

BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES

January 18th, 2013
OPI Conference Room 1300 11th Ave
Helena, MT

Friday January 18, 2013
8:30 AM

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order via Vision Net at 8:31

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approved as presented

ADOPT AGENDA

Item 7 will be time certain at 10:30.

Ms. Lila Taylor moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Mr. Bernie Olson seconded.
No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Board Members in attendance: Ms. Patty Myers, Chair – Helena OPI site; Ms. Sharon Carroll – Vice Chair, Ekalaka site; Ms. Lila Taylor, Helena site; Ms. Erin Williams, UM Missoula site; Mr. Bernie Olson, UM Missoula site. Others present at the Helena site: Mr. Peter Donovan, Executive Director; Ms. Kris Stockton, Administrative Assistant; Superintendent Juneau; Mr. Neil Moisey, OCHE; Ms. Jan Lombardi, GEAR UP; Ms. Linda Peterson, OPI; Ms. Nancy Coopersmith, OPI; Ms. Ann Gilkey, OPI; Ms. Susan Murray, OPI; Ms. Margaret Bowles, OPI; Ms. Donell Rosenthal, OPI. Additional guests attending via Vision Net included: Dr. Mary Susan Fishbaugh, MSU Billings site; Ms. Angel Turoski, University of Great Falls; Dr. Tim Laurent, University of Great Falls; both at the Great Falls site.

Items are listed in the order in which they were presented.

INFORMATION

❖ **REPORTS – Patty Myers (Item 1)**

Item 1 **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**
Patty Myers

• **Exiting Board Member**

Ms. Myers announced that Mr. Doug Cordier has notified the Governor's office that he will not be seeking reappointment when his term expires at the end of January 2013. Governor Bullock will be appointing a new Board member.

❖ **CSPAC LIASON – Sharon Carroll (Item 2)**

**Item 2 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT
Pete Donovan**

Mr. Donovan noted the Certification Standards and Practices Advisory Council will be meeting in Helena on January 25th, at the Board of Public Education Conference Room. Mr. Donovan updated the Board on the one audit finding the Board received, and his recent appearance before the Legislative Audit Committee, who approved the audit. Mr. Donovan and Ms. Myers both updated the Board with legislative information and bills the Board is tracking. Ms. Williams thanked the Board staff for the bill tracking list that the Board members receive. Mr. Donovan discussed the “Essential Truths” publication from the Education Partners. Superintendent Juneau thanked the Board for beginning the discussions between the Education Partner groups, and discussed some of the legislative work the Office of Public Instruction is doing and bills they have before the legislature. Dr. Neil Moisey discussed bills the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education is tracking. Mr. Donovan discussed HB 158 and HB 159 and their possible impact to the Board. Mr. Donovan and Ms. Myers discussed additional charter school bills specific to the Board. Ms. Myers reviewed a few bills related to Teacher Retirement that she is following.

❖ **REPORTS – Patty Myers (Items 3-6)**

Item 3 State Superintendent Denise Juneau
See item 2.

**Item 4 COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION’S REPORT
Commissioner Clayton Christian**

Dr. Neil Moisey represented the Commissioner. See item 2 for the Commissioner’s report.

Item 5 GOVERNOR’S OFFICE REPORT

No one was present to report.

**Item 6 STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE’S REPORT
Charity Ratliff**

Ms. Ratliff updated the Board with information regarding the Hearts Across America Program and discussed reports she has given on Graduation Matters for her Speech and Drama class.

❖ **ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE – Bernie Olson (Items 8-9)**

**Item 8 Update on Process to Amend ARM Title 10, Chapter 55 Standards of Accreditation
Linda Peterson**

Dr. Peterson updated the Board on recommended updates to correct errors and create consistency within the Chapter 55 Standards of Accreditation. As an information item only, this is the first step in the rulemaking process.

**Item 9 Proposed New Rule of ARM Title 10, Chapter 55 Standards of Accreditation – High School Transcripts
Linda Peterson**

Dr. Peterson reviewed a new rule being proposed to Chapter 55 regarding High School Transcripts to provide consistency and require minimum data sets to be included in high school transcripts. A joint committee with representatives from OPI, OCHE, MUS campuses, and high schools has made the recommendations. Mr. Jim Keaston from OPI addressed some questions from Ms. Carroll related to high school transcripts.

ACTION

PUBLIC COMMENT

The public was afforded the opportunity to comment before the Board on every action item on the agenda prior to final Board action.

