



Chapter 55 Negotiated Rule Making Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 9th, 2022

3:00 PM – 5:30 PM

Roll Call

Negotiated Rule Making Members Present

Sharyl Allen

Alex Ator

Patti Drake

Tara Hubing

Adrea Lawrence

Kitty Logan

Rhonda Long

Craig Mueller

Julie Murgel

Renee Schoening

Stephen Schreibeis

Curtis Smeby

Ruth Uecker

Christina Wekkin

Susan Lake

Chris Olszewski

Corey Barron

Kelly Dey

BPE Representation

McCall Flynn

Facilitator

Aislinn Brown

Executive Support

Joan Franke

Tristen Loveridge

Maie Lee Jones

Negotiated Rule Making Members Absent

Welcome and Introduction

The virtual Zoom meeting of the “Chapter 55 Negotiated Rule Making Committee” was called to order at 3:00 P.M. on Thursday, June 9th, 2022, by the facilitator, Aislinn Brown.

Public Comments

- *Ann Dutton Ewbank, Montana State University, Associate Professor*
- *John Sommers-Flanagan, Montana University, Professor of Counselor Education*
- *Diane Fladmo, Montana Federation of Public Employees, Public Policy Director*
- *Rep. Moffie Funk, a current member of the Montana House of Representatives and a former teacher*
- *Dana Carmichael, Whitefish School District, Librarian*

Approve June 1st meeting minutes

The committee approved and adopted the minutes from the June 1st meeting.

Consensus building on proposed changes for any rules not discussed on [June 6, 2022 agenda](#) and:

a. [10.55.601](#) ACCREDITATION STANDARDS: PROCEDURES

McCall Flynn, Montana Board of Public Education, Executive Director
Julie Murgel, Montana Office of Public Instruction, Chief Operating Officer
Ruth Uecker, Great Falls Public Schools, Assistant Superintendent K-6
Adrea Lawrence, University of Montana, Dean of College of Education
Curtis Smeby, Montana State University-Northern, Professor
Chris Olszewski, Billings Public Schools, Curriculum Director
Sharyl Allen, Montana Office of Public Instruction, Deputy Superintendent

- Julie Murgel moved to develop a plan every three years and set with the comprehensive needs assessment in progress to monitor and make revisions as necessary annually with stakeholder input.
- Ruth Uecker proposed to change the *language of* the graduate profile due to is more comprehensive, open, and flexible. *26:29*
- Curtis Smeby moved in section III to add a progress review annually to the integrated action plan.
- ARM 10.55.601, was adopted by the committee to eliminate terms and make grammatical corrections for language clarity. Except for (l), which was tabled for further debate and inquiry at a later day, sub-sections (1) through (7) were passed.
- The committee discussed the equality of opportunities under the constitution for graduate profiles, and students' aspirations, and to allow districts to identify what success indicators are.

b. [10.55.602](#) DEFINITIONS

McCall Flynn, Montana Board of Public Education, Executive Director
Chris Olszewski, Billings Public Schools, Curriculum Director
Sharyl Allen, Montana Office of Public Instruction, Deputy Superintendent
Julie Murgel, Montana Office of Public Instruction, Chief Operating Officer
Ruth Uecker, Great Falls Public Schools, Assistant Superintendent K-6
Adrea Lawrence, University of Montana, Dean of College of Education

- Ruth Uecker proposed amending and replacing terminology in ARM 10.55.602(1) Academic growth indicator.
- Julie Murgel proposed removing the term from ARM 10.55.602(1) Academic Growth Indicator and adding a new language in ARM 10.55.603 for content standards in each

- *program area as aligned per district assessment (5). The committee approved it.*
- *Julie Murgel made a motion to replace all “grade level” learning for “grade band” learning and to be uniform throughout. Adopted by the committee.*

c. [10.55.603](#) CURRICULUM AND ASSESSMENT

*Adrea Lawrence, University of Montana, Dean of College of Education
 McCall Flynn, Montana Board of Public Education, Executive Director
 Chris Olszewski, Billings Public Schools, Curriculum Director
 Sharyl Allen, Montana Office of Public Instruction, Deputy Superintendent
 Julie Murgel, Montana Office of Public Instruction, Chief Operating Officer
 Ruth Uecker, Great Falls Public Schools, Assistant Superintendent K-6*

