

BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION **MEETING AGENDA**

July 13-15, 2022
Montana State Capitol Building, Room 152
Helena, MT

Wednesday, July 13, 2022

3:00 PM

STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION – (INFORMATION) – Tammy Lacey

Chair Lacey called the meeting to order at 3:23 PM and welcomed guests.

Board members present: Ms. Tammy Lacey, Chair; Ms. Madalyn Quinlan, Vice Chair; Ms. Renee Rasmussen; Dr. Tim Tharp; Ms. Jane Hamman; Ms. Anne Keith; Ms. Susie Hedalen; Mr. Charles Fox, Student Representative; Dr. Angela McLean, Commissioner of Higher Education Office. Staff present: Ms. McCall Flynn, Executive Director; Ms. Kris Stockton, Administrative Specialist; Ms. Julie Balsam, Accounting Technician. Guests: Ms. Moffie Funk; Ms. Barbara Brown, CSPAC member; Ms. Hannah Nieskens, CSPAC member.

DISCUSSION ON CONSTITUTIONAL PLAYERS MEETING OUTCOMES

Chair Lacey recapped the June 6th, 2022, meeting of the Constitutional Players which met to discuss education in Montana. The group included members of the Board of Public Education, Board of Regents, Montana School Boards Association, Governor's Office, Office of Public Instruction, and Legislators. The Chair reviewed and the Board discussed the 8-bullet points that Representative Bedey shared during the meeting. Board member Hamman discussed the one-page document she wrote which would establish School Resource Regions to aid schools.

AGENDA FORMAT DISCUSSION

The Board discussed the current set up of the agenda including likes and dislikes of the current format, and possible revisions. Ms. Flynn reviewed conversations she had with the Montana School Boards Association and Legislative Services Division discussing how they advise their members and committees when drafting agendas.

CSPAC AUTHORITY

The Board reviewed the legal analysis from Ms. Katherine Orr, Agency Legal Services, on the duties and statutory authority of the Certification Standards and Practices Advisory Council. The Board discussed what, if any, action should be taken on the Code of Ethics, and what that process might look like.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments regarding the Code of Ethics from Ms. Hannah Nieskens, CSPAC member and Ms. Diane Fladmo, Montana Federation of Public Employees.

Thursday July 14, 2022

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. The Chair read the Statement of Public Participation and welcomed guests.

Board members present: Ms. Tammy Lacey, Chair; Ms. Madalyn Quinlan, Vice Chair; Dr. Tim Tharp; Ms. Renee Rasmussen; Ms. Anne Keith; Ms. Jane Hamman; Ms. Susie Hedalen; Mr. Charles Fox, Student Representative. Ex-officio members: Dr. Angela McLean, Commissioner of Higher Education Office; Superintendent of Public Instruction Elsie Arntzen. Staff present: Ms. McCall Flynn, Executive Director; Ms. Kris Stockton, Administrative Specialist; Ms. Julie Balsam, Accounting Technician.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment from Mr. Brandon Sorlie, Kooth, regarding public education in Montana and the need for mental health services for students in Montana.

CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Renee Rasmussen moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Ms. Jane Hamman seconded the motion.

Question from Dr. Tharp regarding financials.

No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

ADOPT AGENDA

Ms. Madalyn Quinlan moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Ms. Jane Hamman.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION (CONT.) – (INFORMATION) – Tammy Lacey

REVIEW STRATEGIC PLAN

The Board reviewed the Strategic Plan and discussed possible revisions to the plan moving forward.

REVIEW BYLAWS

Ms. Flynn discussed a review of the Bylaws by Ms. Bea Kaleva who recommended several changes. The Board discussed the memo from the Governor’s Education Policy Advisor regarding suggestions to the Board Bylaws from the Governor’s Office. A final version of the Bylaws will be presented for Action at the September Board meeting.

COMMITTEE PREFERENCES

The Chair requested members review the list and communicate with Ms. Flynn on their committee preferences.

