

BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION MEETING AGENDA

January 18-19, 2024
Montana State Capitol Building, Room 152
Helena, MT

Thursday, January 18, 2024
8:30AM

CALL TO ORDER

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Roll Call
- C. Statement of Public Participation
- D. Welcome Visitors

PUBLIC COMMENT

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Action may be taken on any item listed on the Board agenda. Per §2-3-103, MCA, the Board encourages public comment on any item prior to Board final action.

CONSENT AGENDA – page #10

(Items may be pulled from Consent Agenda upon request)

- A. November 15-17, 2023; November 27, 2023; November 30, 2023 Meeting Minutes
- B. Financials

ADOPT AGENDA

❖ REPORTS – Dr. Tim Tharp (Items 1-2)

Item 1 CHAIRPERSON REPORT – 15 Minutes, page #38
Dr. Tim Tharp

Item 2 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT – 15 Minutes, page #39
McCall Flynn

❖ ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE – Madalyn Quinlan (Item 3)

Item 3 **PRESENTATION ON THE CROSSWALK BETWEEN COGNIA AND ARM TITLE 10, CHAPTER 55, ACCREDITATION STANDARDS – 45 Minutes, page #40**
Dr. Daniel Sybrant

❖ CHARTER COMMITTEE – Jane Hamman (Item 4)

Item 4 **WORK SESSION ON THE APPROVAL AND DENIAL OF PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS – 2 Hours, page #74**
Jane Hamman

*****LUNCH BREAK*****

Lunch will be provided for Board Members

❖ MACIE LIAISON – Susie Hedalen (Item 5)

Item 5 **MACIE REPORT – 15 Minutes, page #78**
Jordann Lankford Forster

ACTION ITEM:

- Class 7 Representative

❖ REPORTS – Dr. Tim Tharp (Item 6)

Item 6 **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT – 15 Minutes, page #80**
Gavin Mow

❖ ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE – Anne Keith (Item 7)

Item 7 **INITIAL REVIEW AND WORK SESSION OF EARLY LITERACY ADVISORY COUNCIL’S RECOMMENDATIONS PERTAINING TO EARLY LITERACY TARGETED INTERVENTION RULEMAKING IN ARM TITLE 10, CHAPTER 63, EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION STANDARDS – 45 Minutes, page #81**
Lance Melton, Executive Director, Montana School Board Association; Dr. Christine Lux, Professor of Early Childhood Education, Montana State University; Marie Judisch, Senior Manager of Teaching and Learning, OPI; Dr. Anne Penn Cox, Principal, Winans Elementary School – Livingston

❖ LICENSURE COMMITTEE – Susie Hedalen (Items 8-12)

Item 8 **WORK SESSION ON THE PROPOSED NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PERTAINING TO RULEMAKING IN ARM TITLE 10, CHAPTER 57, EDUCATOR LICENSURE STANDARDS AND EXPERT PANEL – 45 Minutes, page #94**
Crystal Andrews, Director of Accreditation and Licensure, OPI; Dr. Julie Murgel, Chief Program Officer, OPI; John Melick, Director of Field Placement and Licensure, Montana State University; Rob Watson, Executive Director, School Administrators of Montana

*****TIME CERTAIN AT 3:00PM*****

Item 9 NOTICE OF THE SURRENDER OF BPE CASE #2023-07 – 5 Minutes, page #106
Brenton Craggs, OPI Legal Counsel

Item 10 ACTION ON INITIAL REVIEW OF BPE CASE #2022-13, HARNING – 15 Minutes, page #107
Brenton Craggs, OPI Legal Counsel

Item 11 ACTION ON INITIAL REVIEW OF BPE CASE #2023-08, RAUSCH – 15 Minutes, page #108
Brenton Craggs, OPI Legal Counsel

Item 12 ACTION ON APPEAL HEARING OF BPE CASE 2023-06, SWANSON – 1 Hour, page #109
Chad Vanisko, Board Legal Counsel

❖ MSDB LIAISON – Renee Rasmussen (Items 13-14)

Item 13 MSDB REPORT – 30 Minutes, page #110
Paul Furthmyre

ACTION ITEMS:

- Personnel Action
- Out of State Travel Requests
- 2nd Reading MSDB Policies

*****CLOSED SESSION*****

Item 14 MSDB SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION – 30 Minutes, page #193
Dr. Tim Tharp

*****OPEN SESSION*****

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❖ **REPORTS – Dr. Tim Tharp (Items 15-16)**

Item 15 GOVERNOR’S OFFICE REPORT – 15 Minutes, page #194
Dylan Klapmeier

Item 16 STATE SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – 1 Hour, page #195
State Superintendent Elsie Arntzen

- Assessment Update
- MAST Update
- Federal Update
- Accreditation Report
- Rigorous Action Update
- Transportation Report
- Content Standards Revision Update
- Indian Education for All Payments in 20-9-329, MCA
- Data Modernization Update

