTAF symposium, which will be held July 9-11, 2006 in St. Paul, Minnesota. Ms. Smith-Burreson explained some of the ways that the symposium has been beneficial in the past.

**Motion: Dr. Doug Reisig moved to allocate up to and including three persons to attend the NCTAF conference. Seconded by Ms. Tonia Bloom. Motion passes unanimously.**

**ITEM 5 LICENSURE AND ENDORSEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT – Dr. Doug Reisig and Ms. Kim Warrick**

The Council members participated in an involved discussion concerning the Social Studies broadfield major and endorsement in the state of Montana. Dr. Paul Rowland's major concern is guaranteeing that the graduating students are highly qualified as per the national requirements.

**Motion: Mr. Scott McCulloch moved that the Certification Standards and Practices Advisory Council endorse the notion of doing away with the social studies broadfield and replacing it with specific major endorsements. Seconded by Ms. Kim Warrick. Motion defeated unanimously.**

This discussion has been tabled until the July meeting and Mr. McCulloch will be invited back to participate in the discussion.

Mr. Peter Donovan gave a brief overview of the planned review of Chapter 57, which is done every five years. He suggested it would possibly be done through a review committee and if anyone wanted to volunteer they would be very welcome to do so. Mr. Donovan stated the Chapter is probably in pretty decent shape due to the massive overhaul it underwent five years ago.

**ITEM 6 PRE-PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – Ms. Charla Bunker**

Item 6e, the Council of Deans update, was discussed before lunch. Dr. Paul Rowland spoke to the CSPAC about the letter from Superintendent McCulloch concerning the content test for new teachers and how the Deans are dealing with the new requirements. Some policy changes have been made and the universities are currently in the process of trying to implement the changes. Dr. Rowland also informed the Council of the current status on the Social Studies broadfield and with middle school, specifically with licensing needs/desires (K-8 vs. 6-12 vs. some new combination). He also informed the Council of the Deans Council's wish to continue to improve the relationship between themselves and CSPAC.

Dr. Linda Peterson handed out the draft of the PEPPS standards so that the CSPAC members could review them over lunch.

**BREAK FOR LUNCH at 11:50 A.M.**

**RECONVENED at 1:05 P.M.**

**ITEM 6 Continued**

Dr. Peterson spoke with the Council about several topics that have been discussed concerning the PEPPS document, including the format and several suggested changes. The rough draft was going to the Board of Public Education later that week as an information item. She asked the Council to be prepared to ask questions and state concerns and comments as they go along. Dr. Peterson walked the Council through the draft of the PEPPS, focusing on some significant changes from the

previous standards, including the Social Studies broadfield section. She also spoke to the Council a bit about the NCATE accreditation reviews.

Mr. Scott McCulloch wanted to combine items 6b and 6c and, judging by the information just presented, thought they could probably wait and see what happens with the PEPPS. Ms. Charla Bunker agreed. A small discussion/clarification took place concerning making the connection between teacher quality policies and student response.

The Education Practitioner License was discussed. Mr. Scott McCulloch was a large proponent of developing this new class of licensure and spoke to his motion. He stated that some things are not guaranteed, but the possibility is there and it would be a step above the regular license. For the record, Mr. McCulloch stated, "I do not believe I can tell you who the best teachers in my building are. The reality is I've never been in their classrooms; administrators have been. I've just been operating on anecdotal student comments and what I know about them in person. I can't tell you, on a day to day basis, if they're the best teachers in the building." The Council members brought up some good benefits and some detriments to a new class of licensure.

**Motion: Mr. Scott McCulloch moved that CSPAC create a model that creates new licensure that includes a section that is an evaluation from the teacher's workplace, so that you will have a new licensure based not only on meeting standards but also on workplace evaluation. Dr. Paul Rowland seconded. Motion passes 4 - 3.**

#### ITEM 8 PLAN FOR FUTURE CONFERENCES

The NCTAF Partners' Symposium was discussed under Item 4. Mr. Donovan told the Council about the NASDTEC Annual Conference, to be held in June.

**Motion: Dr. Paul Rowland moved to fund up to and including three people to attend the NASDTEC annual conference. Ms. Kim Warrick seconded. Motion passes unanimously.**

#### ITEM 9 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Orientation of new Council Members
- B. Committee Appointments
- C. Set Items for newsletter and brochure (abolished by unanimous vote)
- D. Pictures for newsletter (website)
- E. Set calendar
- F. Goal setting

**Motion: Ms. Charla Bunker moved that CSPAC do away with the newsletter. Ms. Kim Warrick seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

A reminder was made that the July meeting will be held on the 6<sup>th</sup> of the month.

