

BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES

March 9-10, 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 Brennehan, 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.

Item 1 GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORT

Lt. Governor John Bohlinger gave an overview of Job Corps. Job Corps provides graduates of these programs to live the American Dream despite dropping out of high school. We need to connect with Job Corps to promote this educational opportunity. Lt. Governor John Bohlinger expressed his concerns for the proposal known as a TABOR or SOS. This is the Citizen's Initiative 97 that would limit the growth of government to the growth with the economy as well as the population growth. What restraints will this put on education?

Additional topics of discussion:

- We need to be good managers of money
- Investment in education
- All Day Kindergarten
- Distance Learning
- Thanked the BPE for following through with Senator Kitzenberg's Bill on a bullying policy for making public school safer

Item 2 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Dr. Miller provided a copy of the PowerPoint presentation of the Quality Schools Interim. This was presented to the Region 2 MASBO (School Business Officials) in Great Falls on March 6, 2006.

Dr. Miller acknowledged the outstanding representation of Jack Jessop and Kyla Wall to the American-Israel Friendship League.

The Rural Advocacy League at the UM Law School requested panelists to represent students, teachers, parents, school board and administrators to focus on “Developing Montana’s New Education System: A Classroom Perspective”.

Diane Fladmo provided a NASBE Update containing:

- SAELP Project – Wallace Foundation meeting (March 15)
- Legislative Conference , NASBE Board and Study Groups (March 16–17)
- Student Wellness Conference – Calories In-Calories Out, Montana Team recommendation is Steve Meloy, Bob Vogel and Kathy Kendall (April 5-6)

Item 3 EXECUTIVE SECRETARY’S REPORT

Mr. Meloy acknowledged the excellent representation from Kirk, Diane and Patty of the BPE when they met with the Legislative Interim Committee on Local Government and Education.

He addressed some of the projects that the BPE continues to work on since the last Board meeting in January. A brief lists follows:

- Quality Schools Interim
- Governor’s Funding Bill
- CSPAC Assessment Study Group
- Writing Assessment Consortia Project
- OCHE Shared Leadership Initiative
- NCLB Implications
- Interim Committee on Education and Local Government
- Bullying Issues
- Strategic Planning Process for the BOE P-20 Committee
- New Building

Item 4 CSPAC REPORT

Peter Donovan thanked CSPAC for being generous with their time. During the May meeting Mr. Donovan will be bringing forward a recommendation for Melodee Smith-Burreson to be reappointed and for candidates to replace Scott McCulloch.

Item 24 UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA – MISSOULA RECOMMENDATION FOR ACTION TEACHING MINORS IN DRAMA AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND HEALTH

As this is an action item noticed for Friday’s agenda, this will just be an informational item on Thursday’s modified agenda.

At the November 2005 meeting, the Board approved the superintendent of public instruction’s recommendations for approval and provisional approval of the education programs of the School of Education as reviewed during the April 2005 on-site visit.

Pursuant to Professional Educator Preparation Program Standards (PEPPS) Section IX Approval Procedures and Follow-up, the Office of Public Instruction conducted an on-site visit and examined the Health and Human Performance and Drama programs to validate how these programs meet their teaching majors. Both programs were provisionally approved by the BPE in November 2005. The on-site review team included: Pete Donovan, Certification Standards and Practices Advisory Council; Lynette Zuroff, Carroll College; and Linda Peterson, Office of Public Instruction.

Dean Rowland informed the BPE that the UM-M Faculty Senate approved the requests from both Drama and Health and Human Performance to drop their teaching minors.

Dr. Linda Peterson walked the Board through the information packet containing information verifying how the two programs meet the standards for their teaching majors.

Item 5 STATE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent McCulloch reported to the Board on activities that have transpired in the Office of Public Instruction. Some of these activities are outlined below:

- Attended the Helena Chamber of Commerce Banquet with keynote speaker Tom Siebel, who reviewed the Montana Meth Project
- Spoke to MEA-MFT Committees about school funding issues
- Presented an update on Indian Education for All to members of the Interim Committee on State-Tribal Relations
- Superintendent McCulloch was the "mystery reader" at Hobson School and visited with students and teacher

Item 7 STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Mr. Jack Jessop discussed an up-coming meeting with the Executive Board of the Montana Association of Student Councils. He is working on a survey through the Office of Public Instruction to have the survey on their web-site to provide updated information for the new student (Jenny Tiskus) replacing him in May. He will be presenting at the School Administrators of Montana meeting.

