

Minutes from the Content Standards for Career and Technical Education (CTE) Negotiated Rulemaking Committee meeting February 11, 2020

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Office of Public Instruction (OPI) Content Standards and Instruction Division Administrator Colet Bartow. Housekeeping items, such as internet connectivity and speakerphones, were discussed.

Review Negotiated Rulemaking Roles, Responsibilities, and Process

Ms. Bartow reviewed the roles and responsibilities of the committee in the negotiated rulemaking process, and where the committee was in the process itself.

Discussion of the revised Content Standards

Facilitator Kirsten Madsen led the discussion on the rule recommendations as revised by the committee at their December meeting. Ms. Bartow said no comments have been received to date on the proposed content standards.

After reviewing all the revisions of the proposed content standards across all grade levels, the committee reached a consensus and approved the revised proposed Content Standards for Social Studies.

Discussion of the revised Program Delivery Standards

Ms. Madsen reminded the Committee that it had not reached consensus at its December meeting regarding the proposed change to standard 1.b.v in Admin. R. Mont. 10.55.1701. The Committee elected not to re-open discussion on the proposed change. Committee member Martha Potter reiterated her opposition to the proposed change, saying she could not offer all classes from basic to advanced due to being a small school district. Ms. Madsen explained how a “no consensus” point is reflected in a committee’s final report to the agency.

Draft Economic Impact Survey

Ms. Bartow led the discussion of the draft economic impact survey. It was announced that the survey received 50 responses from a variety of schools and school personnel. Committee member David Pafford asked his survey response was received, and OPI said it would review the data to confirm. The committee discussed the results and responses to the survey. Mr. Pafford voiced his concerns about school districts getting hit with multiple rule changes at the same time and explained that DPHHS was in the process of a rule change that would impact school districts. Ms. Bartow explained that

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the proposed content standards would not go into effect until July 1, 2021. Ms. Potter said she agreed with Mr. Pafford and voiced her concerns about the taxpayers footing the bills for the multiple rule changes.

Public Comment and Adjournment

Ms. Madsen asked for public comment about the committee's work and the day's proceedings. Finding none, Ms. Madsen thanked the committee for its work and the meeting was adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

Almost immediately after adjournment, the meeting was re-opened at the request of a committee member for a general discussion regarding how to provide support to schools with career and technical education and a free exchange of different ideas being employed by districts. Topics such as professional development opportunities and options, integration of CTE with other subjects, parental support of CTE, challenges schools face in making connections with businesses in the trades and students, inequitable opportunities for students in schools of various sizes, and using technology to make connections were discussed.

Ms. Madsen asked again for public comment. Finding none, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.