

BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

November 27, 2023
Zoom

Monday, November 27, 2023
1:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Tharp called the meeting to order at 1:00 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 present: Dr. Tim Tharp, Chair; Ms. Susie Hedalen, Vice Chair; Ms. Madalyn Quinlan; Ms. Renee Rasmussen; Dr. Ron Slinger; Ms. Jane Hamman. Staff present: Ms. McCall Flynn, Executive Director; Ms. Kris Stockton, Administrative Specialist. Guests: Superintendent Paul Furthmyre, Montana School for the Deaf and Blind (MSDB).

ADOPT AGENDA

❖ LICENSURE COMMITTEE – Susie Hedalen (Item 1)

Item 1 **ACTION ON EDUCATOR LICENSURE FEES PERTAINING TO EMERGENCY AUTHORIZATION FEES IN 20-4-111, MCA – 30 Minutes** **Susie Hedalen**

Vice Chair Hedalen noted that it had come to the Board's attention that the licensing fee schedule the Board recently adopted did not set fees for those educators seeking emergency authorization pursuant to Montana Code Annotated section 20-4-111. Therefore, the Board is reconsidering the educator licensure fee schedule approved by the Board at its meeting on November 17, 2023, pertaining specifically to the emergency authorization fees.

Vice Chair Hedalen moved the emergency authorization fees be set at \$6, pursuant to Montana Code Annotated section 20-4-111. Motion seconded by Board member Rasmussen.

Chair Tharp noted that Representative Bedey stated this will be taken care of during the next session. Board member Quinlan questioned if this is specific to the initial licensure fee and application fee, and Chair Tharp noted it is.

No further discussion. Chair Tharp restated the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

❖ MSDB LIAISON – Renee Rasmussen (Item 2)

Item 2 **MSDB REPORT – 30 Minutes** **Paul Furthmyre**

Board member Rasmussen explained the first Action item is to approve Policy 2050 and asked Superintendent Furthmyre to explain the reason the policy needs to be taken care of today. Superintendent Furthmyre noted this policy was implemented as part of the COVID-19 policies and should have been included in the group of COVID-19 policies that were expired.

Board member Rasmussen moved to approve MSDB Policy 2050 on Second Reading. Motion seconded by Board member Slinger.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Board member Rasmussen asked Superintendent Furthmyre to recap the application he is requesting be approved. Superintendent Furthmyre reviewed the Transformational Learning Grant Application for the Board.

Board member Rasmussen moved to approve the MSDB Transformational Learning Grant Application. Motion seconded by Vice Chair Hedalen.

Vice Chair Hedalen asked Superintendent Furthmyre to clarify the stakeholder pay listed in the application. Superintendent Furthmyre stated that relates to any mileage to be paid to community members to travel to the MSDB for meetings.

No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

ADJOURN

Chair Tharp reminded the Board of the meeting on Thursday, November 30, 2023 to interview the applicants for Public Charter Schools.

Meeting adjourned at 1:12 PM.

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