

BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES

July 17th, 2014
State Capitol Building, Room 317
Helena, MT

Thursday July 17th, 2014
8:00 AM

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Carroll at 8:05 AM.
Board members present included: Ms. Sharon Carroll – Chair; Mr. Bernie Olson – Vice Chair; Ms. Lila Taylor; Mr. Paul Andersen; Mr. John Edwards; Ms. Erin Williams; Ms. Mary Jo Bremner; absent Ms. Greta Gustafson. Ex-officio members: Superintendent Denise Juneau; Associate Commissioner Neil Moisey; Ms. Amy Williams, OCHE; Governor’s Education Policy Advisor Ms. Shannon O’Brien. Guests present included: MSDB Superintendent Ms. Donna Sorensen; Mr. Dennis Parman, OPI; Ms. Nancy Coopersmith, OPI; Dr. Linda Peterson, OPI; Ms. Ann Gilkey, OPI; Ms. Shannon Koenig, OPI; Mr. Marco Ferro, MEA-MFT; Mr. Frank Podobnik, OPI; Ms. Margaret Bowles, OPI; Ms. Deb Halliday, OPI; Ms. Debra Lamm, Livingston;

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Lori Gilbert Lee, Billings; regarding Common Core math.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

Ms. Lila Taylor requested the minutes be pulled and revised to remove the motion for approval of a one month contract extension for Superintendent Gettel. The extension was not needed as Mr. Gettel’s contract is effect through June 30, 2015.

Remaining Consent Agenda approved as presented.

Ms. Lila Taylor moved to approve the revised minutes. Motion seconded by Mr. Bernie Olson.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

ADOPT AGENDA

Mr. Bernie Olson moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. John Edwards.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS

❖ **REPORTS – Sharon Carroll (Items 1-7)**

Item 1 CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT
Sharon Carroll

- September Meeting location

Ms. Carroll announced that the September meeting will be located in Helena this year.

Item 2 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT
Pete Donovan

Mr. Donovan discussed the CSPAC review of Chapter 57 and Chapter 58 and thanked them for their hard work, and the work of the OPI staff. Mr. Donovan announced the new attorney from Agency Legal Services, Rob Stutz, who will be at the meeting later today, and thanked Chair Carroll for her commitment to the Board.

Item 3 STATE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
State Superintendent Denise Juneau

Superintendent Juneau thanked the Board and Mr. Donovan for their hard work for public education in Montana. The Superintendent reviewed continuing projects at the Office of Public Instruction including the Summer Six reading program, work on Chapters 57 and 58, Early Childhood, and Graduation Matters Montana.

Item 4 COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION'S REPORT
Dr. Neil Moisey

Dr. Moisey updated the Board on ongoing projects at the Commissioner's Office including a recent 2 day tour of MSU, UM, and MT Tech, the Ed Ready project in conjunction with the Governor's Office with funding from the Washington Corporation, the Developmental Education Council, and work being done on a universal math placement test. Dr. Moisey also discussed the Dual Credit Incentive Program and introduced Ms. Amy Williams as the new Coordinator and turned the presentation over to her. Ms. Williams discussed 3 items: 1) new policy from OCHE for concurrent enrollment allowing for a temporary waiver for teachers with a Master's Degree but lacking the 9 necessary credits in the major to teach a dual enrollment course, while working on completing the 9 graduate credits. 2) Dual Credit Incentive Program – program which rewards current instructors with a credit for credit coupon good for 3 credits in classes at an MUS school. Credits can be used or shared with others, or pooled to create a scholarship. 24 credits can be saved and used at once, or used as they are received. 3) New position at OCHE to oversee the program for a single point of contact. This new position is what Ms. Williams is filling and she briefly described what she will be doing in her new position. Ms. Williams fielded questions from the Board.

TIME CERTAIN 9:00 AM

Item 5 GOVERNOR'S EDUCATION REPORT
Governor Bullock

Governor Bullock addressed the Board and discussed education in Montana: where it is, where it is going, and how it can be improved. Governor Bullock discussed his Early Childhood Education plans and the plans for that project as it rolls out. Governor Bullock added that both he and his staff stand ready to support the Board as they embark on reviewing the new Early Childhood Standards and in working through the process.

Item 6 GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORT
Shannon O'Brien

Dr. O'Brien filled the Board in on other projects in the Governor's office in addition to the Early Childhood work including: key industry networks working together collaboratively on educational matters, continued work to support K-12 teachers and administrators, Graduation Matters Montana, Smart Schools, a program in partnership with DEQ for energy savings and green practices in our schools, the Jobs for Montana Graduates program and recognition it is receiving at the national level. Higher Education work includes Ed Ready, Dual Enrollment Incentives, and the recent Research and Economic Development tour.