*****TIME CERTAIN AT 9:30 AM*****

❖ **LICENSURE COMMITTEE – Madalyn Quinlan (Items 1-2)**

Item 1 HEARING ON BPE CASE #2020-10, SANTALA – (ACTION)

Tara Harris, Counsel for the Office of Public Instruction

Ms. Quinlan opened the item introducing Ms. Caitlin Buzzas, Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, Ms. Tara Harris, attorney for OPI, and Mr. Andy Huff, attorney for Mr. Santala. Ms. Buzzas asked all parties to go on record as being present. Mr. Huff introduced witnesses for Mr. Santala. Mr. Huff requested the hearing to be closed due to discussion of confidential employment, criminal, and medical records. The Chair ordered the hearing to go into Executive Session.

Hearing moved to Executive Session at 9:38 am.

Open session at 12:13 pm.

Ms. Madalyn Quinlan moved that the board concur that Mr. Santala’s conduct constituted immoral conduct and as a consequence, the Board issue a letter of reprimand and enter into a stipulated agreement with Mr. Santala to submit a letter to the Board at his next renewal in 2024, and subsequent renewals in 2029 and 2034. If, under any circumstances, Mr. Santala violates the list of items considered immoral conduct in 10.57.601A(1)(b) and (c) Mr. Santala will self-report or, if the Board becomes aware of any conviction, that Mr. Santala surrender his license, or the Board will revoke his license. Dr. Tharp seconded the motion.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 2 PRESENTATION AND ACTION ON STIPULATION AGREEMENT IN BPE CASE #2018-12, OELKERS – (ACTION)

Tara Harris, Counsel for the Office of Public Instruction

Ms. Tara Harris, attorney for OPI, reviewed the background of BPE Case #2018-12, Oelkers. Ms. Harris noted that a stipulated agreement has been agreed upon and signed by all parties. Ms. Harris reviewed the stipulated agreement for the Board. Ms. Hedalen and Dr. Tharp noted they worked at the OPI when the initial complaint was received and will abstain from voting.

Ms. Madalyn Quinlan moved to approve the stipulated agreement in BPE Case #2018-12, Oelkers, and dismiss the revocation request by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Ms. Keith seconded the motion.

Chair Lacey thanked everyone for their work.

No discussion. Motion passed.

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET REQUESTS

This item was continued from the Strategic Planning session during the morning. Ms. Flynn reviewed the budget requests the Board staff have submitted to the Office of Budget and Program Planning for the 2025 Biennium. Ms. Flynn answered Board member questions.

INFORMATION ITEMS

❖ REPORTS – Tammy Lacey (Items 3-8)

Item 3 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Tammy Lacey

Ms. Lacey directed Board members to the Board packet and the information provided there for her report.

Item 4 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

McCall Flynn

Ms. Flynn updated the Board on the work she has been involved with for the Chapter 55 Task Force, the Chapter 55 Negotiated Rulemaking committee, the Montana Alternative Student Testing (MAST) Task Force, and the revisions to Chapter 58.

ACTION Item:

- **ACTION on CSPAC District Trustee Position**

Ms. Flynn discussed the interviews she facilitated which were conducted by the Chair and Vice Chair of the Board and the Chair and Vice Chair of CSPAC for the three applicants for the CSPAC Trustee Position. Chair Lacey thanked Ms. Flynn for setting up the process and answered Board member questions regarding the interviews.

Ms. Madalyn Quinlan moved to select Jill Rocksund for the Trustee Position to CSPAC. Ms. Jane Hamman seconded the motion.

Ms. Quinlan discussed Ms. Rocksund's application and her experience.

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

Item 5 STATE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

State Superintendent Elsie Arntzen

Superintendent Arntzen gave her report to the Board highlighting the Constitutional Players meeting in June, implementation of the new Chapter 57 rules, the new licensing system in place effective June 1st, a teacher mentor program for students in their final year of teacher education, and an update on the Chapter 55 Accreditation Standards. The Superintendent answered Board member questions. Chair Lacey announced that the Board will discuss the Superintendent's Shared Goals for OPI and the Board at the September Board meeting.

