

BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES

January 12-13, 2023
Montana School Boards Association
863 Great Northern Blvd, First Floor Conference Room
Helena, MT

Thursday, January 12, 2023
8:30 AM

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM and led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Stockton took Roll Call and the Chair read the Statement of Public Participation and welcomed guests. Guests introduced themselves to the Board.

Board members present: Ms. Madalyn Quinlan, Chair; Ms. Susie Hedalen, Vice Chair; Ms. Anne Keith; Ms. Jane Hamman; Dr. Tim Tharp; Ms. Renee Rasmussen; Ms. Tammy Lacey; Mr. Charles Fox, Student Representative. Ex-Officio members: Mr. Dylan Klapmeier, Governor's Office; State Superintendent Elsie Arntzen, Office of Public Instruction (OPI); Dr. Angela McLean, Commissioner of Higher Education. Staff present: Ms. McCall Flynn, Executive Director; Ms. Kris Stockton, Administrative Specialist. Guests: Mr. Ron Slinger, Miles Community College; Ms. Kristi Steinberg, University of Montana; Ms. Amanda Curtis, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE); Mr. Paul Furthmyre, Montana School for the Deaf and Blind (MSDB); Ms. Jule Walker, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA); Ms. Chris Noel, OPI; Mr. Chris Sinrud, OPI; Dr. Adrea Lawrence, University of Montana; Ms. Donell Rosenthal, OPI; Ms. Nancy Hall, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP); Dr. Rob Watson, School Administrators of Montana (SAM); Ms. Krystal Smith, OPI; Dr. Julie Murgel, OPI; Ms. Crystal Andrews, OPI; Ms. Jordann Lankford, Montana Advisory Council on Indian Education (MACIE) Chair; Dr. Leslie Lott, University of Providence.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was made.

CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Tammy Lacey moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Ms. Jane Hamman.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

ADOPT AGENDA

Ms. Tammy Lacey moved to approve the agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Ms. Jane Hamman.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

********Items are listed in the order which they are presented********

Vice Chair Susie Hedalen moved to approve the Notice of Adoption pertaining to the Amendment of ARM Title 10, Chapter 58, Educator Preparation Program Standards, and authorize filing of the notice with the SOS for publication in the Montana Administrative Register. Motion seconded by Ms. Tammy Lacey.

Comments from Ms. Renee Rasmussen on minimum vs. maximum standards.

No further discussion. Motion passed with Board member Rasmussen dissenting.

Chair Quinlan read the Statement of Executive Session and closed the meeting. The Board recessed for visitors to leave. The meeting was closed at 1:03 PM.

*****TIME CERTAIN AT 1:00 – CLOSED SESSION*****

**Item 14 HEARING OF APPEAL OF LICENSURE DENIAL, BPE CASE #2022-15, NO RUNNER
Katherine Orr**

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

The Board came back into Open Session at 3:10 PM.

Vice Chair Susie Hedalen moved to not uphold the Superintendent's recommendation to deny and to issue a license in BPE case #2022-15. Motion seconded by Ms. Jane Hamman.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

❖ EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – Madalyn Quinlan (Items 15-20)

**Item 15 STUDENT ENGAGEMENT PANEL
Charles Fox**

Mr. Fox opened the panel for the Board and each student introduced themselves to the Board. Board members asked questions of the students on topics such as student mental health, proficiency-based learning, career and technical education, and the topics in education students think are important. Mr. Fox wrapped up the discussion by thanking the students for their input and their hard work.

**Item 20 ACTION ON CRITICAL QUALITY EDUCATOR SHORTAGE AREA REPORT
Jay Phillips**

Mr. Phillips reviewed the Critical Quality Educator Shortage Area Report for the Board highlighting areas of the report which include: the criteria for a shortage area, methodology for determining a shortage area, using retired teachers to fill positions, emergency authorizations, and the number of districts experiencing shortages. Mr. Phillips answered Board member questions.

