

# BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

July 16-18, 2025  
Montana School Boards Association  
863 Great Northern Blvd  
Helena, MT

**Wednesday, July 16, 2025**  
**2:00PM**

## **CALL TO ORDER – 00:14:34**

Chair Tharp called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM. The Chair led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance and Ms. Kris Stockton took Roll Call. The Chair read the Statement of Public Participation and welcomed guests.

Board members: Dr. Tim Tharp, Chair; Dr. Ron Slinger, Vice Chair; Ms. Madalyn Quinlan; Dr. Hannah Nieskens; Ms. Lisa Schmidt; Ms. Julia Maxwell; Ms. Renee Rasmussen. Ex Officio member: State Superintendent Susie Hedalen, Office of Public Instruction (OPI). Staff: Ms. McCall Flynn, Executive Director; Ms. Kris Stockton, Administrative Specialist; Ms. Julie Balsam, Accounting Technician; Ms. Cathy Kincheloe, Director of Planning, Community Choice Schools Commission. Guests: Ms. Jordann Lankford Forster, Chair, Montana Advisory Council on Indian Education (MACIE); Dr. Julie Murgel, OPI; Ms. Lindsay Mahoney, OPI; Mr. Michael Dolson, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes; Ms. Iris Killeagle, Little Shell Tribe; Ms. Norma Bixby, Northern Cheyenne Tribe; Ms. Dawn Bishop-Moore, Indian Impact School of Montana; Ms. Calli Rusche-Nicholson, Urban-Billings Representative; Mr. Dugan Coburn, Urban-Great Falls Representative; Mr. Ivan Small; Dr. Brooke Gondara, OPI; Ms. Tyler Capece, OPI; Ms. Shelly Turner, Montana Association of School Business Officials; Dr. Doug Reisig, Montana Quality Education Coalition; Ms. Kim Popham, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE); Ms. Teresa Marchant, MFPE; Mr. Larry Crowder, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA); Ms. Emily Dean, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA); Dr. Rob Watson, School Administrators of Montana (SAM); Mr. Lance Melton, MTSBA; Ms. Kristi Steinberg, University of Montana (UM); Ms. Elizabeth Deshner, MFPE; Ms. Melissa Smith, MFPE; Ms. Kelsie Zitzer; Ms. Aislinn Brown, Chief Legal Counsel, OPI.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT – 00:20:30**

No public comment.

## **ADOPT AGENDA- 00:20:48**

***Board member Quinlan moved to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Board member Rasmussen.***

***No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.***

## **❖ JOINT MACIE MEETING AND TRIBAL CONSULTATION – Julia Maxwell (Items 1-4)**

### **Item 1                      MACIE REPORT – 00:21:20                                     Jordann Lankford Forster**

Ms. Jordann Lankford Forster reviewed the MACIE meeting held prior to the Joint Board and MACIE meeting and answered Board members' questions.

### **Item 2                      REVIEW AND RECEIVE FEEDBACK ON YELLOW KIDNEY SETTLEMENT                                     REQUIREMENTS – 00:25:25                                     McCall Flynn, Members**

Ms. McCall Flynn reviewed the settlement agreement between the Board and the plaintiffs in the Yellow Kidney et al lawsuit and the group discussed complying with and implementing the terms of the settlement.

**Item 3****WORK SESSION ON AMERICAN INDIAN STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND INDIAN EDUCATION FOR ALL FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS – 01:25:29**  
**McCall Flynn, Members, Education Partners**

Ms. McCall Flynn reviewed the recommendations from MACIE to the Board which resulted in draft resolutions related to Indian Education for All and American Indian Student Achievement. Board members and MACIE members provided feedback on the recommendations, implementation of the recommendations, and roadblocks schools experience with accreditation.