Item 6 COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION'S REPORT

Dr. Angela McLean

Dr. McLean welcomed new Student Representative Charles Fox to the Board and passed out "Apply Montana" t-shirts to all the Board members. Dr. McLean updated the Board on projects at the Commissioner of Higher Education's Office including an update on the American Indian and Minority Achievement (AIMA) department, MUS College Access Portal, Statewide ACT, Educator Recruitment and Retention efforts, the Dual Enrollment Summit, and a new grant-Montana's Future at Work. Dr. McLean answered Board member questions.

Item 7 GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORT

Dylan Klapmeier

The Governor's Office was absent from the meeting but provided a 2-page document that is included in the packet.

Item 8 STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Charles Fox

Mr. Fox introduced himself to the Board and gave his report discussing goals he has for his year on the Board including gathering student opinion on topics the Board is discussing, a possible student panel discussion at a future Board meeting, creating a system to teach students what the Board is doing, and a process for students to provide input to Mr. Fox that he will report to the Board.

❖ **MSDB LIAISON – Tammy Lacey (Item 9)**

Item 9 MSDB REPORT – (INFORMATION)

Paul Furthmyre

Mr. Furthmyre gave his report to the Board noting that the Visually Impaired Camp is underway on campus this week. He also highlighted building projects at the school, personnel updates, and continuing efforts to recruit interpreters.

ACTION ITEMS:

Ms. Renee Rasmussen moved to approve the Personnel Actions for the MSDB as listed in the packet. Motion seconded by Ms. Anne Keith.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Renee Rasmussen moved to approve MSDB Policy 4301 – Visitors to School and Residential Facilities. Motion seconded by Ms. Madalyn Quinlan.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Renee Rasmussen moved to approve the MHS A 2022-2023 Dues for the MSDB. Motion seconded by Ms. Susie Hedalen.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Furthmyre concluded his report by reviewing the MSDB Legislative Budget Requests and projects underway on campus including the phone upgrade, asbestos abatement, and the new lighting project.

❖ **MACIE LIAISON – Susie Hedalen (Item 10)**

Item 10 MACIE REPORT – (INFORMATION)

Jennifer Smith

Ms. Hedalen opened the item and turned the report over to Ms. Jennifer Smith, Chair of MACIE. Ms. Smith requested Board approval of Ms. Hilary Gourneau to MACIE and briefly described her background.

Ms. Susie Hedalen moved to approve the nomination to MACIE for Hilary Gourneau. Ms. Madalyn Quinlan seconded the motion.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Susie Hedalen moved to approve the American Indian Regalia Protections Resolution. Ms. Renee Rasmussen seconded the motion.

Ms. Hedalen thanked the MACIE members for their hard work on the resolution and thanked the Board for approving the resolution. The Chair asked Mr. Fox, as the Student Representative, if this is something that could be shared with the State Student Council, and he agreed to do so.

No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Smith reported that MACIE has been working with the Superintendent on Native American dropout and graduation rates, and to define "rigorous action" in reference to Native American students. Ms. Smith announced that a new Chair of MACIE will be elected at the next meeting, as she will be retiring, and thanked the Board for their work with MACIE.

❖ **ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE – Anne Keith (Item 11)**

Item 11 ASSESSMENT REPORT (INFORMATION)

Ashley McGrath

Ms. McGrath updated the Board on the Montana Alternative Summative Testing (MAST) project, the project timeline, schedule of meetings, and what will occur in each phase of the project. Ms. McGrath answered Board member questions.

❖ LICENSURE COMMITTEE – Madalyn Quinlan (Items 12-13)

Item 12 ACTION ON 2022-2023 CAEP MOU – (ACTION)

Dr. Julie Murgel

Dr. Julie Murgel presented the CAEP MOU for the Board's approval for the 2022-2023 year. Dr. Murgel answered Board member questions.