Ms. Renee Rasmussen moved to accept the Critical Quality Educator Shortage Area Report and authorize publication by February 1. Motion seconded by Vice Chair Susie Hedalen.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Item 16 ACTION ON TRANSFORMATIONAL LEARNING GRANT ANNUAL REPORTS
FY2023**

Krystal Smith

Ms. Smith presented the Transformational Learning Grant Annual Reports to the Board. Ms. Smith briefly discussed the grant program for the Board per statute and discussed how school districts are creating innovative programs in their districts. This spring Ms. Smith will be meeting with the district managers who oversee the grants to learn how to better utilize the funding. They'll look at the programs, compile the data, identify the districts using the program, and share the best practices with schools statewide, which would allow schools to work together to bring programs to new schools.

Ms. Renee Rasmussen moved to approve the Transformational Learning Annual Reports for FY2023. Motion seconded by Ms. Tammy Lacey.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Item 17 ACTION ON QUALIFICATION OF TRANSFORMATIONAL LEARNING GRANT APPLICATIONS FY2024
Krystal Smith**

Ms. Renee Rasmussen moved to approve qualification of newly applied districts for FY2024 and retain the waitlist for the Transformational Learning Grants. Motion seconded by Ms. Tammy Lacey.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Item 18 ACTION ON ADVANCED OPPORTUNITY GRANT ANNUAL REPORTS
FY2023
Krystal Smith**

Ms. Smith reviewed the Advanced Opportunity Grant program for Board members. Ms. Smith discussed pending legislation that would increase the amount of funding for the program.

Ms. Renee Rasmussen moved to approve the Montana Advanced Opportunity Grant Annual Reports for FY2023. Motion seconded by Ms. Tammy Lacey.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Item 19 ACTION ON QUALIFICATION OF ADVANCED OPPORTUNITY GRANT APPLICATIONS FY2024
Krystal Smith**

Ms. Renee Rasmussen moved to approve the qualification of districts for FY2024. Motion seconded by Ms. Tammy Lacey.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Smith thanked the Board for their time and their support of these programs.

The Board recessed for the day at 4:40 PM.

Friday, January 13, 2023

8:30 AM

CALL TO ORDER

10.55.602 DEFINITIONS

Dr. Tim Tharp moved to acknowledge Comments 17, 19, 31, 34, 35, 37 and remove any terms in 10.55.602 that do not exist throughout Chapter 55, and work with the Office of Public Instruction to provide clear guidance in their resources and materials to define commonly used terms when appropriate. Motion seconded by Ms. Tammy Lacey.

Deputy Superintendent Sharyl Allen thanked the Board for their work on the definitions. Deputy Allen noted that proficiency-based learning is an example of a new term that does not have a definition.

Question of clarification from Ms. Lacey as to which terms will not be defined.

No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Tim Tharp moved that the Board partially agree with Comment 27 and proposed the following definition: (38) "Minimum requirement" as used in 10.55.606(3) means "groups of 10 or more students for reporting valid and reliable results as it pertains to student performance". Motion seconded by Ms. Tammy Lacey.

Procedural question from Ms. Lacey.

No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Tim Tharp moved to recommend that the Board partially agree with Comment 30 and recommends the following language in 10.55.602: "(51) "Pupil instruction" as defined in 20-1-101, MCA". Motion seconded by Ms. Tammy Lacey.

Motion passed unanimously.

10.55.605 CATEGORIES OF ACCREDITATION

Dr. Tim Tharp moved that the Board agree with Comments 47, 48, and 50 and revert to current language in 10.55.605 and include the clean-up language from the Chapter 55 Notice of Public, and noted that based on this action, 10.55.606 will need to be revised to ensure consistent language and process. Motion seconded by Ms. Tammy Lacey.

Public comment from Deputy Superintendent Allen that the Negotiated Rulemaking Committee had unanimous agreement on the proposed revisions, and that a school has never lost accreditation and if a status isn't being used it may be time to remove it.

Ms. Amanda Curtis, MFPE, spoke about comment 50 and commended the Board for taking the time to investigate the proposed revisions more closely. Ms. Renee Rasmussen asked Deputy Allen to explain why no school has ever lost their accreditation. Deputy Allen responded that the way the process was set up was that a school would never actually lose their accreditation.