Item 7 STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE’S REPORT
Greta Gustafson

Chair Carroll read a brief report from Student Representative Greta Gustafson who could not attend the meeting due to her qualifying for the National Finals High School Rodeo taking place this week. Ms. Gustafson will give a full report to the Board on her student activities at the September meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

❖ **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – Sharon Carroll (Items 8-12)**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Carroll called for additional public comment from attendees who were unable to speak the previous day at the Strategic Planning session.

Ms. Lucinda Hardy from Columbia Falls also gave public comment regarding the Public Comment Guidelines the Board discussed at the Strategic Planning Meeting.

Item 8 SPECIAL EDUCATION ANNUAL REPORT
Frank Podobnik

Mr. Frank Podobnik from the Office of Public Instruction presented the Special Education Annual Report to the Board. Highlights included an increase in federal funding for this year, the work of the School Based Mental Health Coordinator in the Office of Public Instruction, and Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS). Mr. Podobnik thanked the Board for their selection of Ms. Sorensen as the new Superintendent for the School for the Deaf and Blind. Mr. Podobnik fielded questions from Board members.

Item 9 HiSET ANNUAL REPORT
Margaret Bowles

Ms. Bowles updated the Board on the previous year’s activities and progress with the new High School Equivalency Test (HiSET), how the implementation occurred and successes throughout the year.

Item 10 GRADUATION MATTERS MONTANA REPORT
Deb Halliday

Ms. Deb Halliday presented a video on Graduation Matters Montana to the Board, and then discussed the program, its objectives, what different schools are doing with Graduation Matters, community partner involvement, student involvement, and the progress the program is making.

Item 11 MONTANA PROVIDERS OF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING NETWORK REPORT
Jean Howard

Ms. Howard presented to the Board the Professional Learning Network Report. The network supports teachers with the implementation of the new Common Core Standards.

**Item 12 REPORT ON COST ASSUMPTIONS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ARM TITLE 10,
CHAPTERS 57, 58, AND 63**
Dennis Parman

Mr. Parman presented to the Board any fiscal impact that may be attached to the implementations of Chapters 57, 58, and 63.

❖ **LICENSURE COMMITTEE – John Edwards (Items 13-17)**

**Item 13 REPORT ON THE REVISION PROGRESS OF ARM TITLE 10, CHAPTER 57,
EDUCATOR LICENSURE**

Dennis Parman

Mr. Parman briefly updated the Board on the progress of the Chapter 57 revisions, how the revisions were done, the timeframe for the revisions, and the progress of the revisions to date. The Certification Standards and Practices Advisory Council has reviewed the changes.

**Item 14 REPORT ON THE REVISION PROGRESS OF ARM TITLE 10, CHAPTER 58,
PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM STANDARDS
Dr. Linda Peterson, Patty Muir, Michael Hall**

Dr. Linda Peterson, Ms. Patty Muir, and Mr. Michael Hall gave a joint presentation on the review process for Chapter 58, the stakeholders involved, how the new standards differ from the old standards, and what the timeline for implementation looks like.

Break for lunch at 12:07 PM.

Return for lunch at 1:34 PM.

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 15 DISMISSAL OF APPEAL OF EDUCATOR LICENSE, BPE CASE #2013-02
Rob Stutz**

Case moved to September meeting upon the request of Board member Edwards.

**Item 16 RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE STATE EXIT REPORT FROM THE APRIL 2014
FOLLOW-UP REVIEW AND REGULAR ACCREDITATION OF THE BACHELOR OF
SCIENCE-SECONDARY EDUCATION-BROADFIELD SCIENCE AT SALISH
KOOTENAI COLLEGE**

Dr. Linda Vrooman Peterson, Regina Sievert, Dr. Janet Thomson, Team Chair

Dr. Peterson reviewed the review of the Bachelor of Science-Secondary Education Broadfield Science at Salish Kootenai College. Ms. Sievert gave a review of the program at Salish Kootenai for the Board and where their graduates are placed and in what type of teaching positions. Dr. Peterson then requested approval of the program by the Board from provisional status to regular accreditation status

Mr. John Edwards moved to approve the State Exit Report from the April 2014 Follow-up Review and Regular Accreditation of the Bachelor of Science-Secondary Education-Broadfield Science at Salish Kootenai College. Ms. Mary Jo Bremner seconded the motion.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Item 17 RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE STATE EXIT REPORTS FROM THE FOCUSED
REVIEWS IN NOVEMBER 2013 AND APRIL 2014 AND REGULAR ACCREDITATION
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF GREAT FALLS
Dr. Linda Vrooman Peterson, Dr. Tim Laurent, UGF, and Dr. Janet Thomson, Team
Chair**

Dr. Peterson gave a background to the Board of the accreditation review at the University of Great Falls in which the Social Studies program was found deficient. The school reviewed the program and decided to re write the framework for the program in order to maintain the program. Dr. Laurent addressed the Board and explained the process to rebuild the Social Studies program at the University.