Item 8 ASSESSMENT UPDATE

Ms. Diane Fladmo said there will be a meeting in the near future with the Office of Public Instruction and the Board of Public Education to address the comments that were provided at the public hearing regarding the future of state testing incorporating the mandates of NCLB.

Item 9 NCLB UPDATE

The presentation included information about the funds appropriated for the 2006-07 school year, as well as President Bush's budget request for Federal Fiscal Year 2007.

Ms. Nancy Coopersmith presented the Board with two documents indicating budget cuts:

1. Listing of Federal Appropriations for Montana
2. FY07 Education Program Eliminations

She also presented a chart with the Montana ESEA Title V-A FY 06 Allocations (2005 – 06 School Year)

A letter written by Henry L. Johnson, Assistant Secretary of the US Department of Education, was presented indicating the approval of Montana's assessment system under Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), as amended by the Improving America's Schools Act of 1994 (IASA).

Item 10 SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAMS ANNUAL UPDATE

Ms. Christine Emerson presented information about the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, Afterschool Snack Program, Special Milk Program, USDA Donated Foods Program, Cooperative Purchase Program and Team Nutrition Program for the 2004-2005 school year.

She demonstrated changes in program participation and funding over five school years. Her presentation also covered nutrition education activities for schools, parents, and the community to improve nutritional value and the acceptability of school meals, and promote the health and education of children.

DPHHS and other agencies are looking for ways to determine which children are slipping through the cracks. The tax preparation offered at school will help determine if students are eligible for Free and Reduced Lunch or the Children's Health Insurance Program.

****The Board stood at ease until 8:30 A.M. Friday morning.**

****The Board reconvened at 8:36 A.M.**

****Superintendent McCulloch arrived at 8:40; Commissioner Stearns and Ms. Jan Lombardi were present for today's meeting.**

****Ms. Diane Fladmo was absent all day (absent for all votes conducted today).**

Item 11 POST SECONDARY EDUCATION POLICY AND BUDGET SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Alan Peura presented the Board with a report concerning his presentation. He reviewed the unique group of members that make up this Joint Subcommittee and their importance.

During the 2005-2006 Interim, the Postsecondary Education Policy and Budget Subcommittee(PEPB) is working on the following six projects:

1. Policy Goals/Accountability Measures for Montana University System (MUS)
2. Review Current Funding Formulas and Consider Alternative Models
3. Shared Leadership Initiatives
4. Governor's Scholarship Program
5. Regents Allocation Model Redesign
6. Monitor the 2009 Biennium Executive Budget

Mr. Peura answered questions about the funding of the projects listed above.

Item 6 COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION REPORT

Commissioner Stearns presented information regarding the Educational Needs Index (ENI). The ENI places an emphasis on the transition between K-12 policy concerns and postsecondary opportunities looking for a way to combine or blend the economic needs of an area as well as the educational needs. The ENI website contains every county in the country in rank order in terms of the assessment of four factors: 1) Educational Factor 2) Economic Factor 3) Market Demand Factor 4) Population Factor.

She also addressed the five system-wide initiatives from the Montana University System: 1) Improve Transferability and Student Data 2)Expand Indian Education for All 3) Improve Affordability 4)Coordinate and Expand Distance Learning 5)Healthcare Worker Education. These all present themselves under Higher Education's three overarching goals: 1) Accessibility/affordability 2) Economic Development 3) Effective/efficient system.

Commissioner Stearns also discussed Distance Learning in regards to Higher Educational Programs displaying a certain amount of compromise and a certain bartering of who develops the course and which students might need it, etc. . . The concept of Credit Recovery was mentioned in which students can catch up through the recovery of credits that they may have lost and then graduate on time. Some examples of Higher Education's highest priorities include: Health Care Worker Shortage, Speech Pathology, Campus Initiative and Communication Sciences.

