

State Workforce Investment Board
Executive Committee
June 29, 2009

DRAFT MINUTES

Committee Members Present: Dan Miles, Chair; Marty Copps, Vice Chair; Dave Crum; Keith Kelly (Designee: Dore Schwinden); Mike McGinley; Mike O'Neill; Gail Richardson; and Pat Wise (Designee for Evan Barrett.)

Committee Members Absent: Georgia Gibbs-Atkinson and Mike Grove.

Staff: Leisa Smith, Danielle Nettleton, and Dan Bernhardt.

Guests: Gary Wright, Todd Younkin, Dave Morey, and Carol Hanel.

I. Welcome & Introduction

Chairman Dan Miles called the meeting to order at 9:14 a.m. He welcomed staff, committee members, and guests.

Roll Call and Housekeeping

Danielle Nettleton conducted roll call and addressed housekeeping items. Chairman Miles explained the committee conducts business under Roberts Rules of Order; he would relax Roberts Rules of Order to allow informal discussion among members.

Approval of Agenda

Chair Miles reviewed the agenda. The agenda was accepted as presented by consensus.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Chairman Miles asked if there were any changes to the June 15, 2009 meeting minutes. Dave Crum made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as presented; Gail Richardson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

II. WIA/Wagner Peyser State Plan Modification Review

Leisa Smith, Director of the State Workforce Investment Board (SWIB), reported the State Plan was posted for a two week public comment period; one comment was received. She provided an overview of the suggested modification on behalf of the Commissioner's Office of Higher Education:

"The labor market is changing; a high school degree is no longer enough. ~~The Governor~~ The Board of Regents, in cooperation with the Governor and the Legislature, was able to hold the line on tuition for Montana's university system in the 2007 legislative session and provide 10 more scholarships to students. With over 80% of the jobs in Montana requiring a postsecondary education or specialized training, it is essential for the Montana University System to provide

opportunities for a trained and educated workforce. The Governor and the Montana Board of Regents are committed to providing an accessible and affordable education for Montanans of all ages. ~~However,~~ In 2009 the Montana Board of Regents voted to increase tuition at the University of Montana and Montana State University campuses. However, tuition will not be raised at the state's two year colleges and smaller four year colleges. Holding the cost of tuition constant for four straight years is unprecedented in the state's history and is a policy decision that is playing a large role in making educational opportunities affordable in Montana."

Ms. Richardson made a motion to approve the 2009 State Plan Modification be submitted to the United States Department of Labor (USDOL.) Mr. Crum seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

III. Governors Set Aside

Pat Wise, Governor's Office of Economic Development reported the Governor has recognized the urgent need for excellent math and science education in Montana. The Governor is proposing the use of \$90,000 to support the Math and Science Initiative, the funds will be used for personnel and related expenses to promote education and careers in math and science by:

- Growing early childhood and K - 12 programs that encourage innovative teaching practices and provide challenging course work tied to career planning.
- Leveraging post secondary resources that promote innovative research and career opportunities.
- Advancing partnerships between cutting-edge leaders in private research and Montana's school systems.
- Increasing connections with Montana scientists and businesses to tap their talents and resources.
- Expanding access to math and science education for all workers by better aligning K-12, adult basic education, job training, and higher education programs; in order to create new flexible pathways to postsecondary educational credentials: including apprenticeship.

Mr. Crum made a motion to support the Governors use of Set-Aside Funds. Mike O'Neill seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Chair Miles requested the program become more interactive with the SWIB, Apprenticeship Program, and the 21st Century Bureau's Marketing Director. Ms. Wise suggested inviting a presenter to the next SWIB meeting.

Ms. Wise reported an additional \$7,500 from the Set-Aside funds would be awarded to the MACO Districts for the 2010 contract year. The funds have been distributed to MACO in previous years to support the SWIB's MACO representative's attendance at the national association. Currently Mike McGinley serves as the MACO representative.

Ms. Wise made a motion to support the approval of the 2010 MACO contract. Ms. Richardson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

IV. Other Business

Ms. Smith reported the board would meet in the fall for a SWIB retreat and orientation; a full board meeting will take place the following month.

V. Adjourn

With no further business, Mr. Crum made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Marty Copps seconded the motions which passed unanimously.

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