Mr. John Edwards moved to approve the State Exit Reports from the Focused Reviews in November 2013 and April 2014 and Regular Accreditation of the Department of Education at the University of Great Falls. Motion seconded by Ms. Lila Taylor.

Discussion from Board member Taylor. Motion passed unanimously.

❖ **ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE – Bernie Olson (Items 19-20)**

**Item 19 RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE 2013-14 FINAL ACCREDITATION STATUS OF ALL SCHOOLS
Dr. Teri Wing**

Dr. Wing discussed the timeline for the Accreditation report and approval by the Board of Public Education. Dr. Wing discussed the past year with the new TEAMS system and issues encountered with bringing on a new system, then walked through the report with the Board and requested the Board's approval of the accreditation report as presented.

Mr. Bernie Olson moved to approve the 2013-14 Final Accreditation Status of All Schools as presented. Motion seconded by Ms. Erin Williams.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

❖ **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – Sharon Carroll (Item 18)**

**Item 18 RECOMMEND ADOPTION OF THE AMENDMENTS OF ARM TITLE 10, CHAPTER 64 SCHOOL BUS DRIVER QUALIFICATIONS
Donell Rosenthal**

Ms. Rosenthal discussed the hearing held on June 26th, 2014, the public comment received, and requested the Board approve the amendments to ARM 10.64.201.

Mr. John Edwards moved to approve the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the revisions of the Administrative Rules of Montana Title 10, Chapter 64, School Bus Driver Qualifications. Motion seconded by Mr. Paul Andersen.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Item 20 RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED TIMELINE FOR ARM TITLE 10, CHAPTER 63, PRE SCHOOL STANDARDS
Dennis Parman**

Mr. Parman discussed the process in creating the new standards for ARM Title 10, Chapter 63 PreSchool Standards and that a timeline is set for completion by the end of the 2014 calendar year. Mr. Parman discussed that the Board may wish for CSPAC to review the new standards as part of the council's purview. Mr. Parman requested approval of the timeline. A brief discussion regarding the timeline and comments from Dr. O'Brien were heard. Draft rules are expected to be delivered to the Board within a week. The timeline was amended to reflect that change from July 17th, 2014 to July 24th, 2014. Mr. Parman walked through the timeline.

Mr. Bernie Olson moved to approve the proposed timeline for ARM Title 10 Chapter 63 beginning July 24th, 2014. Ms. Erin Williams seconded the motion.

Discussion on the timeline by the Board.

Public comment from Ms. Debra Lamm, Ms. Karen Cox.

Motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

❖ MSDB LIAISON - Lila Taylor (Items 21-23)

Item 21 MSDB REPORT Lila Taylor

- **Update on MSDB Superintendent Search**

Chair Carroll announced the hiring of Ms. Donna Sorensen and asked her to join the Board at the table. Ms. Taylor asked Mr. Donovan to review for the Board the process that was used to write the position description, announce the vacancy, review applications, interview, and hire. Mr. Donovan briefly discussed the hiring process.

ACTION

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Item 22 RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL TO AMEND ARM TITLE 10, CHAPTER 59, MSDB FOUNDATION Pete Donovan

Ms. Lila Taylor moved to approve the amendment to ARM Title 10, Chapter 59 MSDB Foundation. Motion seconded by Mr. Bernie Olson.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 23 RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF MSDB SCHOOL POLICIES Lila Taylor

Suggestion made by Mr. John Edwards that Ms. Sorensen review the policies for any changes rather than the Board adopting policies by the outgoing Superintendent.

Item moved to future meeting, no earlier than November 2014.

Ms. Carroll recommended dispensing with the monthly MSDB Committee meetings until the September BPE meeting where the new Superintendent will present to the Board and a new schedule of MSDB Committee meetings will be determined.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS September 11-12th, 2014

Set Annual Agenda Calendar – C

Election of Board Officers

Committee Appointments – C

BPE Goal Review

MACIE Update

MSDB Superintendent Goals

Assessment Update

Federal Update

MACIE Renewal (Even Years) – C

Accreditation Report

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment from Mr. Marco Ferro, MEA-MFT commenting on the MT-PEC support of the Chapter 57 revisions, as well as the Chapter 58 revisions, and the new Chapter 63 Standards.

Ms. Debra Lamm, Livingston, asked if the September meeting would have an Assessment update on Smarter Balanced, and how does the public get information on Board Conference Call meetings, then commented on the Early Childhood Standards and school choice.

Ms. Lori Gilbert, Billings, concerned parent, gave public comment regarding Early Childhood Standards.

Ms. Karen Cox, Billings, concerned parent, gave public comment regarding Early Childhood Standards.

ADJOURN

Mr. Bernie Olson moved to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Public Education July 17th, 2014 at 3:47 PM. Motion seconded by Ms. Erin Williams.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

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