

BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES

May 23-24th, 2013
Montana School for the Deaf and Blind
Great Falls, MT

Thursday May 23rd, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Myers called the meeting to order at 8:32 AM.

Students from the MSDB led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a student presentation on how they access and use electronic devices to assist in their learning process.

Ms. Myers introduced and welcomed Mr. Paul Andersen as the newest member to the Board of Public Education, and introduced Ms. Karin Janssen from the Commissioner of Higher Education's office representing Commissioner Christian.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was made.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Myers noted the new Financials format.

Consent agenda approved as presented.

ADOPT AGENDA

Ms. Myers reviewed the new agenda format of placing action items throughout the agenda.

Mr. John Edwards moved to adopt the agenda. Motion was seconded by Ms. Sharon Carroll.

No discussion. Motion was adopted unanimously.

Board members present: Ms. Patty Myers – Chair; Ms. Sharon Carroll – Vice Chair; Ms. Erin Williams; Mr. John Edwards; Mr. Paul Andersen; Ms. Charity Ratliff – Student Representative. Absent: Mr. Bernie Olson, Ms. Lila Taylor. Ex-Officio members: Ms. Denise Juneau, Superintendent of Public Instruction; Ms. Karin Janssen for Commissioner Christian; Staff: Mr. Pete Donovan, Executive Director; Ms. Kris Stockton, Administrative Assistant. Guests: Ms. Nancy Coopersmith, OPI; Dr. Linda Peterson, OPI; Ms. Sandra Boham; MACIE; Ms. Nancy Hall, OBPP; Ms. Ann Gilkey, OPI; Ms. Elizabeth Keller, OPI; Dr. Tim Laurent, UGF; Dr. Christine Shearer-Cremean, MSU Northern; Ms. Tammy Lacey, Great Falls Public Schools/CSPAC Vice-Chair; Mr. Steve Gettel; Superintendent MSDB; Mr. Jim Kelly, MSDB; Ms. Donna Sorensen, MSDB; Ms. Donna Schmidt, MSDB; Ms. Kim Schwabe, MSDB.

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

INFORMATION

❖ **REPORTS – Patty Myers (Items 1-6)**

Item 1 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT-Patty Myers

Ms. Myers reviewed her work during the legislative session and the pre-planning work for the Board of Education meeting.

Item 2 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT-Pete Donovan

Mr. Donovan reviewed the 2013 Legislative session, specifically HJ14, HB 181, and SB 302. Mr. Donovan updated the Board on the School Bus Safety Transportation Audit completed by the Legislative Audit Division. Mr. Edwards shared with the Board a recent meeting he had with the Lockwood Superintendent and their school bus program. A discussion ensued regarding school bus safety, driver hiring, seatbelts, etc. Mr. Donovan also discussed the calls and emails the Board office has received regarding the adoption of the Montana Common Core State Standards.

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.

- **CSPAC Appointment – Tammy Lacey Reappointment Application**

Motion delayed until Ms. Lacey could arrive.

2:15 returned back to this item for motion at the arrival of Ms. Tammy Lacey

Ms. Sharon Carroll moved to approve Ms. Tammy Lacey to a second 3 year term to the Certification Standards and Practices Advisory Council. Motion was seconded by Ms. Erin Williams.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION

- ❖ **MACIE LIAISON – (Item 9)**

Item 9 MACIE REPORT-Sandra Boham

Ms. Boham discussed the recent MACIE Board meeting. Topics discussed included Class 7 Licensure, Tribal College representation, and Early Childhood representation for the MACIE Board. Ms. Boham also discussed the possibility of an Area of Specialized Permissive Competency for Native American Studies.

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.

Approval of MACIE Nominations:

- **Mr. William Enemy Hunter**
- **Mr. Thomas Brown**
- **Ms. Sandra Boham**

Mr. John Edwards moved to approve the recommendation of the

Superintendent of Public Instruction for the appointment of Mr. William Enemy Hunter, Mr. Thomas Brown, and Ms. Sandra Boham to MACIE. Motion was seconded by Mr. Paul Andersen.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

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.