Chair Madalyn Quinlan made comments in reference to the above comment regarding a school in Livingston that was closed by the Fire Marshall for safety concerns, and that is the only time she believes that a school came before the Board for their accreditation status to be revoked.

Dr. Julie Murgel, OPI, commented that the Board acted the previous day on the accreditation status of EPP's, and higher education accreditation has categories of distinction, but K-12 does not. K-12 accreditation has become about entering data, checking boxes, and ensuring compliance with the standards.

Ms. McCall Flynn noted that §20-9-311, MCA, discusses non-accreditation so that status needs to remain, per statute.

Ms. Tammy Lacey thanked Dr. Murgel for her comments, and that the revisions to 10.55.601 makes the accreditation process better than simply checking boxes on a report and will make the accreditation process at the local level more robust. Ms. Lacey noted that it should be a testament that no school has ever lost accreditation and that there is a process and incentive for schools to improve their status and not lose accreditation. Ms. Lacey noted there is room for improvement but that it should be reviewed in the future. She stated that these are the Board's rules, and the Board has final say on what the rules say, regardless of the recommendations from the Negotiated Rulemaking Committee.

Chair Madalyn Quinlan reiterated comments from the September meeting that the Standards of Accreditation are integral to the definition of quality public schools and are standards all schools must meet. Chair Quinlan noted that the data collection piece may not be ideal, but that work needs to be done to revise the process.

Dr. Tim Tharp agreed with Chair Quinlan's comments and would like to see the conversation continue to find a better process.

Vice Chair Susie Hedalen commented that she was looking for an example of what the process looks like, what are other states doing, where is the research, and if this isn't the way accreditation should be done, what does the new process look like?

Ms. Renee Rasmussen made comment regarding the statute and that until that is revised, the status needs to remain in rule. Ms. Rasmussen discussed her concerns with having a status of "Accreditation with Distinction", and that it does not have a place in the definition in the Constitution of "basic quality public education".

Vice Chair Susie Hedalen asked Dr. Murgel if the "Blue Ribbon School", which is a national federal recognition could be something the state considered. Dr. Murgel answered that it could be.

Ms. Jane Hamman asked clarifying questions of Dr. Murgel regarding the Blue Ribbon Status and asked what the timeline is for continuing to revise this section.

Ms. McCall Flynn answered that this current revision needs to be finalized by March but that this specific section could be pulled out and looked at more closely in the future.

No further discussion. Motion passed with Ms. Jane Hamman dissenting.

Without objection direct Board staff to respond to Comments 46 and 49 based on previous Board action.

10.55.702 LICENSURE AND DUTIES OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR – DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

Without objection direct board staff to respond to Comment 57, as the duties currently listed in 10.55.702 are very similar to those stipulated in 20-4-402, MCA.

10.55.703 LICENSURE AND DUTIES OF SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Dr. Tim Tharp moved that the Board agree with Comment 58 and revert back to the original language in 10.55.703, while still including the internship changes in (1)(b), and the additional language in the last sentence, which would read, “(3) The principal shall carry out the district’s policies and procedures, provide instructional leadership and be responsible for the effective day-to-day operation of the school, including the management of finances, materials, and human resources to maximize student learning outcomes.” Motion seconded by Ms. Tammy Lacey.

Dr. Rob Watson thanked the Board for taking the time to work on this section and aligning with national standards.

Ms. Tammy Lacey commented on the work the Accreditation Committee did on this section.

No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

10.55.712 CLASS SIZE: ELEMENTARY

Dr. Tim Tharp moved to agree with comment 77 and respond accordingly to comments 75 and 76. Motion seconded by Ms. Tammy Lacey.

Public comment from Ms. Amanda Curtis, MFPE, thanked the Board for their work and urged the Board to not change this rule and to retain the ratio currently in rule.

Clarifying question on background check from Vice Chair Susie Hedalen.

No further discussion. Board members Keith, Quinlan, Hamman, Tharp voted yes. Board members Lacey, Hedalen, Rasmussen voted no.