**Item 4****EXPLORATION OF RIGOROUS ACTION AND INTENSIVE ASSISTANCE**  
**Dr. Julie Murgel and Lindsay Mahoney – 02:19:44**

Dr. Julie Murgel and Ms. Lindsay Mahoney presented information about Rigorous Action and Intensive Assistance and how the Board and MACIE can help OPI work with schools that struggle with accreditation.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON JOINT MACIE MEETING ITEMS – 03:17:39**

Ms. Dawn Bishop Moore gave public comment on her experience with the Schools of Promise.

**RECESS**

The Board recessed for the day at 5:17 PM.

**Thursday, July 17, 2025**  
**8:30AM****CALL TO ORDER – 00:02:32**

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

Board members: Dr. Tim Tharp, Chair; Dr. Ron Slinger, Vice Chair; Ms. Madalyn Quinlan; Dr. Hannah Nieskens; Ms. Lisa Schmidt; Ms. Julia Maxwell; Ms. Renee Rasmussen. Ex Officio members: Mr. Joe Thiel, Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE); State Superintendent Susie Hedalen, OPI. Staff: Ms. McCall Flynn, Executive Director; Ms. Kris Stockton, Administrative Specialist; Ms. Julie Balsam, Accounting Technician; Ms. Cathy Kincheloe, Director of Planning, Community Choice Schools Commission. Guests: Superintendent Paul Furthmyre, Montana School for the Deaf and Blind (MSDB); Ms. Cedar Rose, OPI; Ms. Crystal Andrews, OPI; Ms. Marie Judisch, OPI; Dr. Julie Murgel, OPI; Mr. Brenton Craggs, OPI; Ms. Tyler Capece, OPI; Ms. Kristi Steinberg, UM; Mr. Larry Crowder, MREA; Ms. Christy Mock-Stutz, OPI; Superintendent Chad Johnson, Livingston Public Schools; Ms. Kim Popham, MFPE; Deputy Superintendent Craig Barringer, OPI; Ms. Katie Bloodgood, OPI; Dr. Rob Watson, SAM.

**CONSENT AGENDA – 00:04:35**

**Vice Chair Slinger moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion seconded by Board member Schmidt.**

***No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.***

**❖ STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION – Dr. Tim Tharp (Item 5)****Item 5****STRATEGIC PLANNING ITEMS – 00:05:05**

Chair Tim Tharp opened the Strategic Planning Session and turned the item over to Ms. McCall Flynn to lead the discussion. Ms. Flynn reviewed proposed revisions to the Bylaws, made comments on the proposed revisions, and offered suggestions for additional revisions. Board members reviewed the current Committee structure and discussed whether any new committees should be created. Members discussed to which committees Board members should be assigned, whether any of the current committees are still needed, and the potential creation of a new Ad Hoc Committee for Artificial Intelligence/Technology. Board members approved meeting dates, locations, and agenda items for 2026. Ms. Flynn reviewed the Montana Open Meeting Laws and the Montana Administrative Procedures Act and answered Board members' questions. Chair Tharp opened the discussion on the Board Strategic Plan and Ms. Flynn reviewed the current plan and statutory requirements for agency Strategic Plans. Members discussed the Strategic Plan, offered potential revisions, and discussed the possibility of using a facilitator to assist the Board with revisions to the Strategic Plan.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT ON STRATEGIC PLANNING ITEMS**

No public comment.

### **❖ REPORTS – Dr. Tim Tharp (Items 6-10)**

#### **Item 6 CHAIRPERSON REPORT - 02:10:53 Dr. Tim Tharp**

Chair Tim Tharp reviewed meetings and conferences he attended since the May Board meeting and answered Board members' questions.

#### **Item 7 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT – 02:17:12 McCall Flynn**

Ms. McCall Flynn reviewed meetings and conferences she attended since the May Board meeting, reviewed work related to Early Literacy and Early Numeracy, Public Charter Schools, and answered Board members' questions.