❖ EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – Dr. Tim Tharp (Items 17-24)

Item 17 PRESENTATION ON DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY
EDUCATION PROGRAMS – 45 Minutes, page #250
Sarah Swanson, Commissioner, Department of Labor and Industry

Item 18 COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION REPORT – 15 Minutes, page #253
Dr. Angela McLean

Item 19 OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION PERKINS
UPDATE – 15 Minutes, page #254
Jacque Treaster, Director of Dual Enrollment and Career and Technical
Education, OCHE

Item 20 OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION MATH
PRESENTATION – 15 Minutes, page #266
Cristine Miller, Director of Student Affairs and Student Engagement,
OCHE; Dr. Lauren Fern, Student Success Coordinator in Mathematics,
University of Montana; Ciera Franks-Ongoy, Perkins Equity and
Compliance Program Manager, OCHE

Item 21 ACTION ON TRANSFORMATIONAL LEARNING GRANTS – 15 Minutes, page
#277
Krystal Smith

ACTION ITEMS:

- Qualify Applications
- Annual Reports

Item 22 ACTION ON ADVANCED OPPORTUNITY GRANTS – 15 Minutes, page #284
Krystal Smith

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Item 23 INFORMATION ON THE QUALITY EDUCATOR LOAN ASSISTANCE
PROGRAM – 15 Minutes, page #295
Jay Phillips

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Item 24 **PRESENTATION OF THE YOUTH RISK BEHAVIOR SURVEY REPORT – 30**
Minutes, page #315
Genie Zeeck

❖ **ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE – Madalyn Quinlan (Item 25)**

Item 25 **ACTION ON THE PROPOSED NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PERTAINING**
TO RULEMAKING IN ARM TITLE 10, CHAPTER 53, ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PROFICIENCY CONTENT STANDARDS, AND AUTHORIZE FILING OF THE
NOTICE WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR PUBLICATION IN THE
MONTANA ADMINISTRATIVE REGISTER – 15 Minutes, page #356
Madalyn Quinlan

❖ **MSDB LIAISON – Renee Rasmussen (Item 26)**

Item 26 **ACTION ON MSDB SUPERINTENDENT 2024-2025 CONTRACT – 15 Minutes,**
page #382
Dr. Tim Tharp

❖ **ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE – Anne Keith (Items 27-28)**

Item 27 **ACTION ON THE PROPOSED NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PERTAINING**
RULEMAKING IN ARM TITLE 10, CHAPTER 63, EARLY CHILDHOOD
EDUCATION STANDARDS AND TIMELINE, AND AUTHORIZE FILING OF
THE NOTICE WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR PUBLICATION IN THE
MONTANA ADMINISITRATIVE REGISTER – 15 Minutes, page #383
Anne Keith

Item 28 **ACTION ON AND RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENTS SUBMITTED ON**
REVISIONS TO ARM TITLE 10, CHAPTER 54, EARLY LITERACY TARGETED
INTERVENTION STANDARDS – 15 Minutes, page #385
Anne Keith

❖ **LICENSURE COMMITTEE – Susie Hedalen (Items 29-32)**

Item 29 **ACTION ON PRAXIS TEST SCORE FOR AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE – 15**
Minutes, page #389
Crystal Andrews

Item 30 **PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL EDUCATOR LICENSURE REPORT – 15**
Minutes, page #403
Crystal Andrews

Item 31 **ACTION ON THE SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATION TO INITIALLY**
APPROVE ABCTe AS AN ALTERNATIVE TEACHER CERTIFICATION AND
ENDORSEMENT PROGRAM – 30 Minutes, page #427
Dr. Julie Murgel and Crystal Andrews

Item 32 **ACTION ON THE PROPOSED NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PERTAINING TO RULEMAKING IN ARM TITLE 10, CHAPTER 57, EDUCATOR LICENSURE STANDARDS, AND AUTHORIZE FILING OF THE NOTICE WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR PUBLICATION IN THE MONTANA ADMINISTRATIVE REGISTER – 15 Minutes, page #432**
Susie Hedalen

❖ **CHARTER COMMITTEE – Jane Hamman (Item 33)**

Item 33 **ACTION ON THE RESOLUTIONS TO APPROVE AND DENY PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS – 1 Hour, page #435**
Jane Hamman

❖ **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – Dr. Tim Tharp (Item 34)**

Item 34 **RECOGNITION OF EXITING BOARD MEMBER – 15 Minutes, page #436**
Dr. Tim Tharp

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS March 18-19, 2024

MACIE Update
Approve MSDB School Calendar
Assessment Update
Federal Update
Accreditation Report
Annual School Food Services Report
Draft – CAEP MOU
Content Standards Revision Update

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