#### ITEM 10 PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF CSPAC

Dr. Linda Peterson – OPI – Dr. Peterson spoke about the Montana High School Initiative and the Montana Science Standards. She asked the Council members for questions and comments they have and if they would be interested in participating in the meetings concerning the Initiative and the Standards.

## ADJOURN

Mr. McCulloch adjourned the meeting at 3:55 P.M.

### JOINT CSPAC/BPE MEETING

March 9, 2006

*Higher Education Complex*

*2500 Broadway*

*Conference Room 102 A*

*Helena, MT 59620*

From 8:30a.m. -12:30 p.m. the Board of Public Education met with the Certification Standards and Practices Advisory Council.

### CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Miller called the meeting to order at 8:34 A.M. John Fuller led the Board in the pledge of allegiance. Megan Kerzman took roll call; a quorum was noted. Dr. Miller proceeded to note some changes to the agenda; Item 20 will be presented by Terry Minnow from MEA-MFT instead of Eric Burke. This item will be moved at her request before Item 11. The Dean from the University of Montana, Paul Rowland, is present for Item 24 and would like to make his comments on the action item after Item 4. Item 26 -28 are Executive Session Items, individuals presenting will be asked if they want to waive their right for privacy.

**MOTION: Ms. Diane Fladmo moved to adopt the agenda as revised. Ms. Patty Myers seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

Those in attendance at the meeting included the following board members: Chairperson Kirk Miller, Vice Chairperson Diane Fladmo (absent second day), Storrs Bishop, John Fuller, Gay Ann Masolo, Cal Gilbert, Patty Myers, and Jack Jessop. Staff present at the meeting included Steve Meloy, Executive Secretary of the Board of Public Education, Peter Donovan, Administrative Officer, Certification Standards and Practices Advisory Council, and Megan Kerzman, Administrative Assistant, Board of Public Education. Chairperson Scott McCulloch, Vice-Chairperson, Douglas Reisig, Higher Education, Paul Rowland, Teacher K-8 Melodee Smith-Burreson, Trustee Tonia Bloom, Teacher K-8 Charla Bunker, and Specialist Kim Warrick from the Certification Standards and Practices Advisory Council were present. Ex-officio Board members present included Superintendent Linda McCulloch, Sheila Stearns, Commissioner of Higher Education (second day only), and Jan Lombardi, Governor's Education Policy Advisor. Visitors in attendance at the meeting included Kris Wilkinson, LFD; Dave Puyear, MREA; Eric Feaver, MEA-MFT; Bob Vogel, MTSBA; Linda Peterson, OPI; Darrell Rud, SAM; Nancy Coopersmith, OPI; Bruce Messinger, Helena Public Schools; Alan Peura, LFD; Cathy Kendall, OPI; Kathy Bramer, OPI; Terry Minnow, MEA-MFT; William D. Wise, concerned citizen; Christine Emerson, Director of School Nutrition Programs; Dave McAlpin, Montana State Representative; Dr. Harold Jones, Chair in the Education Department at the University of Great Falls; Harris Himes, H.O.M.E.; June Hermitzen, Program Director for the Montana Youth Leadership Forum for High School Students with Disabilities; Gene Hermitzen, concerned citizen; Kristine Kaufman, Montana Human Rights Network; and Beth Brenneman, MT Advocacy Program.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this time.

## CONSENT AGENDA

**MOTION: Mr. Storrs Bishop moved to adopt the consent agenda. Ms. Gay Ann Masolo seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

*\*\*Items in the minutes appear in the order in which they were addressed at the meeting.*

*Superintendent Linda McCulloch arrived at 8:43 A.M.*

## **JOINT CSPAC/BPE MEETING:**

### **CSPAC ANNUAL REPORT**

Scott McCulloch, Chairperson, gave an overview of the new organization of the council, election of new officers for the beginning of next year, and election of a new chair – Dr. Douglas Reisig, who will be beginning in July. The committee looked at the educator code of ethics, Social Studies broad field discussion, licensure issues, educational practices, teacher testing, paraprofessional issues, and research projects.

The council answered questions that the BPE Members asked. The two boards conversed at length concerning the Social Study broad field endorsement.

### **DISCUSSION OF ONGOING RESEARCH PROJECTS**

Dave Puyear, Executive Director of MREA, presented an overview of the MSELC (Montana Schools E-Learning Consortium) research project, survey, short update and then he answered questions in a long involved discussion.

Group members offered different suggestions as to additional research projects that the council may want to consider: teacher recruitment retention study, student mobility, and recruiting and retaining American Indian educators.

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