#### **Item 8 STATE SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – 02:22:54 State Superintendent Susie Hedalen**

Superintendent Susie Hedalen thanked the Board and staff for the previous day's joint meeting with MACIE to discuss Indian Education and support MACIE's work. The Superintendent discussed Federal funding the OPI received and discussions the OPI had with Senator Daines to expedite additional funding to Montana. The Superintendent gave an update on OPI staffing and reviewed the Staffing Report contained in the packet, introduced Superintendent Craig Barringer as the new Deputy Superintendent, and noted an updated organizational chart is being created. The Superintendent updated the Board on continued work with OCHE and future conferences and meetings she will attend.

Legislative Update: Ms. Katie Bloodgood distributed the OPI Legislative Summary and summarized progress on the implementation of legislation related to OPI. Ms. Bloodgood noted that specific information has been posted on the OPI Legislative page on their website and answered Board members' questions.

Assessment Update: Ms. Cedar Rose presented the Assessment Update and answered Board members' questions.

Content Standards Update: Ms. Marie Judisch presented the Content Standards Update and answered Board members' questions.

#### **Item 9 COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION REPORT – 03:04:16 Joe Thiel**

Mr. Joe Thiel updated the Board on the collaboration between OCHE and OPI related to Direct Admissions, reviewed the progress of the Grow Your Own Educator Program, the One Two Free Dual Enrollment Program, Legislative Outcomes related to OCHE, and the future payments related to the STARS Act. Mr. Thiel answered Board members' questions.

#### **Item 10 GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORT Rachel Green**

No report was made.

### **❖ LICENSURE COMMITTEE – Dr. Ron Slinger (Items 11-13)**

#### **Item 11 ACTION ON INITIAL REVIEW OF BPE CASE #2025-02, GERMANY, JR – 04:47:41 Brenton Craggs**

Mr. Brenton Craggs announced that the OPI has received the original signed copy of an Affidavit of Surrender from Mr. Germany, and requested the Board dismiss the case due to the surrender.

**Vice Chair Slinger moved to dismiss BPE Case #2025-02, Germany, Jr. Motion seconded by Board member Quinlan.**

***Mr. Craggs explained the Pretrial Diversion Agreement and temporary surrender by the educator pending a criminal trial. If the educator complies with all the requirements, application for reinstatement of the educator license can be made in one year.***

***No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.***

**Item 12 NOTICE OF SURRENDER IN BPE CASE #2025-03 – 04:50:46  
Brenton Craggs**

Mr. Brenton Craggs reviewed complaints made by students against the educator that resulted in the educator submitting an Affidavit of Surrender.

**Item 13 ACTION ON PRAXIS REGENERATED TEST REVIEW AND QUALIFYING SCORE  
FOR ELEMENTARY EDUCATION – 04:51:39  
Crystal Andrews**

Ms. Crystal Andrews summarized the Regenerated Test Review and Qualifying Praxis score for Elementary Education as presented at the May 2025 Board meeting and answered Board members' questions.

***Vice Chair Slinger moved to approve the Praxis regenerated test review and qualifying score of 157 for Reading subset #5002; qualifying score of 157 for Mathematics subset #5003; qualifying score of 155 for Social Studies subset #5004; and qualifying score of 159 for Science subset #5005. Motion seconded by Board member Rasmussen.***

***Vice Chair Slinger complimented OPI, OCHE, and the Deans of Education for the work to review the tests and recommend scores.***

***Chair Tharp questioned if the lengthier test was a benefit and Ms. Andrews explained it is. If a student does not pass one section, they can retake the specific section rather than the entire test.***

***No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.***

**❖ MSDB COMMITTEE – Lisa Schmidt (Items 14-15)**

**Item 14 MSDB REPORT - 04:58:54  
Paul Furthmyre**

Superintendent Paul Furthmyre presented the MSDB Report and noted that HB2 gave MSDB the funding the school requested then reviewed how the money will be spent which will include paying for interpreters, hiring additional staff, and professional development for faculty and staff. Superintendent Furthmyre reviewed the action items and answered Board members' questions.