❖ ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE – Bernie Olson (Item 10)

Item 10 Recommendation of Approval of Alternative to Standards Requests Teri Wing

Ms. Wing reviewed Alternative to Standards Requests and the Superintendent's recommendations. See Appendix

Mr. Bernie Olson moved to Approve the Alternative to Standards Request. Ms. Lila Taylor seconded the motion.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

❖ ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE – Sharon Carroll (Item 11)

Item 11 Recommendation of Approval of Notice of Public Hearing and Timeline Pertaining to the Amendments of ARM Title 10, Chapter 66 Adult Secondary Education Credentials Margaret Bowles

Ms. Bowles reviewed the proposed changes, and timeline for adoption. Ms. Myers discussed concerns she and Ms. Bowles recently discussed regarding alternatives to the GED. Three vendors have submitted Requests for information and the panel is reviewing those submissions. A discussion ensued regarding timeline of adoption, electronic testing, cost, testing sites, and a possible fiscal impact study.

Ms. Sharon Carroll moved to Approve the Notice of Public Hearing and Timeline Pertaining to the Amendments of ARM Title 10, Chapter 66 Adult Secondary Education Credentials. Mr. Bernie Olson seconded the motion.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

❖ LICENSURE COMMITTEE – Sharon Carroll (Item 7)

Item 7 State Accreditation Review Exit Report from On-Site Accreditation Review of the Professional Education Unit at the University of Great Falls Linda Peterson, Dr. Mary Susan Fishbaugh, Team Chair, Angel Turoski, University of Great Falls Education Department

Dr. Peterson introduced the members of the Accreditation Review Team: Dr. Mary Susan Fishbaugh, MSU Billings; Angel Turoski, University of Great Falls; Dr. Tim Laurent, Vice President for Academic Affairs, University of Great Falls; and Dr. Sarah Spangler, University of Great Falls. Dr. Fishbaugh reviewed the Exit report and the Education program at UGF. Dr. Laurent gave a quick review, and Ms. Turoski addressed the "Does Not Meet Standards" issues. Questions were addressed and Dr. Peterson summarized the report and reviewed next steps.

ACTION

PUBLIC COMMENT

The public was afforded the opportunity to comment before the Board on every action item on the agenda prior to final Board action.

❖ **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – Patty Myers (Item 12)**

**Item 12 Recommendation of Approval of Notice of Public Hearing and Timeline Pertaining to the Amendments of ARM Title 10, Chapter 7 School Bus Standards
Donell Rosenthal**

Ms. Rosenthal reviewed the 2012 School bus standards as proposed by the National Transportation & Safety, and Montana School Bus Standards and the upcoming timeline for hearing and adoption at the March meeting. Ms. Myers added that Board member Mr. Edwards had reviewed and approved of the changes as well.

Mr. Bernie Olson moved to Approve the Notice of Public Hearing and Timeline Pertaining to the Amendments of ARM Title 10, Chapter 7 School Bus Standards. Ms. Erin Williams seconded the motion.

No discussion, motion approved unanimously.

INFORMATION

❖ **MSDB LIAISON – Patty Myers (Item 13)**

**Item 13 MSDB Report
Lila Taylor**

Ms. Taylor reviewed the minutes from the last MSDB Board conference call. Ms. Myers also reviewed the budget issues and request for funding from the legislature. Ms. Williams suggested scheduling a meeting between Governor Bullock, Ms. Myers, and Mr. Donovan to discuss MSDB budget issues.

Ms. Sharon Carroll moved to adjourn the Board of Public Education meeting. Ms. Erin Williams seconded the motion.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:45.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS March 14-15, 2013

CSPAC Appointments

Assessment Update

Alternative to Standards Requests & Renewals

MACIE Update

Federal Update

Accreditation Report

Executive Director Performance Evaluation

MSDB Superintendent Performance Evaluation & Contract Extension Discussion

Establish Executive Staff Salaries

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APPENDIX

Item #10

Alternative to Standards Requests – Approved

Flathead County, Swan River Elementary K-8, Library
Liberty County, Liberty Elementary K-8, Library, Counseling
Sweetgrass County, Greycliff District K-8, Library Media
Valley County, Nashua District K-12, Library
Cascade County, CM Russell High School, Library Media
Cascade County, Great Falls High School, Library Media

Alternative to Standards Requests – Disapproved

Lewis and Clark County, Radley Elementary, Counseling
Eastgate Elementary, Counseling

APPROVED