Item 20 TABOR PRESENTATION

Terry Minnow presented TABOR(Taxpayer Bill of Rights)/SOS (Stop Over Spending) or CI-97 to the Board. MEA-MFT is opposed to TABOR/SOS because they believe if CI 97 passes it would greatly affect the state's ability to provide quality education to our students. It is a constitutional amendment that would require 44,000 signatures to be placed on the November ballot. The MEA-MFT believes that the formula is the main culprit. The formula limits state spending to inflation + population growth.

Terry asked that the Board talk with the groups of people that they influence about the negative experiences that Colorado has experienced as a result of implementing TABOR in their state:

- Road and highways have seriously deteriorated
- Colorado went from the middle of the pack to the bottom of the barrel in funding for school, higher education, child immunizations, health insurance for poor children, etc.
- Employment dropped (-0.5%) in Colorado while it grew (+8.2%) in Montana. No other mountain state lost employment during this period (March 2000-Nov. 2005)

Item 12 TRANSPORTATION UPDATE AND STANDARDS ISSUES

Maxine Mougeot, Pupil Transportation Director, presented the statistics spreadsheet and information

regarding the continued growth for school bus driver training. There was information about the 2005 National Standards Committee. The presentation was designed to update the Board of Public Education with current statistics, current problems facing the transportation community and current success with implementing the driver training program. Maxine asked the Board for continued support for safe and consistent transportation for the students of Montana.

Item 13 YRBS AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY RECOMMENDATION

Cathy Kendall, OPI, presented a brief report on national and state data on physical activity and obesity among youth, HJ 17 – resolution passed by the legislature to recommend increased physical activity, and a recommendation for the Board to consider action at its May 2006 meeting to encourage all Montana schools to provide increased opportunities for health enhancement.

Dave McAlpin, State Representative, discussed why we need to promote physical activity to develop long-term habits. Cathy informed the Board that nearly one in five Montana high school students are overweight or at risk of becoming so. Almost 90% of Montana schools allow purchase of high calorie, low nutrient snacks and beverages during the school day. Less than half of Montana Schools (K-12) provide daily Health Enhancement; most elementary and middle school students are provided two hours or less of physical activity per week; most students in all grades are provided two hours or less of health education per week. Bob Vogel, Director of Governmental Relations, stated that if our children are more physically active and lead a healthy lifestyle, they will have less time to spend on activities that aren't so healthy. The resolution was started initially only at the high school level, but we need to go back to address the spectrum beginning at the elementary level. There were anecdotal comments from the board members.

Item 14 MONTANA ASSOCIATED TECHNOLOGY ROUNDTABLES PRESENTATION

Russ Fletcher indicated that the Board oversees the most competitive business in Montana. We compete on two levels: 1) Kids in school 2) What are the competing elements outside of school that are taking away their interest. Our students are being drawn away from traditional education. Bill Gates says American High Schools are obsolete and they are ruining lives of millions of Americans every year. Mr. Fletcher addressed that Wyoming held a conference that suggested that we need to focus on our students' future, not our own past. We need to look at high school reform. Some innovations in other states, such as Maine, have every 7th and 8th grader receive a lap top and broadband access in their home. We need to help prepare our kids to compete against others in our world. He concluded his presentation with the statement, "The state with the best education wins."

Item 15 K-12 SCIENCE STANDARDS REVIEW UPDATE

Dr. Linda Peterson, OPI, presented the draft of the Montana K-12 Science Standards that are ready for public review. The draft content standards and performance descriptors were reviewed by the CSPAC and are provided to the BPE as information items. To gather public comments the draft document will be broadly distributed using: the OPI, Board, and OCHE Web sites; the OPI official e-mail; and the professional education organizations network.

Item 16 UPDATE ON ALTERNATIVE STANDARD REQUEST FORM AND PROCEDURES

Gary Warhank, OPI, stated that the Accreditation staff facilitated a working session on February 1, 2006 with a group of 12 county superintendents and curriculum coordinators to discuss the action of the Board regarding the procedures and application for requesting an alternative to a standard. Minor changes were suggested to the form and recommendations for technical assistance were offered.

