

up and planning for the Board of Education meeting and looking forward to the next Board of Education meeting. Mr. Donovan noted he will be attending the upcoming Administrator's Institute the week of August 7th that he will be attending hosted by the School Administrators of Montana. Ms. Myers also noted Mr. Donovan's attendance at the Evening of Excellence on behalf of the Board.

**Item 3 STATE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
State Superintendent Denise Juneau**

Superintendent Juneau updated the Board on a new grant received by OPI to work with Schools of Promise dealing in children's mental health and providing support systems for them. Superintendent Juneau also updated the Board with the results of the 2013 Youth Risk Survey Report, Summer 6 Reading Challenge, ACT participation, Civics Education Summit Aug 5-6th, and other activities at the Office of Public Instruction.

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

No one was present to report.

**Item 5 GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORT
Shannon O'Brien**

Dr. O'Brien extended a thank you from the Governor to the Board for the work they do. Dr. O'Brien updated the Board on areas of interest the Governor is looking at including Early Childhood programs, school readiness, Main Street Montana, his interest in the Graduation Matters Montana program, helping with the implementation of the new Montana Content Standards, and how he can help teachers and administrators. Other items the office is watching include the review of the PEPPS standards, Dual Enrollment, Higher Education, and education opportunities for veterans and military families.

**Item 6 STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT
Patty Myers**

Ms. Myers gave the Student Representative update in Ms. Ratliff's absence. Ms. Myers highlighted some of the activities Ms. Ratliff has been involved in throughout the year.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

❖ **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – Patty Myers (Items 7-11)**

**Item 7 FEDERAL UPDATE
Nancy Coopersmith**

Ms. Coopersmith updated the Board on education related bills before Congress and how those may affect Montana. Ms. Coopersmith also reviewed the new teacher and administrator evaluation process and new reporting requirements that would occur if the Harkin bill is passed in Congress. Ms. Coopersmith also updated the Board on AYP and the status of some schools. Ms. Coopersmith reported that final data will not come out until the following week, so final determinations will not be available until the September meeting.

**Item 8 SPECIAL EDUCATION REPORT
Frank Podobnik**

Mr. Podobnik from the Office of Public Instruction presented the Special Education Report to the Board. Mr. Podobnik highlighted a few areas from the report including Higher Education Consortium, Federal Funding for Special Education, an increase in the number of students with Special Education needs, sequestration cuts, and a new scoring matrix from the Federal government in which Montana scored 20/20. Ms. Myers noted that MSDB would like to meet with Mr. Podobnik regarding some of the needs of the school.

Ms. Erin Williams moved to approve the recommendation of the report on the 2012-13 Accreditation Corrective Plans. Motion seconded by Mr. Paul Andersen.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

❖ EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – Patty Myers (Item 18)

**Item 18 RECOMMENDATION OF APPROVAL OF THE AMENDED BASE AID
PAYMENT SCHEDULE
Kathleen Wanner**

Ms. Wanner addressed the Board and explained that as a result of SB 175, the distribution of the BASE Aid has been revised. Ms. Wanner asked for the Board's approval of the revised schedule.

Ms. Lila Taylor moved to approve the Modified K-12 Schools Payment Schedule for Fiscal Year 2013-14. Motion seconded by Ms. Erin Williams.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

❖ ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE – Sharon Carroll (Item 19)

**Item 19 RECOMMENDATION OF APPROVAL OF THE APPROPRIATE TEST CENTER
FEE FOR THE NEW HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY TEST
Margaret Bowles**

Ms. Bowles thanked the Board for their adoption of the HiSET at the March meeting. Montana was the first state to make the decision to move from GED to HiSET. Ms. Bowles explained one issue with the implementation that has come up and that was the issue of test center fees. Ms. Bowles explained the process behind how the \$15 test fee and \$6 retake fee was recommended.

Ms. Sharon Carroll moved to approve the High School Equivalency Test Fee of \$15. Motion seconded by Ms. Lila Taylor.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION

**Item 16 THE STATE MODEL FOR THE EVALUATION OF TEACHERS AND
PRINCIPALS
Dr. Linda Peterson**

Dr. Peterson updated the Board on the state model for the evaluation of teachers and principals. Dr. Peterson noted that Mr. Donovan has been involved in this process since its inception as well. Model teacher and principal evaluations are being worked on and will be rolled out first. A pilot program is being conducted during the upcoming year.

❖ LICENSURE COMMITTEE – Sharon Carroll (Item 15)

**Item 15 STATE EXIT REPORT OF THE APRIL 14-16, 2013, JOINT
NCATE/CAEP/STATE ACCREDITATION REVIEW OF THE PHYLLIS J.
WASHINGTON (PJW) COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA
Dr. Linda Peterson, Mary Susan Fishbaugh, Review Team Chairperson,
Susan Harper-Whalen, Associate Dean, PJW College of Education**

Dr. Peterson gave an overview of the process then turned the report to Dr. Fishbaugh to discuss the details of the accreditation review and the timeline for the approval of the school's accreditation status. Dr. Fishbaugh discussed the review of the school. Ms. Susan Harper-Whalen also addressed the Board and discussed the Phyllis J. Washington College of Education and Health and Human Services and how the school works to continually be improving to support student growth.

ACTION

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

❖ ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE – Erin Williams (Item 14, Item 17)

TIME CERTAIN WEDNESDAY @2:00

**Item 14 INTENSIVE ASSISTANCE PROCESS: BILLINGS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Teri Wing, Terry Bouck, Superintendent Billings Public School District,
Allen Halter, Billings Board Chair**

Ms. Teri Wing presented Mr. Terry Bouck, Mr. Allen Halter, Mr. Leo Hudetz, Ms. Patricia Hubbard, and Ms. Brenda Koch. Each gave an update on the progress the district has made in the past year and challenges they are facing.

Ms. Erin Williams moved to approve the recommendation of the corrective action plan for Billings Public Schools. Motion seconded by Ms. Lila Taylor.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

TIME CERTAIN WEDNESDAY @4:00

**Item 17 INTENSIVE ASSISTANCE PROCESS: HELENA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Teri Wing, Kent Kultgen, Superintendent Helena School District,
Libby Goldes, Helena Board Chair**

Ms. Teri Wing introduced the representatives from Helena Public School District Dr. Kent Kultgen, District Superintendent, Mr. Greg Upham, Assistant Superintendent, Ms. Libby Goldes, Board Chair. Dr. Kultgen and Mr. Upham reviewed the issues before the district, challenges they are facing, policies implemented, and how they plan to move forward.

Ms. Erin Williams moved to disapprove the Corrective Action Plan of the Helena School District, but request the Superintendent of Public Instruction to accept a late application from the Helena Public Schools to the Variances to Standards Review Board for their August 6th, 2013 meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. John Edwards.

Public comment was heard from Ms. Barbara Rush.

Motion passed unanimously.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS September 12-13th, 2013

Set Annual Agenda Calendar – C

Election of Board Officers

Committee Appointments – C

BPE Goal Review – C

MACIE Update

Superintendent Goals

Assessment Update

Federal Update

Youth Risk Behavior Survey Update

Accreditation Report

Board Member Carroll requested an update from OPI regarding the Smarter Balanced Assessment.

The September Board of Public Education Meeting will be held in Billings.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 4:42 PM.

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