Motion passes.

10.55.714 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Dr. Tim Tharp moved to agree with comment 78 to include “and staff”. Motion seconded by Vice Chair Susie Hedalen.

Point of clarification from Ms. Tammy Lacey that this section pertains to professional development for staff.

Point of clarification from Chair Madalyn Quinlan that the language aligns with the “district graduate profile” language.

Comments from Ms. Tammy Lacey and Vice Chair Susie Hedalen that providing professional development to staff is important.

Dr. Tim Tharp discussed the training regarding mental health and encourages schools to add this for their staff.

No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Without objection direct Board staff to respond to comment 79 accordingly.

10.55.715 INSTRUCTIONAL PARAPROFESSIONALS: QUALIFICATIONS AND SUPERVISION

Dr. Tim Tharp moved to agree with comment 80. Motion seconded by Ms. Tammy Lacey.

Public comment from Deputy Superintendent Allen.

Ms. Renee Rasmussen noted this would affect Emergency Authorizations which uses non licensed teachers.

Dr. Tim Tharp amended his motion to disagree with comment 80. Motion seconded by Vice Chair Susie Hedalen.

Ms. Tammy Lacey asked for clarification from the Education Associations.

Comments from Ms. Anne Keith regarding the intent of the proposals.

Dr. Rob Watson noted that the proposal is simply to clarify the resource.

Ms. Tammy Lacey noted that sideboards might be important.

No further discussion. Motion passed with Board members Keith and Lacey dissenting.

Without objection direct Board staff to respond to comment 81 accordingly.

10.55.716 SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

Without objection direct Board staff to respond to comment 82 accordingly.

10.55.717 ASSIGNMENT OF PERSONS PROVIDING INSTRUCTION TO BRAILLE STUDENTS

Without objection direct Board staff to respond to comment 83 accordingly.

10.55.718 ASSIGNMENT OF PERSONS PROVIDING SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETING FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE DEAF OR HARD OF HEARING

Without objection direct Board staff to respond to comment 84 accordingly.

10.55.721 HAZARD AND EMERGENCY PLANS

Dr. Tim Tharp moved to agree with comment 85. Motion seconded by Ms. Tammy Lacey.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Without objection direct Board staff to respond to comment 86 accordingly.

10.55.801 SCHOOL CLIMATE

Without objection direct Board staff to respond to comment 87 accordingly.

10.55.802 OPPORTUNITY AND EDUCATIONAL EQUITY

Dr. Tim Tharp moved to agree with comment 88. Motion seconded by Ms. Tammy Lacey.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

10.55.803 LEARNER ACCESS

Dr. Tim Tharp moved to agree with comment 89. Motion seconded by Ms. Tammy Lacey.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

10.55.804 GIFTED AND TALENTED

Without objection direct Board staff to respond to comment 90 accordingly.

10.55.901 BASIC EDUCATION PROGRAM: ELEMENTARY

Without objection direct Board staff to respond to comment 91 accordingly.

10.55.902 BASIC EDUCATION PROGRAM: MIDDLE GRADES

Dr. Tharp called for Board discussion prior to making a motion. Ms. Anne Keith noted her objection to the proposed rule. Vice Chair Susie Hedalen noted that during the student panel the previous day the students noted that CTE courses are important to students and their mental health. Ms. Renee Rasmussen noted that rural schools struggle to find qualified teachers for elective courses especially in the middle grades. Dr. Tharp concurred with the comments that elective courses are important to students.

Dr. Tim Tharp moved to agree with comment 92 to not make the proposed changes and revert back to the original elective offerings. Motion seconded by Ms. Tammy Lacey.

Public comment from Ms. Moffie Funk, former middle school teacher, expressed her gratitude to the Board at not accepting the proposed revisions.

Public comment from Dr. Murgel, OPI, noted that this was a major component for the Negotiated Rulemaking Committee who also received a lot of public comment, but decided to create flexibility for schools to align courses with the interest of students.