Item 17 ROCKY MOUNTAIN COLLEGE FULL STATE ACCREDITATION REVIEW

Dr. Linda Peterson informed the Board that the Office of Public Instruction conducted a Full State Review of the Professional Education Unit at Rocky Mountain College in Billings, December 4-7, 2005. Dr. Cheri Jimeno, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Montana State University-Northern, served as chairperson for the onsite review. The purpose of the review was to validate the unit's Institutional

Report (IR). The Montana State Verification Team reviewed the unit and specific program standards as articulated in the IR presented by the Professional Education Unit at Rocky Mountain College. The State Verification Team based its review on the Board of Public Education's Professional Educator Preparation Program Standards (PEPPS) and Procedures Manual.

Item 18 UNIVERSITY OF GREAT FALLS FOLLOW-UP REVIEW OF MASTERS OF ARTS IN TEACHING SECONDARY EDUCATION PROGRAM

Dr. Linda Peterson provided the Board with a follow-up on the Full State Review of the Professional Education Unit at the University of Great Falls (UGF), October 23-26, 2005. Dr. Harold Jones, Professor in the Education Department at the University of Great Falls, presented the case for the University of Great Falls Professional Education Program. He requested that the BPE consider provisional approval for the Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) in Secondary Education. The on-site review team recommended non-approval of this program as was reported at the January 2006 meeting of the Board. Since that time the UGF Unit has provided the necessary material to the OPI for review. Since the January meeting of the Board, the UGF faculty and administration revised policy, program requirements, and syllabi in response to the on-site review team's concerns regarding the MAT in secondary education. The OPI states that it is clear that the University of Great Falls made significant revisions to the governance structure related to advanced programs and revised the MAT program to meet the standards. The OPI recommends that the BPE consider provisional approval for the Master of Arts in Teaching in Secondary Education at the University of Great Falls. This provisional approval will require that in October 2006, the OPI conduct a follow-up visit to the UGF campus to verify that they are in compliance with the Professional Educator Preparation Program Standards for advanced programs.

MOTION: Ms. Patty Myers moved that the BPE grant provisional approval of the Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) in Secondary Education at the University of Great Falls. Mr. John Fuller seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 19 PEPPS REVIEW: STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES

Dr. Linda Peterson provided the Board with the draft document of the Professional Educator Preparation Program Standards and Procedures (PEPPS) and a time line. The PEPPS Review Advisory Panel met February 24, and on March 8, CSPAC met and reviewed the draft standards and procedures. The comments and recommendations for these two reviews were presented to the Board.

The next step in the process is the call for comments from the education community. The PEPPS will be posted on the OPI, BPE, and OCHE Web sites and will be disseminated using the OPI official e-mail. In addition, on-campus meetings with university and college faculty will be held during March and April. The OPI anticipates preparing notice of hearing for the May meeting and possible final action by the BPE at the July meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

Item 21 FOLLOW-UP RECOMMENDATIONS ON IMPROVEMENT PLANS

Gary Warhank, Accreditation Specialist from OPI, requested action for the improvement plans to correct accreditation deviations. He provided a Montana Accreditation Report called: Update on Improvement Plans to Correct Accreditation Deviations for Schools Receiving Advice or Deficiency Accreditation Status for the 2002-03, 2003-04, and 2004-05 School Years.

MOTION: Storrs Bishop moved to accept the Superintendent's recommendations regarding Improvement Plans to correct accreditation deviations for the years: 2002-03,

2003-04, 2004-05. Ms. Patty Myers seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 22 ACCREDITATION STATUS RECOMMENDATIONS

Gary Warhank requested action on the Accreditation Status Recommendations. He provided the Board of Public Education with a document titled: 2005-2006 Montana Accreditation Status Recommendations. Mr. Warhank also presented the Board with a PowerPoint presentation as an overview of the document and answered questions from the Board.

MOTION: Storrs Bishop moved to accept the Superintendent's Accreditation Status Recommendations. Patty Meyers seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 23 RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS (Bullying, Harassment, and intimidation)

Steve Meloy, Executive Secretary, read through the proposed amendment to the Board. He provided the Board with a copy of the proposed amendment and e-mails with public comments that he received in regards to this amendment.