❖ LICENSURE COMMITTEE – Sharon Carroll (Item 11)

**Item 11 RECOMMENDATION OF APPROVAL OF NEW PROGRAM-UNIVERSITY OF GREAT FALLS SOCIAL STUDIES: HISTORY MAJOR AND MINOR, BROADFIELD SOCIAL STUDIES MAJOR, SOCIOLOGY MAJOR AND MINOR, PSYCHOLOGY MINOR, AND POLITICAL SCIENCE MINOR
Dr. Linda Peterson; Dr. Tim Laurent, Vice President for Academic Affairs, University of Great Falls**

Dr. Peterson introduced Dr. Laurent, University of Great Falls Vice President for Academic Affairs. Dr. Peterson reviewed the item from the March meeting in which an Accreditation review of the Social Studies program at UGF found that the standards were not met. This item is the presentation of the new program that has been developed. Dr. Laurent briefly reviewed the process for developing the new program.

Ms. Sharon Carroll moved to recommend provisional approval of a new program at the University of Great Falls in Social Studies: History Major and Minor, Broadfield Social Studies Major, Sociology Major and Minor, Psychology Minor, and Political Science Minor. Motion was seconded by Ms. Erin Williams.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION

❖ EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – Patty Myers (Items 7)

Item 7 FEDERAL UPDATE-Nancy Coopersmith
Ms. Coopersmith updated the Board with Federal issues relating to the Federal Budget and possible effects of Sequestration effects for Montana, as well as an update on Adequate Yearly Progress reports.

ITEM 10 TIME CERTAIN 11:00 AM

Recorder items 29 – 50

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.

❖ LICENSURE COMMITTEE – Sharon Carroll (Items 10 and 12)

Item 10 DENIAL HEARING BPE CASE #2012-04-Katherine Orr

Ms. Sharon Carroll moved to uphold the State Superintendent's recommendation for the denial of the Class 1 License and Class 3 License for Mr. Ed Jamieson. Motion was seconded by Mr. Paul Andersen.

***Comment by Mr. Edwards
Public comment from Mr. Jamieson.***

Motion passed unanimously.

Item 12 RECOMMENDATION OF APPROVAL OF THE STATE EXIT REPORT OF THE ON-SITE FOCUS REVIEW OF GRADUATE EDUCATION PROGRAMS OF THE PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION UNIT AT MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY-NORTHERN

Dr. Linda Peterson; Dr. Christine Shearer-Cremean, Dean, College of Education, Arts and Sciences and Nursing, Montana State University-Northern

Dr. Peterson introduced Dr. Shearer-Cremean and reviewed the Exit Report, the history of the On-Site Review, and addressed areas of weakness found in the review.

Ms. Sharon Carroll moved to approve the State Exit Report and to approve regular accreditation status of the Graduate Education Program in School Counseling and Instruction and Learning at Montana State University Northern. Motion was seconded by Mr. John Edwards.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

❖ EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – Patty Myers (Items 3-6)

INFORMATION

Item 3 STATE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT-State Superintendent Denise Juneau
Superintendent Juneau updated the Board on the Summer Reading Program, Graduation Matters Montana, Montana Common Core Standards, new online Licensure System available at OPI, and her recent travels around the state.

Item 4 COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION'S REPORT-Ms. Karin Janssen
Ms. Karin Janssen updated the Board on the Developmental Education Reform Task Force and reviewed the final report.

Item 5 GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORT-Jim Molloy
No one from the Governor's office was present at the meeting.

Item 6 STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT-Charity Ratliff
Ms. Ratliff gave an update on recent meetings she attended with other student representatives nationally regarding student safety and bullying. Ms. Ratliff presented for the Board her Speech and Drama presentation on Graduation Matters Montana.

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 (Items 8)

Item 8 RECOMMENDATION OF BASE AID PAYMENT SCHEDULE-Nancy
Coopersmith

Mr. John Edwards moved to approve the recommended schedule for BASE Aid payment. Motion was seconded by Mr. Paul Andersen.

*Question from Ms. Erin Williams.
Motion passed unanimously.*

INFORMATION

❖ ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE – Erin Williams (Items 13-17)

Item 13 UPDATE ON VARIANCES TO STANDARDS REVIEW BOARD MEETING
Dr. Linda Peterson

Dr. Peterson updated the Board on the work the Review Board has completed to date and how the review process will work.

