

BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES

May 12-13, 2022
Montana School for the Deaf and the Blind
3911 Central Ave
Great Falls, MT 59401

Thursday May 12, 2022
8:30 AM

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:33 AM. Students from the MSDB 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.

Board members present include: Ms. Tammy Lacey, Chair; Ms. Madalyn Quinlan, Vice Chair; Ms. Renee Rasmussen; Ms. Susie Hedalen; Dr. Tim Tharp; Ms. Jane Hamman; Ms. Paige LePard, Student Representative. Ex-officio members: Superintendent of Public Instruction Elsie Arntzen; Mr. Dylan Klapmeier, Governor Gianforte's Office; Dr. Angela McLean, Commissioner of Higher Education Office. Staff present: Ms. McCall Flynn, Executive Director; Ms. Kris Stockton, Administrative Assistant. Guests present: Ms. Amanda Curtis, MFPE; Ms. Emily Dean, MTSBA; Ms. Sharyl Allen, OPI; Dr. Julie Murgel, OPI; Ms. Barbara Brown; Mr. Tom Cabbage; Mr. Scott Lemmon; Ms. Tara Harris, Counsel; Ms. Jule Walker, MTSBA.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was made.

CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Renee Rasmussen moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Dr. Tim Tharp seconded the motion.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

ADOPT AGENDA

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

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

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

INFORMATION ITEMS

❖ **REPORTS – Tammy Lacey (Items 1-6)**

Item 1 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT
Tammy Lacey

Chair Lacey reviewed the updated committee list, welcomed Dr. Tharp to the Board, and reviewed activities and meetings she has attended in her role as Chair. Activities include the MSDB Spring program, the April CSPAC meeting, and weekly meetings of the Executive Committee. The Chair noted Ms. LePard is in her last meeting as student representative and presented her with a gift card and card of appreciation.

**Item 2 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT
McCall Flynn**

Ms. Flynn opened her remarks by thanking Mr. Furthmyre for his hospitality in hosting the Board on the campus of the school, then updated the Board on the Chapter 57 revisions being presented for adoption at this meeting. Ms. Flynn discussed the draft document for the Chapter 58 revisions, and the ongoing efforts on the revisions to Chapter 55, Accreditation Standards. Ms. Flynn announced that the individual in the CSPAC Trustee position did not win reelection in her district as a trustee, and that position will be posted soon. Ms. Hannah Nieskens, applicant for the CSPAC Trustee position joined the meeting and introduced herself to the Board.

Dr. Tharp moved to approve the application of Ms. Hannah Nieskens to the CSPAC Trustee position. Ms. Jane Hamman seconded the motion.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Flynn clarified that the financials listed in the agenda packet indicate a balance in the Legal Fees fund, but that has been expended since the report was run.

**Item 3 STATE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
State Superintendent Elsie Arntzen**

Superintendent Arntzen gave a status report on the CSCT program before discussing the Chapter 55 Negotiated Rulemaking committee, the Chapter 55 Task Force, and the work both groups have been doing. The Superintendent noted that pending the Board's approval of the MACIE nominations, MACIE will have a full board. The Superintendent discussed the possibility of the Board and OPI developing a "Shared Goals Policy" before answering Board member questions.

**Item 4 COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION'S REPORT
Dr. Angela McLean**

Dr. McLean thanked Mr. Furthmyre for his hospitality, congratulated Ms. Lepard on her upcoming high school graduation, and welcomed Dr. Tharp to the Board. Dr. McLean updated the board on American Indian Minority Achievement Division activities, including the MACIE meeting the previous day, Decision Day on May 3rd for high school seniors to announce their post high school plans, MUS College Access update, Statewide ACT, and continuing efforts with Educator Recruitment and Retention. Dr. McLean answered Board member questions.

**Item 5 GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORT
Dylan Klapmeier**

Mr. Klapmeier thanked Mr. Furthmyre and MSDB Staff for hosting the Board meeting and announced that Montana has three Presidential Scholars this year. Mr. Klapmeier recognized Dr. Tharp as the newest member to the Board and recognized previous board member Ms. Heller for her service on the Board over the past year. Mr. Klapmeier reviewed the Governor's visits to schools across the state, highlighting discussions he had with schools regarding the TEACH Act as well as visits to youth and YMCA programs statewide. Mr. Klapmeier extended the Governor's thanks to the Board for the work completed on the Chapter 57 revisions for Educator Licensure and noted that as soon as the agenda and meeting information for the June Education Summit are finalized that information will be shared. Mr. Klapmeier ended his report with a summary of the Governor's efforts surrounding Work-Based Learning

❖ **MACIE LIAISON – Susie Hedalen (Item 8)**

Item 8 **MACIE REPORT – (INFORMATION)**
Jennifer Smith

Ms. Smith discussed the MACIE meeting the previous day, including a request from Superintendent Arntzen to discuss Mental Health for Native American students, particularly depression experienced by high school students, and how to address those issues. Ms. Smith discussed the draft Regalia Protections Statement created by MACIE, and a draft Regalia Protections Resolution for the Board's consideration and approval at a later meeting. Chair Lacey and Director Flynn noted that this is the initial presentation of the Regalia Protections Resolution which will be presented to the Board at the July meeting for action. Ms. Hedalen added remarks on the work that MACIE has done on this project, and the purpose of the project. Dr. Tharp noted his frustration that there is still an issue with students being able to wear their regalia when it has been allowed by law for six years. Dr. McLean gave comments about the work between MACIE and AIMA. Ms. Smith thanked Board members for their comments and read the bios for the two MACIE Appointments.