Public Comment:

- William D. Wise, M.D., self – What is the problem of having a simple policy against harassment, intimidation and bullying?
- Harris Himes, H.O.M.E., Montana Family Coalition, Many churches in the Bitterroot Valley – Expressed concern about the language of sexual orientation and gender identity. Questioned whether the Board should challenge the legislative mandate against the adoption of this amendment. This is repugnant to most citizens in the State on the basis of the passing of CI-96.
- June Hermitzen, Program Director for the Montana Youth Leadership Forum for High School Students with Disabilities – Provided and read a statement from former students who were bullied in Montana Public Schools. June wanted to commend the BPE for taking steps in protecting all Montana children.
- Gene Hermitzen, recent UM graduate, self – Provided an anecdotal story of bullying in public schools. He strongly urges the Board to pass this measure.
- Beth Brenneman, Montana Advocacy Program – Putting this policy in place is probably better in liability wise; noted that the language does not dictate a specific policy; MSBA is in support of this amendment.
- Kristine Kaufman, Montana Human Rights Network, Legislator of House District 81, Government Advisory Council on Civil Rights – Believes that the Board is the proper forum for this amendment and appreciates the work that has been done. Ms. Kaufman provided and read a statement from the Government Advisory Council on Civil Rights.
- William D. Wise, M.D., self – Questioned if the words sexual orientation and gender will be included.

Steve Meloy walked through the proposed amendments for the Board and those in attendance.

- Kathy Bramer, OPI – Asked the Board to explain “address”.

Motion: John Fuller moved to approve the language of “address” in 10.55.701 and 10.55.801. The Board of Public Education adopt the amendment to set the new state rules of Montana of 10.55.701 – 801 – 1003 as stated. Patty Myers seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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Linda Peterson, OPI, is asking for the approval from the Board of teaching majors in drama and PE/Health (K-12).

MOTION: Patty Myers moved to approve for accreditation, the Health and Human Performance and Drama majors at the University of Montana School District. Gay Ann Masolo seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 25 MSDB COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

Steve Gettel and Bill Sykes provided a packet of information that contained the following items in which they addressed:

1. Student Enrollment/Evaluation
2. Human Resources
 - Personnel Actions
 - Update on core competencies project
 - Update on recruiting/hiring principal
3. School Improvement – Action Item*
 - Update on Accreditation review process
 - *Adoption of 2006-07 Calendar
4. Professional Development Activities
 - Update on in-service training
5. MSDB Foundation Activities
 - Update on activities
6. Conferences, Meetings and Contacts
7. Finance and Facilities
 - Update on budget and maintenance projects
 - Summary of '09 biennial pre-budget activities
8. School Calendar of Events
9. Student News and School Events

MOTION: Patty Myers moved the adoption of the 2006-2007 Calendar for the Montana School for the Deaf and Blind. John Fuller seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item 26 MSDB SUPERINTENDENT PERFORMANCE EVALUATION AND CONTRACT EXTENSION DISCUSSION

MOTION: Patty Myers moved to approve the evaluation of Mr. Steve Gettel as Superintendent of the Montana School for the Deaf and Blind. Gay Ann Masolo seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Further, the contract for Mr. Gettel was extended until July 1, 2009. Salary considerations will be discussed at a subsequent meeting of the Board.

Item 27 EXECUTIVE SECRETARY PERFORMANCE EVALUTION AND CONTRACT EXTENSION DISCUSSION

MOTION: Patty Myers moved to extend the contract to 2009 year with salary and benefits to be determined at a later date for Steve Gettel. Gay Ann Masolo seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 28 ESTABLISH EXECUTIVE STAFF SALARIES

MOTION: John Fuller moved to accept the evaluation of the Executive Secretary, Steve Meloy, as presented and discussed. Gay Ann Masolo seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: John Fuller moved to extend the contract of the Executive Secretary, Steve Meloy, of the Board of Public Education. With the term to read, July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2009 with salary and benefits to be determined at a later date. Gay Ann Masolo seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

PRELIMINARY AGENDA ITEMS – May 11-12, 2006

- NASBE line item
- Position statement on CI-97
- School based health enhancement opportunities
- July – more formal relationship with interim committee – discussion
- Budget discussion

Meeting was adjourned at 5:56 pm