***Board member Schmidt moved to approve the MSDB Out of State Travel Requests as listed in the agenda packet. Motion seconded by Board member Rasmussen.***

***No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.***

***Board member Schmidt moved to approve the MSDB Personnel Items as listed in the agenda packet. Motion seconded by Board member Quinlan.***

***No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.***

***Board member Schmidt moved to approve the HB 13 pay increase for MSDB employees in Pay Plan 061. Motion seconded by Board member Nieskens.***

***No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.***

**Item 15 ACTION ON MSDB FOUNDATION AGREEMENT – 05:23:18  
McCall Flynn**

Ms. McCall Flynn reviewed the discussion between the Board and the MSDB Foundation Board at the May 2025 Board meeting to discuss potential revisions to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Ms. Flynn revised the MOU based upon the discussion and met with the Foundation Finance Committee to review the proposed revisions. Ms. Flynn presented the revisions to the Foundation Board and the MOU was approved. Ms. Flynn reviewed the document with the Board members and answered Board members' questions.

**Board member Schmidt moved to approve the revisions to the MSDB Foundation Agreement as presented. Motion seconded by Vice Chair Slinger.**

***No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.***

**❖ ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE – Renee Rasmussen (Items 16-17)**

**Item 16 ACTION ON EARLY LITERACY AND NUMERACY ADVISORY COUNCIL – 05:32:04  
McCall Flynn**

Ms. McCall Flynn reviewed the current Early Literacy Advisory Council approved through September 2025 but noted that because of the legislation passed that added Early Numeracy, new members have been added to the Council and the Board will need to approve the new Council. Ms. Flynn noted that the name of the Council will be changed to reflect the addition of Early Numeracy. Ms. Flynn stated that in compliance with §2-15-122, MCA, the required paperwork will be filed with the Governor's Office and the Secretary of State for the new Council.

**Board member Rasmussen moved to approve the Early Literacy and Numeracy Advisory Council and member list as presented in the agenda packet. Motion seconded by Board member Quinlan.**

***Vice Chair Slinger noted his support and requested individuals who represent Eastern Montana be added to the Council.***

***Board member Quinlan asked if there is an additional document that outlines the tasks of the Council. Ms. Flynn noted that the Board website has additional information.***

***No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.***

**Item 17 INFORMATION ON MONTANA ALIGNED TO STANDARDS THROUGH-YEAR  
STAKEHOLDER FEEDBACK AND NEXT STEPS – 05:42:33  
Cedar Rose**

Ms. Cedar Rose presented survey results from students and educators that reviewed the Montana Aligned to Standards Through-Year (MAST). Board members discussed concerns with MAST and Ms. Rose addressed members' concerns and answered questions about the survey results. Ms. Rose discussed areas where MAST has been successful and stated some districts have used MAST with good results but acknowledged other districts have experienced issues. Ms. Rose discussed future workshops and resources that will be provided to assist educators who administer MAST, how to read MAST testlet results, and discussed next steps in the process. Ms. Rose answered Board members' questions and members thanked Ms. Rose for her work.

**❖ CHARTER SCHOOL COMMITTEE – Dr. Ron Slinger (Items 18-19)**

**Item 18 UPDATE ON COMMUNITY CHOICE SCHOOLS COMMISSION – 06:59:53  
Cathy Kincheloe**

Ms. Cathy Kincheloe presented an update on work of the Community Choice Schools Commission and announced the procurement of a Sole Source Contract with the National Charter School Institute to implement the law. Ms. Kincheloe stated that a Request for Proposal has been published to procure an Assessment Consultant who can identify valid and reliable assessments for use by potential Choice Schools. Ms. Kincheloe reviewed conferences she has attended, the Commission's new membership in the National Association of Charter School Authorizers, continued grant applications the Commission has applied for, a review of the June 2025 Commission meeting, and the upcoming September 2025 meeting.

**Item 19 REVIEW PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL ANNUAL AND PERFORMANCE REPORTS –  
07:10:24  
McCall Flynn**

Ms. McCall Flynn presented the Public Charter School Annual and Performance Report, reviewed each section of the report, and answered members' questions.

