Chapter 55 Negotiated Rule Making Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 28, 2022
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Roll Call

Negotiated Rule Making Members Present

Sharyl Allen  
Patti Drake  
Tara Hubing  
Rhonda Long  
Julie Murgel  
Renee Schoening  
Stephen Schreibeis  
Curtis Smeby  
Ruth Uecker  
Chris Olszewski  
Joan Franke  
Corey Barron  
Michele Paine

Stephen Schreibeis  
Lisa Petersen  
Susan Lake  
Adrea Lawrence  
BPE Representation

McCall Flynn  
Facilitator

Aislinn Brown  
Executive Support

Maie Lee Jones  
Samantha Walsh  
Joan Franke

Welcome and Introduction

The virtual meeting of the “Chapter 55 Negotiated Rule Making Committee” was called to order at 1:00 P.M. on Tuesday, June 28th, 2022, by the facilitator, Aislinn Brown.

Public Comments

Dennis Parman, Montana Rural Education Association, Executive Director

Approve Revised meeting minutes

The minutes from the meetings on June 9, 16, 17, and 23 have not yet been approved. The meeting recordings will be made accessible as soon as possible.

- June 6th minutes have been approved by the committee.
Discussions and consensus building occurred on proposed changes for two rules: 10.55.704 and 10.55.705. Consensus was not reached and both rules were tabled for the upcoming meeting and consensus.

**ARM 10.55.704** ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL: ASSIGNMENT OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS

Sharyl Allen, Montana Office of Public Instruction, Deputy Superintendent  
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  
Chris Olszewski, Billings Public Schools, Curriculum Director  
Susan Lake, Montana Taxpayer  
Adrea Lawrence, University of Montana, Dean of College of Education

- The discussion focused on the assignment of superintendents as aligned with MCA 20-4-401. Additional discussion was held about the curriculum director role in relation to the superintendent. The administrative rule has been tabled until the upcoming meeting on Thursday, June 30th, for additional discussion.

**ARM 10.55.705** ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL: ASSIGNMENT OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS / PRINCIPALS

Sharyl Allen, Montana Office of Public Instruction, Deputy Superintendent  
Michele Paine, Flathead High School, Principal  
Curtis Smeyby, Havre Public Schools, Trustee  
McCall Flynn, Montana Board of Public Education, Executive Director  
Adrea Lawrence, University of Montana, Dean of College of Education  
Renee’ Schoening, Montana School Counselor Association, Executive Director  
Ruth Uecker, Great Falls Public Schools, Assistant Superintendent K-6  
Julie Murgel, Montana Office of Public Instruction, Chief Operating Officer  
Rhonda Long, Fergus County, County Superintendent  
Susan Lake, Montana Taxpayer

- The committee discussed the assignment of principals in a variety of district configurations and the role of supervising teachers and county superintendents in relation to the principal role. The committee discussed criteria based on the scope, function, and responsibility of a principal. Part of the discussion focused on a superintendent’s recommendation to the board of trustees to establish the staffing levels for principals. The committee further discussed what an assignment of a principal equated to in terms of FTE. It was suggested to clarify full and partial FTE. The committee also addressed the definition (38) of “school administrator”. Consensus was not reached on the rule and it tabled to follow-up on Thursday, June 30th.
Summary and Next Steps

- The next In-person meeting will be on Thursday, June 30th at Capitol Room 152 from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 P.M.

Written public comments can be submitted to: Ch55PublicComment@mt.gov