Ms. Madalyn Quinlan moved to approve the 2022-2023 CAEP MOU. Motion seconded by Ms. Jane Hamman.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 13 WORK SESSION OF SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS TO ARM TITLE 10, CHAPTER 58, EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS – (ACTION)

Madalyn Quinlan

Ms. Madalyn Quinlan discussed the process for the review of Chapter 58. Ms. Quinlan reviewed a document referencing corrections and areas of inconsistency between the recommendations and the draft notice. The document makes note of grammatical corrections and punctuation errors and directs Board staff to correct the errors in the draft Notice of Public Hearing for approval the following day. Changes were made to wording in other areas for ease of read and flow of the document. The Board discussed the deletions of the words "ethics", "ethical", "equity", "equality", and discussed whether to keep or delete those words.

Ms. Renee Rasmussen moved to direct Board staff to make minor editing corrections. Motion seconded by

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chad Johnson, Superintendent of Hardin Public Schools gave public comment to the Board.

RECESS

The Board recessed at 5:26 pm.

Friday July 15, 2022

8:30 AM

CALL TO ORDER

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❖ EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – Tammy Lacey (Items 14-19)

Item 14 ACTION ON CSPAC AUTHORITY – (ACTION)

Tammy Lacey

The Chair recapped the discussion on Wednesday between the Board and the Certification Standards and Practices Advisory Council (CSPAC) regarding their statutory authority. At that time, CSPAC members explained the process the Council used to revise the Montana Educator Code of Ethics and reasons the revisions were made. It was noted that the Code is an aspirational document of how teachers should behave in the classroom, with students, with parents, and with the community, but is not a set of curriculums to be taught in the classroom. It was agreed that the Code should not be placed in Administrative Rule or have any legal consequences. The Board discussed how the Code is being used in the Educator Performance Appraisal System (EPAS), which is a widely used, optional, free, evaluation tool offered through OPI for districts to use for their teacher evaluations. A discussion ensued about requesting OPI remove the Code from EPAS, but that requesting the Code be removed from EPAS does not mean removing any requirements for ethical behavior for teachers. Local districts still could use the Code of Ethics, or any Code of Ethics, for their local district policy if they choose.

Ms. Renee Rasmussen moved to reaffirm that CSPAC is an Advisory Council to the Board of Public Education, charged with studying and making recommendations to the Board of Public Education regarding establishing standards of professional practice and ethical conduct, as was stated in their 2020-2021 Annual Report, and does not have the ability to set policy. Any changes to the Code of Ethics must be reported and acknowledged annually by the Board and be accepted by the full Board. Ms. Madalyn Quinlan seconded the motion.

Public comment from Mr. Kelly Elder, Chair of CSPAC.

Question from Dr. Tharp about whether there needs to be discussion about the Code of Ethics and how it is being used. The Chair directed Ms. Flynn to work with the CSPAC subcommittee to provide more information in the Code of Ethics document.

Question of clarification on the motion from Ms. Hamman.

Ms. Hedalen thanked the CSPAC members for their work and discussion during the Joint meeting on Wednesday, and that their work was thoughtful and took time. Ms. Hedalen noted her respect for the work and for the Council.

No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Chair Lacey noted that this was the discussion she had envisioned the Board having in March, with action in May, and that it took a lawsuit to do so.

Dr. Tharp moved to direct Ms. Flynn to request OPI remove the reference to the Code of Ethics in Domain 4 of EPAS. Ms. Anne Keith seconded the motion.

Ms. Quinlan asked that Ms. Flynn include in the request the discussion about letting local districts determine what, if any Code of Ethics, is used.

Ms. Rasmussen noted that districts can use the Code of Ethics but that must be a local decision.

No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 15 FINANCIAL LITERACY PRESENTATION – (INFORMATION)

Mike Paffhausen, State Farm; Dr. Carly Urban, Associate Professor of Economics, MSU; Jody Sandru, Teacher; Carl Shaw, Student

Mr. Mike Paffhausen, State Farm Insurance Agent, opened the discussion on Financial Literacy in schools and efforts underway to establish a program for high school students. Dr. Carly Urban, MSU, gave a presentation on what states have stand-alone personal finance/financial literacy courses, what schools are offering courses in Montana, and how other schools deliver similar instruction in other capacities. Ms. Sandru, teacher at Twin Bridges High School, discussed the financial literacy course she teaches. Mr. Carl Shaw, former Twin Bridges HS student, spoke about what he learned from taking Ms. Sandru's high school course. Mr. Paffhausen concluded the presentation by summarizing the data surrounding the importance of financial literacy, and the need for students to be financially literate.