- *Adrea Lawrence moved to delete the phrase “deeper learning” from section (5).*
- *Ruth Uecker recommended that the text in sections (1) and (3) be aligned.*
- *Chris Olszewski attempted to change the definition of “consistent” in order to match standards with the state and district assessment plans.*
- *Julie Murgel proposed that all “grade level” learning be replaced with “grade band” learning across sections (1), (3), (5)(b), and (5)(c). The committee approved it.*
- *Proposal to amend ARM 10.55.603, section (2). The adoption of the remaining provisions was met with no objection.*
- *Sharyl Allen moved in section (2) to include language that acknowledges district flexibility.*
- *Julie Murgel moved to put the remainder of this ARM on hold for further debate and consideration. There is no disagreement. The committee approved the motion.*

d. [10.55.604](#) VARIANCES TO STANDARDS

*Julie Murgel, Montana Office of Public Instruction, Chief Operating Officer
 McCall Flynn, Montana Board of Public Education, Executive Director
 Craig Mueller, Havre Public Schools, District Superintendent
 Ruth Uecker, Great Falls Public Schools, Assistant Superintendent K-6
 Alex Ator, Roberts Public Schools, Superintendent
 Sharyl Allen, Montana Office of Public Instruction, Deputy Superintendent
 Adrea Lawrence, University of Montana, Dean of College of Education*

- *The committee debated the meaning of the term “assurance” and proposed changes to performance requirements. The committee members moved to approve an application for a variance to assurance standards that must be submitted in writing to the Superintendent of Public Instruction by the 2nd Monday in October for the current academic year and take effect at the start of the school year. Adopted by the committee.*

e. [10.55.605](#) CATEGORIES OF ACCREDITATION

McCall Flynn, Montana Board of Public Education, Executive Director

Julie Murgel, Montana Office of Public Instruction, Chief Operating Officer
Sharyl Allen, Montana Office of Public Instruction, Deputy Superintendent
Susan Lake, Montana Taxpayer

Alex Ator, Roberts Public Schools, Superintendent
Ruth Uecker, Great Falls Public Schools, Assistant Superintendent K-6
Adrea Lawrence, University of Montana, Dean of College of Education

- Sharyl Allen proposed *setting a time on the application of the variance* assurance standards for *three academic years*. The committee unanimously endorsed ARM 10.55.605 with the *proposed* changes, with no opposition. 2:01:18 (Sharyl), 2:04:28 (Aislinn)

f. [10.55.606](#) ACCREDITATION PROCESS

McCall Flynn, Montana Board of Public Education, Executive Director
Julie Murgel, Montana Office of Public Instruction, Chief Operating Officer

- Corrections to the language were suggested. The committee unanimously agreed to accept ARM 10.55.606 with the modifications.

g. [10.55.607](#) INTERNSHIPS

McCall Flynn, Montana Board of Public Education, Executive Director
Julie Murgel, Montana Office of Public Instruction, Chief Operating Officer
Alex Ator, Roberts Public Schools, Superintendent

- *McCall Flynn said that ARM 10.55.607 would have to be reopened in order to be transferred to Chapter 57. The committee approved to transfer it to ARM 10.57.114 Educator Licensing.* (2:08:17 *McCall talks* and 2:11:29 *Aislinn talks*)

h. [10.58.608](#) CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATION (NEW STANDARD)

Adrea Lawrence, University of Montana, Dean of College of Education
McCall Flynn, Montana Board of Public Education, Executive Director
Julie Murgel, Montana Office of Public Instruction, Chief Operating Officer
Sharyl Allen, Montana Office of Public Instruction, Deputy Superintendent

- Adrea Lawrence proposed reverting to the previous phrasing in section (1), school district, which is more inclusive, includes parents, teachers, stakeholders, administrators, and students. With the consent of the local Board of Trustees, move to adopt the wording proposal to add the school district. Adopted by the committee.

Outcomes - Development of the Economic Impact Survey

Chris Olszewski, Billings Public Schools, Curriculum Director

Julie Murgel, Montana Office of Public Instruction, Chief Operating Officer

Sharyl Allen, Montana Office of Public Instruction, Deputy Superintendent

Ruth Uecker, Great Falls Public Schools, Assistant Superintendent K-6

Alex Ator, Roberts Public Schools, Superintendent

McCall Flynn, Montana Board of Public Education, Executive Director

- ARM [10.55.601](#) section (3)
- ARM [10.55.603](#), section (3)

Summary and Next Steps

Announcement

Julie Murgel announced that the Office of Public Instructions contacted the representative from the Montana Deaf and Blind School to obtain the specific criteria for braille and interpreting recommendations and that the Superintendent will evaluate the administrative regulations on the subject.

Upcoming In-person meetings

- *Thursday, June 16th, 2022, from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM at the Montana State Capitol*
- *Friday, June 17th, 2022, from 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM at the Montana State Capitol*

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 5:32 P.M.