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.

Item 14 RECOMMENDATION OF APPROVAL OF THE NOTICE OF ADOPTION AND
AMENDMENT PERTAINING TO ADMINISTRATIVE RULES OF MONTANA,
TITLE 10, CHAPTER 55 STANDARDS OF ACCREDITATION
Dr. Linda Peterson

Dr. Peterson reviewed the recommendation for approval and noted new language added based upon comments from the Public Hearing.

Ms. Erin Williams moved to recommend approval of the Notice of Adoption and Amendment Pertaining to Administrative Rules of Montana, Title 10, Chapter 55 Standards of Accreditation New Rule I and Amendment of ARM 10.55.701, 10.55.704, 10.55.708, 10.55.804, and 10.55.906. Motion was seconded by Ms. Sharon Carroll.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 15 RECOMMENDATION OF APPROVAL OF THE ADDENDUM TO THE 2012-13
FINAL ACCREDITATION STATUS OF ALL SCHOOLS
Teri Wing

Ms. Wing discussed the need for an addendum to the report and asked for the Board's approval.

Ms. Erin Williams moved to approve the Addendum to the 2012-13 Final Accreditation Status of All schools. Motion seconded by Mr. Paul Andersen.

No Discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Item 16 RECOMMENDATION RELATING TO ALTERNATIVE TO STANDARDS REQUESTS
Teri Wing**

Ms. Wing noted that these requests are all renewals expiring June 30, 2013 and will be the last set of requests under this process. Ms. Wing reviewed all the requests for the Board.

Ms. Erin Williams moved to approve the Alternative to Standards Requests for: Columbia Falls High School, Bozeman Elementary, St. Ignatius K-12, Hamilton High School, Plains Elementary, to approve the initial applications for West Valley Elementary and Billings Elementary School District, and the disapproval of Glendive Elementary School District. Motion was seconded by Ms. Sharon Carroll.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Item 17 UPDATE ON PROGRESS OF SCHOOLS IN INTENSIVE ASSISTANCE
Teri Wing**

Ms. Wing updated the Board on schools in Intensive Assistance, specifically Helena School District and Billings School District. Ms. Wing reviewed the report status of the schools in those districts. Ms. Wing recommends the Board request these two districts to appear before them at the July Board meeting.

Ms. Erin Williams moved to recommend inviting the Superintendent and Board Chair of the Helena School District and the Billings School District to the July 2013 Board of Public Education meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Paul Andersen.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION

❖ MSDB LIAISON - Lila Taylor (Item 18)

Item 18 MSDB COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT-Steve Gettel

The MSDB Administrative Staff introduced themselves then Mr. Gettel gave his report to the Board regarding enrollment, recruitment of the Outreach Consultant, and other upcoming vacancies. Updates were also given by Ms. Donna Sorenson, Outreach Director; Mr. Jim Kelly, Dean of Students; and Ms. Donna Schmidt, Business Manager. Mr. Gettel also updated the Board on the outcomes for the school from the 2013 Legislative Session for school improvements and staff salaries.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 PM.

Friday May 24th, 2013

Meeting was called to order at 8:06 AM.

**Item 18 MSDB COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT – Steve Gettel
Continued from Thursday**

Item 18 continued Friday with Board members discussing with Mr. Gettel and Ms. Kim Schwabe of MSDB, and Dr. Linda Peterson and Ms. Nancy Coopersmith of OPI, the Accreditation Status of the school. Discussion continued on whether or not the school should continue to seek accreditation status. The Board's recommendation is the school should hire the Special Education teacher needed to keep the school accredited.

❖ **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – Patty Myers (Items 19-20)**

Item 19 **MSDB SUPERINTENDENT PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (CLOSED)**
Patty Myers

Item 20 **BPE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (CLOSED)**
Patty Myers

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 10:22 AM.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS July 16th-18th, 2013

Strategic Meeting – Review Bylaws & Operational Rules
CSPAC/BPE Joint Meeting
Annual CSPAC Report
MACIE Update
Annual GED Report
Special Education Report
Assessment Update
Federal Update
Accreditation Report

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