Item 16 ACTION ON SEAL OF BILITERACY RECOMMENDATION – (ACTION)

McCall Flynn

Ms. Flynn discussed the process and the work done to date by the Seal of Biliteracy Advisory Committee, noting that today's action will complete the work on establishing the Seal, but that word still needs to get out to schools and the education community that this option is available for students. Additional work will need to be done with the Office of Public Instruction as well. Board members offered ways to communicate and disseminate information to the education community. Concerns were voiced over where the seal should be retained permanently. Dr. McLean made comments thanking the Board staff for their work on getting the group together. Ms. Hedalen echoed those comments.

Ms. Anne Keith moved to accept the Montana Seal of Biliteracy and direct the Board staff to work with the Office of Public Instruction to develop materials and procedures for awarding the Seal of Biliteracy. Motion seconded by Ms. Jane Hamman.

Mr. Fox noted that students and teachers in Helena are excited for this new opportunity.

No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 17 ANNUAL SPECIAL EDUCATION REPORT – (INFORMATION)

Jessie Counts

Ms. Jessie Counts reviewed the Annual Special Education Report highlighting Differentiated Monitoring, ESSER funds specific to Special Education, and the percentage of Special Education students per enrollment. Ms. Counts answered Board member questions.

Item 18 **INDIAN EDUCATION FOR ALL UPDATE AND REPORT – (INFORMATION)**
Zach Hawkins

Mr. Hawkins presented an update to the Board on Indian Education for All. Mr. Hawkins highlighted professional development courses available, the Indian Education for All course for educators, the state Indian Education for All Conference, grants received, and initiatives and events scheduled for the next year. Mr. Hawkins answered Board member questions.

Item 19 **FEDERAL PROGRAMS REPORT – (INFORMATION)**
Wendi Fawns, Carrie Kouba

Ms. Carrie Kouba and Ms. Wendi Fawns, OPI, gave the Federal Programs report to the Board. Ms. Kouba discussed the e-grants tour across the state, and the American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding for Homeless Youth Grants given, highlighted how the money has been expended to date, and what remains to be expended. Ms. Fawns updated the Board on the Elementary and Secondary Schools Education Relief (ESSER) funding and the ARP funding. Ms. Fawns reviewed the expenditure of funds to date and that it is expected expenditures will be completed by the deadline. Ms. Fawns answered Board member questions. Mr. Jay Philips, CFO at OPI answered Board member questions regarding the unspent federal funds. Ms. Fawns discussed new hirings at the OPI who will work with schools to ensure the federal funds are spent and to assist schools on applying for available funds.

❖ **ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE – Susie Hedalen (Items 20-22)**

Item 20 **ACCREDITATION DEVIATION ANALYSIS REPORT – (INFORMATION)**
Ellery Bresler

Ms. Bresler reviewed the Deviation Analysis Report for the Board and answered Board member questions.

Item 21 **ACCREDITATION OF DISTRICTS FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR – (ACTION)**
Ellery Bresler

Ms. Bresler explained the updated Executive Summary the Board received and discussed the revised Accreditation Plan for the 2022-2023 school year. Schools will be back on a regular accreditation status after maintaining status from 2020 due to COVID-19. Ms. Bresler and Dr. Julie Murgel answered Board member questions. Dr. Murgel explained and clarified the action being requested by OPI for the upcoming school year accreditation process. The process is being “restarted” from year one since statuses were on hold due to COVID-19.