**RECESS**

The Board recessed for the day at 4:20 PM.

**Friday, July 18, 2025**  
**8:30AM**

**CALL TO ORDER - 0:01:50**

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

Board members: Dr. Tim Tharp, Chair; Dr. Ron Slinger, Vice Chair; Ms. Madalyn Quinlan; Dr. Hannah Nieskens; Ms. Lisa Schmidt; Ms. Julia Maxwell; Ms. Renee Rasmussen. Ex Officio members: Ms. Tyler Capece, OPI.. Staff: Ms. McCall Flynn, Executive Director; Ms. Kris Stockton, Administrative Specialist; Ms. Julie Balsam, Accounting Technician. Guests: Ms. Christy Mock-Stutz, OPI; Mr. Mike Jetty, OPI; Ms. Marie Judisch, OPI; Ms. Crystal Andrews, OPI; Ms. Ellery Bresler, OPI; Dr. Julie Murgel, OPI; Ms. Kristi Steinberg, UM; Ms. Kim Popham, MFPE; Dr. Rob Watson, SAM; Deputy Superintendent Craig Barringer, OPI; Mr. Larry Crowder, MREA; Superintendent Darin Hannum, Bainville Public Schools; Ms. Genevieve Thomas, School Services of Montana.

**❖ ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE – Madalyn Quinlan (Items 20-26)**

**Item 20                                      INDIAN EDUCATION FOR ALL REPORT – 00:03:51**  
**Christy Mock-Stutz, Mike Jetty**

Ms. Christy Mock-Stutz and Mr. Mike Jetty presented the Indian Education for All Report and discussed how schools report their Indian Education for All funds for compliance, how funds are spent, provided examples of activities that meet the accreditation requirements, and reviewed the Best Practices Conference the OPI held for schools. Mr. Jetty provided examples of how administrators survey their teachers about how Indian Education for All is implemented in the classroom. Ms. Mock-Stutz and Mr. Jetty answered Board members' questions.

**Item 21                                      REVIEW OF THE ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT PERTAINING TO RULEMAKING**  
**IN ARM TITLE 10, CHAPTER 53, ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS AND LITERACY**  
**CONTENT STANDARDS – 00:39:00**  
**Marie Judisch**

Ms. Marie Judisch presented the Economic Impact Statement for the English Language Arts and Literacy Content Standards, reviewed sections of the report, and noted that more responses were received than in the past. Ms. Judisch answered Board members' questions.

**Item 22                                      ACTION ON THE PROPOSED NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND TIMELINE**  
**PERTAINING TO RULEMAKING IN ARM TITLE 10, CHAPTER 53, ENGLISH**  
**LANGUAGE ARTS AND LITERACY CONTENT STANDARDS, AND AUTHORIZE**  
**FILING OF THE NOTICE WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR PUBLICATION IN**  
**THE MONTANA ADMINISTRATIVE REGISTER – 00:58:41**  
**Madalyn Quinlan**

Ms. Marie Judisch made comments on the revised standards, discussed how the proposal helps increase student proficiency, and answered Board members' questions. Ms. McCall Flynn reviewed the proposed timeline for rulemaking.

**Board member Quinlan moved to approve the proposed notice of public hearing and timeline pertaining to rulemaking in ARM Title 10, Chapter 53, English Language Arts and Literacy Content Standards, and authorize filing of the notice with the Secretary of State for publication in the Montana Administrative Register. Motion seconded by Board member Nieskens.**

***Board member Rasmussen expressed concerns about the impact to the workload in rural schools.***

***Chair Tharp noted that the rules are not effective until July 1, 2027, which gives schools time to implement the changes.***

***Board member Quinlan thanked OPI staff for their presentation.***

***No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.***



**ACTION ON THE RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT INCREASING PK-12 ATTAINMENT IN  
READING AND READING PROFICIENCY – 01:19:04**  
**Madalyn Quinlan**