Mr. Michael Ruybalid, spoke in opposition to the proposed revisions, and thanked the Board for agreeing with all the commenters who opposed the proposal.

Deputy Superintendent Sharyl Allen spoke in support of the proposed revisions.

Ms. Anne Keith asked how the language saying “minimum of 3 electives” is not a reduction from the previous language that stated 5 electives must be offered. Deputy Allen spoke to that question stating that choice was built in, nothing was eliminated.

Ms. Amanda Curtis, MFPE, noted that she has spoken with rural teachers who feel strongly that the current language in rule be retained.

Ms. Renee Rasmussen noted that the current rule says to “maintain 5 programs”, not 5 electives. The new language requires that three classes be offered, but not maintain 5 programs. Ms. Rasmussen noted that the proposed revisions do offer schools flexibility and that she will vote in favor of the proposed language.

Ms. Tammy Lacey read through the proposed language and expressed her concerns.

Ms. Jane Hamman noted that this section is written poorly and would like to rewrite it so that everyone agrees.

Chair Madalyn Quinlan noted that she is a strong supporter of electives and will support a motion to not accept the changes.

No further discussion. Motion passes with members Hedalen, Hamman, Rasmussen dissenting.

Dr. Tim Tharp moved to agree with comment 93. Motion seconded by Ms. Renee Rasmussen.

Chair Madalyn Quinlan noted this is also important for school funding.

No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Tim Tharp moved to disagree with comment 94 and stated that schools can and already do offer native languages as part of their elective offerings. Motion seconded by Ms. Tammy Lacey.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Without objection direct Board staff to respond to comment 95 based on previous Board action.

10.55.904 BASIC EDUCATION PROGRAM OFFERINGS: HIGH SCHOOL

Dr. Tharp offered the opportunity for Dr. McLean to speak on the requested revisions from the Montana University System. Dr. McLean highlighted the requested revisions from the Montana University System, specifically the recommendation to add FAFSA completion as a course requirement.

Dr. Tim Tharp moved to agree with comment 96. Motion seconded by Ms. Jane Hamman.

Ms. Renee Rasmussen noted that while she agrees this is important, she will vote against the motion because it requires schools to create new programs.

Discussion ensued on where this is best assigned, whether in the Content Standards or in another section of Chapter 55.

Chair Madalyn Quinlan noted that she will not support the motion.

No further discussion. Motion failed with Board member Tharp voting in favor.

10.55.905 GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Dr. Tim Tharp moved to agree with comments 97 and 99 and direct Board staff to respond to comment 98 accordingly. Motion seconded by Ms. Tammy Lacey. Public comment from Ms. Amanda Curtis, MFPE, thanking the Board for working on this.

Vice Chair Hedalen asked Dr. Murgel if there was any work done in researching offering ½ unit of financial literacy. Dr. Murgel answered there was.

Dr. McLean noted that other states have moved in the direction of requiring FAFSA completion for a graduation requirement, and that MUS purposefully did not go that far, but offered that if this does not pass today, she would offer creating a task force or work group to further discuss this issue and provide clear direction. Chair Madalyn Quinlan specified this motion is regarding ½ unit of financial literacy.

No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Tim Tharp moved to disagree with comment 100. Motion seconded by Ms. Tammy Lacey.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Without objection direct Board staff to respond to comments 101 and 102 based on previous Board action.

10.55.906 HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT

Dr. Tim Tharp moved to agree with comment 103. Motion seconded by Ms. Tammy Lacey.

Ms. Tammy Lacey expressed her appreciation of the revisions.

No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

10.55.907 DISTANCE, ONLINE, AND TECHNOLOGY-DELIVERED LEARNING

Dr. Tim Tharp moved to partially agree with Comment 104 to retain the current language in (3), change “accredited” to “approved”, and update the ARM reference to 10.57.102. Motion seconded by Ms. Tammy Lacey.

Public comment from Dr. Julie Murgel, OPI, clarifying this would be in alignment with the Chapter 58 revisions.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Tim Tharp moved agree with comments 105 and 106. Motion seconded by Ms. Tammy Lacey.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

10.55.908 SCHOOL FACILITIES

Without objection direct Board staff to respond to comments 107 accordingly.

