ARM Chapter 55, 57, and 58 Updates

Chapter 57: Educator Licensing

- Public Comment to BPE closed on April 8, 2022
- On April 28, 2022, 9:30 AM: Special BPE Meeting to Review the Public Comment
  - Location: Montana State Capitol, Room 152 & Zoom
- Adoption Timeline:
  - Adoption notice including summary of comments to BPE for approval….May 13, 2022
  - Final rule changes to SOS for notice in MAR…………….May 17, 2022
  - MAR publication out…………………………………………May 27, 2022
  - Effective Date of Rules………………………………………May 27, 2022

Chapter 58: Educator Preparation Program Standards

- On March 10, 2022 the BPE Approved an Amendment to the Administrative Rule Title 10, Chapter 58 Timeline
  - The OPI has been working on the research and revisions to Chapter 58 well over a year with a good deal of preliminary work prior to the Chapter 58 task forces. With the encouragement of the task force, the extension was requested to ensure that all of the endorsement areas are effectively reviewed by subject matter experts. This will ensure the Superintendent is able to provide a comprehensive recommendation on Chapter 58.
  - Final Taskforce Session—April 26 (10:00am to 5:00pm) and 27th (8:00am to 2:00pm)
- Adoption Timeline
  - BPE approves rulemaking timeline………………………………………….. November 17-19, 2021
  - BPE approves revised rulemaking timeline……………………………………… March 10-11, 2022
  - Proposal notice to BPE for consideration………………………………………….. May 12-13, 2022
  - BPE authorization to publish proposal notice, including public hearing date……July 14-15, 2022
  - Proposal notice to SOS for publication in MAR……………………………………………..July 26, 2022
  - MAR publication of proposal notice………………………………………………………..August 5, 2022
  - Public hearing date late…………………………………………………………………..August, 2022
  - Final public comment deadline…………………………………………………………..September 2, 2022
  - Adoption notice to BPE for consideration, including comments and responses..Sept 15-16, 2022
  - BPE authorization to publish adoption notice, including comments & responsesNov 17-18, 2022
  - Adoption notice to SOS for publication in MAR……………………………………………..January 2023
  - MAR publication of adoption notice…………………………………………………………January 2023
  - Effective date of rules…………………………………………………………………….. January 2023
Chapter 55: Accreditation

- **OPI Link for Chapter 55 Taskforce and Negotiated Rule Making Committee Website:**

After engaging in a research phase, two working groups, Quality School Task Force and the Negotiated Rule Making Committee have been formed to complete the review and revision phase. Below are details and key dates for the two working groups.

**Standards of accreditation** are outlined in the Montana Code Annotated (MCA) 20-7-101: Standards of accreditation for all schools must be adopted by the board of public education upon the recommendations of the superintendent of public instruction.

1. Quality School Taskforce:
The task force will be charged with making recommendations for ARM Chapter 55 revisions to the superintendent of public instruction and the negotiated rule committee. The task force orientation meeting was held on January 11, 2022, via Zoom and a two day in-person kick off meeting in Helena on January 25th and 26th. It is anticipated that the task force will need to meet at least seven times before April 2022 in order to complete its work. The scheduled is as follows:

- Tuesday, February 8 at 11am to 1pm (Via Zoom)
- Tuesday, February 22 at 11 am to 1 pm (Via Zoom)
- March 8 Helena in person (10 am to 5pm) & March 9 (8:00am to 2:00pm)
- Tuesday, March 22 at 11 am to 1pm (Via Zoom)
- Tuesday April 5 at 11 am to 1 pm (Via Zoom)
- Thursday, April 14 (10 am to 5 pm) & Friday, April 21 (8 am to 2 pm) in person in Helena
- Request to add more taskforce sessions was approved by the Superintendent and will be established with the taskforce on April 21st.

**Critical documents that the Task Force must create to meet its charge:**
- Develop a field survey document (To be deployed in February)
- Write a Concept Memorandum (current rule, proposed red-lined rule, proposed conceptual changes, rationale)

School Quality Task Force Members:

- Billi Taylor  Harrison K-12 Schools  District Superintendent
- Daniel Lee  University of Montana  Associate Professor
- David Pafford  Noxon Public Schools  Board Chairperson
- Emily Dean  MT School Board Association Director of Advocacy
- Gary Lusin  Bozeman Public Schools  Board Chairperson
- Gayle Venturelli  Anaconda Public Schools  Board Chairperson
2. Negotiated Rule Making Committee:

We will launch the Negotiated Rule Making Committee on February 24th. The Chapter 55 Negotiated Rule Making Committee will review and revise the recommendations from the Chapter 55 Task Force. The recommendations presented to the Board of Public Education must include an economic impact statement that the negotiated rulemaking committee prepares. An orientation meeting for the Negotiated Rule Making Committee is scheduled for February 24 3:00-5:00pm via Zoom. We will host an in-person kick off meeting in Helena on March 17th from 10am to 5:00pm and 18th from 8:00am to noon.

It is anticipated that this committee will need to meet at least ten times before July 2022 in order to complete its work. The purposed scheduled is as follows:

- April 20, 2022 3:30PM - 5:00PM
- May 2, 2022 (In Person, Helena) 10:00AM - 5:00PM
- May 3, 2022 (In Person, Helena) 8:00AM - 2:00PM
- May 9, 2022 (In Person, Helena) 10:00AM - 5:00PM
- May 10, 2022 (In Person, Helena) 8:00AM - 2:00PM
- May 18, 2022 3:30PM - 5:00PM
- May 25, 2022 3:30PM - 5:00PM
- June 6, 2022 3:30PM - 5:00PM
- June 16, 2022 (In Person, Helena) 10:00AM - 5:00PM
- June 17, 2022 (In Person, Helena) 8:00AM - 2:00PM

Negotiated Rule Making Committee Members:

Adrea Lawrence - University of Montana, Dean of College of Education
Chris Olszewski - Billings Public Schools, Curriculum Director
Christina Wekkin - Alberton Public Schools, Teacher
Corey Barron - Lodge Grass Schools, Principal, Tribal Representative
Craig Mueller - Havre Public Schools, District Superintendent
Curtis Smeby - Havre Public Schools, Trustee
3. Proposed Timeline for Revisions to ARM 55 (Shared as information item at BPE on 11/18/21)

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Facilitator: Dr. Murgel, Nathan Miller

4. Communication:

- Meeting minutes, zoom links, and agendas, task force members can be found on top left of the OPI main webpage at https://opi.mt.gov/
  - Quality Task Force
- Negotiated Rule Making Committee Members

- Stakeholders can attend the meetings via zoom.

- Public comments will be taken at the end of each meeting. Written public comment may be submitted to tristen.belnap@mt.gov and will be shared with the taskforce members and recorded in the meeting minutes. The public comment time frame will be published on the agenda, with a three minute limit per comment. Taskforce and Committee members will not respond or ask questions during public comment.