**Board member Quinlan moved to approve the Resolution to Support Increasing PK-12 Attainment in Reading and Reading Proficiency. Motion seconded by Board member Maxwell.**

***No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.***

**INFORMATION ON THE PROPOSED CORRECTIVE PLAN PROCESS FOR  
SCHOOLS IN DEFICIENT AND ADVICE STATUS FOR ACCREDITATION – 01:25:15**  
Crystal Andrews

**INFORMATION ON THE PROPOSED INTENSIVE ASSISTANCE PROCESS FOR  
ACCREDITATION – 01:39:25**  
**Crystal Andrews, Ellery Bresler**

**ACTION ON THE SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION FOR THE ACCREDITATION PROCESS AND SCHEDULE FOR THE 2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR – 02:05:37**  
**Dr. Julie Murgel, Crystal Andrews, Accreditation Think Tank Members**

**Board member Quinlan moved to approve the Superintendent's recommendation for the accreditation process and schedule for the 2025-2026 school year. Motion seconded by Board member Nieskens.**

***Vice Chair Slinger stated his concerns about the proposed process and questioned if this shows the true status of accreditation in the state or does it postpone holding schools accountable for an additional year.***

***Board member Rasmussen thanked Vice Chair Slinger for his comments and concurred with his concerns to postpone the process another year.***

***Board member Quinlan proposed that schools in Advice go through the same process as schools that are Deficient. Dr. Murgel stated that this topic was discussed and since those schools must submit a Corrective Plan, OPI has the ability to check on their progress and help schools resolve the issues that put them into Advice status.***

***Board member Schmidt stated that the request to postpone is not a reflection of the schools but a request from the OPI to ensure that the process is accurate. Schools in Deficient Status still have support from the OPI to correct the deviations.***

***Board member Maxwell stated her support for the previous comments but stated she has concerns about postponing the process an additional year.***

***Board member Nieskens stated that since MAST is not in a good position postponing the cycle for an additional year makes sense.***

***Board member Rasmussen concurred with Board member Nieskens but stated it is important to ensure that schools that are Deficient have support and the schools in Advice are doing what they need to do to correct the deviations, and with that she can support the request.***

***Board member Quinlan stated that since the first-year schools will continue to receive support she can support the request to postpone.***

***Ms. Andrews stated that schools that are Deficient did not provide evidence that the district has a plan to correct the deviations and that an additional year will allow OPI to work with them to provide the necessary information.***

***Board member Nieskens stated that with that information and the probability that turnover in administration may be part of the issue, allowing OPI to provide an additional year of support is beneficial.***

***Board member Schmidt stated that retaining the cycle is preferred.***

***Dr. Rob Watson provided public comment in support for the request to postpone.***

***Superintendent Darin Hannum provided public comment in support for the request to postpone.***

***No further discussion. Roll call vote, motion passed 4-3 with members Schmidt, Rasmussen, and Tharp dissenting.***

***Chair Tharp stated that supporting schools and students is the most important piece and he hopes this process will accomplish that goal.***

Ms. McCall Flynn reviewed the September Board meeting in Dillon, discussed items that will be before the Board, and reminded members of the July 28, 2025 Special Board meeting to adopt the Early Numeracy Integration Standards.

#### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS September 11-12, 2025 – Dillon, MT**

Election of Board Officers

Action on Strategic Planning Items

MACIE Update

Montana Digital Academy Update

Review Community Choice School Academic Performance and Financial Reports

Annual HiSET Report

Annual Special Education Report

Assessment Update

Accreditation Update

Federal Update

Content Standards Revision Update

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT – 02:57:19**

Dr. Rob Watson made public comment with regards to Assessment and the importance of how to hold districts accountable. Dr. Watson distributed the schedule for the SAM Administrators Institute and invited Board members to attend.

Ms. Tyler Capece noted that the Superintendent received notice that morning that Title IV funding has been sent from the Federal Government and thanked the Board for the great meetings.

#### **ADJOURN**



Meeting adjourned at 11:35 AM.

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