Dr. Tim Tharp moved to agree with comment 108. Motion seconded by Vice Chair Susie Hedalen.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

10.55.1001 PROGRAM STANDARDS

Without objection direct Board staff to respond to comments 109 accordingly.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Dr. Tim Tharp moved to disagree with comment 110. Motion seconded by Ms. Renee Rasmussen.

Public comment from Ms. Jenny Murnane-Butcher, MOFE, encouraging the Board to be aware that this is a problem and should be addressed in the future.

Vice Chair Susie Hedalen noted this is a difficult issue and recruiting Special Education teachers is difficult and teachers do have high caseloads.

Dr. Tim Tharp stated that he agrees with the spirit of the comment but not all Special Education students' needs are the same. Some students require full time care, and some only need a few hours per week.

Ms. Tammy Lacey agrees with the comments, supports Special Education teachers, and tried to see if there was a way to create flexibility but could not come up with anything. She will vote for the motion and encourages all school districts to meet the standards.

Ms. Renee Rasmussen noted the difficulty with this issue but will vote for the motion because more flexibility is needed for teachers to become Special Education teachers.

Vice Chair Susie Hedalen noted that other states separate out Special Education pay metrics.

No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Tim Tharp moved to agree with comment 111. Motion seconded by Ms. Tammy Lacey.

Ms. Tammy Lacey noted the reasons the Accreditation Committee agreed with the comments.

No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Without objection direct Board staff to respond to comments 112 and 113 accordingly.

RECONSIDERATION

The Board reviewed language in New Rule II and discussed the possibility of adding "FAFSA completion" in (vii).

Dr. Tim Tharp moved amend New Rule II to add language regarding FAFSA completion and apprenticeship opportunities. Motion seconded by Vice Chair Susie Hedalen.

Deputy Superintendent Allen asked for clarification of the language.

Dr. McLean expressed to the Board her appreciation for the revisions.

Dr. Ron Slinger noted that FAFSA completion should not be a graduation requirement because there are families who refuse to share their financial information.

No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Keith asked for clarification of the motion and vote for comment 77 in 10.55.712.

Ms. Anne Keith moved to reconsider action related to comments 75, 76, and 77. Motion seconded by Ms. Tammy Lacey.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued on the reconsideration and potential revised language. Chair Madalyn Quinlan noted that the Board will again review the proposed revisions from the Superintendent.

Ms. Tammy Lacey moved to agree with comment 75 and disagree with comments 76 and 77. Motion seconded by Vice Chair Susie Hedalen.

Ms. Renee Rasmussen noted that she likes the language in 77 but voted no because she didn't like the removal of the hours.

Ms. Tammy Lacey amended her motion to partially agree with comment 75 which removes the 1 ½ hours per day per student overload, agree with comment 77, and disagree with comment 76 to read: "(5) The school district must assign qualified human resources that comply with all fingerprint and background check requirements when exceeding maximum class sizes at a rate of 1 ½ hours per day, per student overload". Motion seconded by Ms. Renee Rasmussen.

Public comment from Ms. Amanda Curtis, MFPE, opposing the motion eliminating instructional aides.

No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Amanda Curtis requested a correction of the public record related to public comment from MFPE in 10.55.709.

❖ **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – Madalyn Quinlan (Item 24)**

Item 24

**RECOGNITION OF EXITING BOARD MEMBER
Madalyn Quinlan**

Chair Quinlan expressed her appreciation for Ms. Tammy Lacey and her service on the Board and to public education in Montana. Other Board members expressed their appreciation for Ms. Lacey, for her thoroughness, and as a role model for others.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – March 9-10, 2023

Assessment Update

Federal Update

Accreditation Report

Annual School Food Services Report

MACIE Update

Approval of MSDB School Calendar

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment from Ms. Jenny Murnane-Butcher, MOFE, spoke regarding the bill draft eliminating CSPAC and encourage the Board to be aware of this bill.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 PM.

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