Ms. Susie Hedalen moved to restart the number of consecutive years for deviations such that each deviation will be considered year one on the “accreditation status criteria guide”. Ms. Madalyn Quinlan seconded the motion

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Susie Hedalen moved to approve the federal LEA plan required by all school districts who received ARP-ESSER funds as the continuous school improvement plan for 2022-2023. Ms. Renee Rasmussen seconded the motion.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion clarifying that the first motion is waiving ARM 10.55.605 for this year to reset all schools back to their status prior to COVID-19 considering the Board previously approved maintaining school accreditation status due to COVID-19.

Ms. Susie Hedalen moved to approve the Student Performance Assessment Results from the 2021-2022 school year for the Student Performance Standards. Ms. Jane Hamman seconded the motion.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 22 **CHAPTER 55 UPDATE – (INFORMATION)**
Dr. Julie Murgel

Dr. Julie Murgel updated the Board on the most recent status of the revisions to Chapter 55, Accreditation Standards. The final meeting is taking place today to finalize the process of reviewing the full Chapter. Thirteen rules are not being changed; 45 rules are being changed. The Superintendent is also recommending 5 new rules be added to the Accreditation Standards. Consensus has been reached on 49 of the 50 rules and the final rule is under review. Statute requires an Economic Impact Statement be completed, and a draft has been completed via surveys that were sent out from the Office of Public Instruction. There were 652 responses received on the first survey, and 128 responses were received on the second survey. The Economic Impact Statement will be assembled and sent to Ms. Flynn for the Board’s review. An attachment will be sent along with the redlines of the rule revisions, group members, and the survey questions. The Chair noted that Ms. Flynn has received some of the information but that the Chair requested the information not be sent to the Board until all pieces were finalized. The Chair stated that on August 15th the Board will meet for a half day meeting to review the recommendations for the Chapter 55 revisions.

❖ LICENSURE COMMITTEE – Madalyn Quinlan (Item 23)

Item 23

REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PERTAINING TO THE AMENDMENT OF ARM TITLE 10, CHAPTER 58, EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS, AND AUTHORIZE FILING OF THE NOTICE WITH THE SOS FOR PUBLICATION IN THE MONTANA ADMINISTRATIVE REGISTER – (ACTION)

Madalyn Quinlan

Ms. Quinlan thanked Ms. Flynn for updating the Chapter 58 draft notice overnight, and after the previous full day of meetings. Ms. Flynn reviewed the revisions she made for the Board and asked for feedback. It was noted that punctuation and grammar were not changed overnight, and Ms. Flynn asked the Board to please review for grammatical and editing changes and to send any edits to her by July 20. Ms. Quinlan asked Ms. Flynn to review the hearing date of August 23rd. Ms. Hamman asked that all the hearing and public comment dates and timelines be listed on the Board website. The Board thanked Ms. Flynn for her work on the document.

Ms. Madalyn Quinlan moved to approve the Notice of Public Hearing pertaining to the revisions to ARM Title 10, Chapter 58, Educator Preparation Programs. Ms. Renee Rasmussen seconded the motion.

Dr. Julie Murgel offered public comment on behalf of the Superintendent that if the words “ethics” and “ethical conduct” are contained in the rule, that those words be defined. The Chair noted that the Superintendent can formally make those comments written during the public comment period.

Ms. Hamman noted a few areas on which she will note corrections to be sent to Ms. Flynn.

Chair Lacey thanked everyone for their work.

No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – September 14-15, 2022

Election of Board Officers
Set Yearly Board Meeting Calendar - C
Set Annual Agenda Calendar – C
BPE Goal Review – C
MACIE Update
Digital Academy Update
Assessment Update
Federal Update
MACIE Renewal (Even Years)
MSDB Superintendent Evaluation – preview
OPI Staffing Report
Annual HiSet Report

PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments from Dr. Tharp that the Board is here for students and their mental health and announced that the new Suicide Prevention Hotline 9-8-8 number is now live for anyone who needs it.

Request from Ms. Hamman about getting access to the OPI's Teacher Learning HUB and a report on the Learning HUB.

Ms. Rasmussen noted that she logged into the new Teacher Licensing System to record Professional Development Units and it was very seamless and easy.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 12:42 pm.

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