Ms. Susie Hedalen moved to approve the MACIE appointments for Marcy Cobell and Jonathan Jay Eagleman. Ms. Jane Hamman seconded the motion.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

❖ **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – Tammy Lacey – (Items 9-12)**

Item 9 **REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE 2023 PROPOSED K-12 BASE AID PAYMENT SCHEDULE – (ACTION)**
Barb Quinn

Ms. Barb Quinn, OPI, presented the proposed 2023 K-12 Base Aid Payment schedule to the Board. Ms. Quinn explained the process for determining the dates to ensure no holidays are included.

Dr. Tim Tharp moved to approve the fiscal year 2023 Base Aid Payment Schedule. Ms. Susie Hedalen seconded the motion.

Question from Ms. Renee Rasmussen if the schedule was much different than last year. Ms. Quinn noted it is similar and has been approved by the Office of Budget and Program Planning.

No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 11 **MUS COLLEGE ACCESS PORTAL PRESENTATION – (INFORMATION)**
Scott Lemmon, OCHE

Mr. Lemmon presented the MUS College Access Portal to the Board, giving a live demonstration on how students access the website and move through the application process. This allows students to complete one application for all ten MUS campuses at no cost. Mr. Lemmon answered Board member questions.

❖ **LICENSURE COMMITTEE – Madalyn Quinlan (Items 13-23)**

Item 13 **REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE NOTICE OF ADOPTION PERTAINING TO THE AMENDMENT OF ARM TITLE 10, CHAPTER 57, EDUCATOR LICENSURE – (ACTION)**
McCall Flynn

Ms. Quinlan reviewed the process for the revisions to Chapter 57 which began with the Task Force, the public hearing, and the special Board meeting in April. Ms. Quinlan thanked Ms. Flynn, Ms. Stockton,

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

Item 24 **INITIAL REVIEW OF SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS TO REVISIONS TO ARM TITLE 10, CHAPTER 58, EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS – (INFORMATION)**
Dr. Julie Murgel, Zach Hawkins

Chair Lacey opened the item and asked Ms. Flynn to explain the document the Board will be reviewing. Ms. Flynn noted that the Chapter 58 Task Force has completed their meetings and sent recommendations to the Superintendent. The Superintendent has reviewed the Task Force recommendations and has made her own recommendations, which is what the Board will be reviewing today. CSPAC will review these at their July meeting and make their recommendations to the Board for their review during a work session on Thursday of the July BPE meeting. On Friday of the July BPE meeting, the Board will act on the Notice of Public Hearing. Dr. Murgel and Mr. Zach Hawkins from OPI led the Board through the Superintendent’s recommendations and answered questions. The Chair asked that Board members review the document in more detail before the July meeting and send any comments, questions, concerns, or revisions to Ms. Flynn.

❖ **ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE – Anne Keith (Item 25)**

Item 25 **ASSESSMENT REPORT – (INFORMATION)**
Ashley McGrath

Ms. McGrath reported to the Board on the updated test windows and expected reporting timelines for assessment for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year and into the 2022-2023 school year. Ms. McGrath shared updated information on statewide test completions for the Spring 2022 testing window, and information on technical assistance provided by the OPI Assessment team to schools across the state. Ms. McGrath noted that the Assessment Division has completed a grant to the US Department of Education to assist in innovative state assessment.

❖ **ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE – Susie Hedalen (Items 26-28)**

Item 26 **RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE INITIAL AND RENEWAL VARIANCE TO STANDARDS APPLICATIONS – (ACTION)**
Ellery Bresler, Dr. Julie Murgel

Ms. Ellery Bresler reviewed the Variance to Standards Board’s recent meeting to review the applications for Initial Variance to Standards. The board approved all three, and the Superintendent recommends approval of all three applications.

Ms. Susie Hedalen moved to approve the initial applications to Variance to Standards for: Havre Public Schools, Stevensville Public Schools, and Target Range School. Ms. Renee Rasmussen seconded the motion.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

The OPI reviewed the nine Renewal applications and approved all nine. The Superintendent is recommending approval of all nine.

Ms. Susie Hedalen moved to approve the nine renewal applications for Hellgate Elementary Early Childhood and Primary; South Elementary; Fort Smith Elementary; Shelby Elementary; Flathead High School; Highland Park Elementary;

CSPAC/BPE Joint Meeting
CSPAC Annual Report
MACIE Update
Approve MSDB/Golden Triangle Co-op
Annual HiSET Report
Annual Special Education Report
Assessment Update
Federal Update
Educator Preparation Program Report
OPI Staffing Report
Accreditation Report

Ms. Flynn explained the schedule for the July meeting and the Joint meeting with CSPAC.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 1:32PM.

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