

Board of Public Education – MSDB Report: August 22, 2019
D/HH=Deaf or Hard of Hearing, B/VI=Blind or Visually Impaired, DB=Deafblind

*Some numbers below indicate ongoing total since the beginning of the school year

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Administration	<p><u>COSB Board Meeting</u></p> <p>The summer face-to-face COSB (Council of Schools and Services for the Blind) was held at the North Dakota Vision Services. Their model is different from most schools. They are housed under their Department of Education and have regional offices around the state. They do not have a school year campus-based program. They offer short-term programming during the school year and they coordinate services for students who are blind or visually impaired around the state. They also offer programs from birth into adulthood or as their Superintendent Paul Olson likes to say, “from womb to tomb.”</p> <p>The home base for North Dakota Vision Services is housed next door to the University of North Dakota where they also house the Space Studies Program. Superintendent Olson has been instrumental in partnering with this program to provide rich educational opportunities to the students NDVS serve.</p> <p><u>Superintendent of Deaf School Western Meeting</u></p> <p>Several Superintendents met at the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind in Salt Lake City.</p>																																				

	<p>They have a new state-of-the-art facility for their gym and preschool programs. We all shared ideas and projects we hope to accomplish this year. It was wonderful to connect with peers and learn from each other.</p> <p><u>Website</u> We are very close to having our new website up and running. We are making last minute changes before we upload to our live site.</p>
Union Items	<p><u>MFPE</u> We continue to negotiate the next contract.</p> <p><u>UFCW</u> Sarah Thody, Field Representative, presented to the UFCW members on the first day of orientation. We look forward to a great year!</p>
Education Program	<p><u>Orientation</u> We have had a wonderful start to our school year with staff.</p> <p>Monday, Donna Sorensen led the entire staff through Mandatory Reporting and then facilitated 15 groups visiting 15 locations on campus to discuss safety and emergency procedures in each location. Groups noted any questions or concerns and the Safety Committee will be addressing those this year.</p> <p>Tuesday, we assembled at the East Middle School computer lab to learn about Google. We continue to work out some kinks as our email domain is a .gov and not an .edu. However, many other schools for the deaf and the blind are Google schools and have alternate email domains. We hope to get this resolved soon.</p> <p>Wednesday, we had Keith Orchard present about <i>Fostering Resilient Learners</i> by Krisin Souers and Pete Hall. This was a powerful presentation about recognizing behavior and learning that the behavior might not be related to a diagnosis and that it might be related to students not be able to identify or communicate their needs. The Education Department will be doing a book study and will continue to engage in dialogue related to trauma and stress in ourselves and in our students.</p> <p><u>Staff Needs</u> We currently continue to seek a Health Enhancement and PE Teacher. We have interviewed several candidates for the position. One person turned down the offer because of their current family needs. There were some that the interview team did not feel would be a good fit for our school.</p> <p>Over the summer, we were able to hire several paraeducators and substitute teachers and paras.</p>
Student Life Program	<p><u>National Student Life Conference</u> June 23-28, Richard Aguon, Amy Crachy, Jim Kelly and Dorothy Nutter attended the National Student Life Conference for Deaf and Hard of Hearing held in Hartford CT. The American School for the Deaf hosted this wonderful weeklong conference. There were 35 schools represented at this conference. This conference is held every two years and the information, sharing and networking is very beneficial to our Student Life Program. The next program will be hosted by the Indiana School for the Deaf in the summer of 2021.</p> <p><u>2019-2020 School Year</u> On the Student Life side the 2019-2020 school year will be an exciting year. Student and personnel changes and needs have dictated to us that a change is needed in several areas of our program. Efforts will be focused on the implementation of a new and “improved” Independent Living Skills Program. We will also continue to be student driven with our programs to meet the individual and group needs of our students.</p>

	<p>Student Life administration has been working hard this summer to prepare for the upcoming school year. Counselors and Lead Cottage Life Attendants will meet prior to Orientation to construct and put forward a consistent message to our students and co-workers. This will be the “student comes first” and it is our job to support them the best way we can for their future.</p> <p><u>First Day</u></p> <p>Students will arrive on Sunday, August 25. September 2 is Labor Day and there is no school. Residential students will not travel home. Various “fun” activities will be planned for the weekend and will be funded by the MSDB Foundation. The first travel day will be Friday, September 20. We will be using the same service as the previous two years. We are in the third year of our three-year contact with Helena Town Car Service. Thus far, we have been pleased with this relationship.</p>																																																				
Outreach Program	<p>DHH Outreach held the CI Saturday in Helena in July. Cochlear Implant (CI) users of all ages attended and learned how to maintain and use equipment. This day helps parents to hear from adults about the successes and struggles of being a CI user.</p> <p>VI Outreach will be holding a recertification training August 26th-30th to renew their INSITE/VIISA http://ski-hi.mystrikingly.com/blog/blind-visually-impaired information. This gives them the knowledge to train others working with babies who are blind or blind with additional disabilities.</p> <p>Outreach Consultants had 2 days on Campus for Orientation and started in-service trainings and meetings the week of August 20th. Consultants are eager to get back on the road and offer resources to students, families and schools. They are also excited to see what Google training during Orientation will have that supports Outreach.</p>																																																				
Business	<p>Fiscal Year 2019</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We received a supplemental fund amount of \$230,000 at fiscal year-end for the Education program. We actually used \$214,227.81 of this amount to cover increases given to the education staff in July of 2018. \$15,772.19 of these funds were unspent. Breakdown of fiscal year end 2019 balances: <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Program</th><th>Personal Services</th><th>Less Restricted</th><th>TOTAL UNSPENT</th><th>Expenditures</th><th>Less Restricted</th><th>TOTAL UNSPENT</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>01</td><td>29.89</td><td></td><td>29.89</td><td>3,359.01</td><td>(3,306.28)</td><td>52.73</td></tr> <tr> <td>02</td><td>1,482.87</td><td></td><td>1,482.87</td><td>141,250.70</td><td>(141,161.00)</td><td>89.70</td></tr> <tr> <td>03</td><td>50.47</td><td></td><td>50.47</td><td>87.12</td><td></td><td>87.12</td></tr> <tr> <td>04</td><td>50,336.19</td><td>(47,306.19)</td><td>3,030.00</td><td>21,090.92</td><td>(21,055.74)</td><td>35.18</td></tr> <tr> <td>Total</td><td>51,899.42</td><td>(47,306.19)</td><td>4,593.23</td><td>165.787.75</td><td>(165,523.02)</td><td>264.73</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total FY 2019 Spending was \$7,713,418.58. <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Personal Services Restricted Funds</th><th>Amounts</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Unused Supplemental Funds</td><td>15,772.19</td></tr> <tr> <td>Restricted Medicaid Funds</td><td>11,534.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Newborn Health Screening Funds</td><td>20,000.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Total</td><td>47,306.19</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Program	Personal Services	Less Restricted	TOTAL UNSPENT	Expenditures	Less Restricted	TOTAL UNSPENT	01	29.89		29.89	3,359.01	(3,306.28)	52.73	02	1,482.87		1,482.87	141,250.70	(141,161.00)	89.70	03	50.47		50.47	87.12		87.12	04	50,336.19	(47,306.19)	3,030.00	21,090.92	(21,055.74)	35.18	Total	51,899.42	(47,306.19)	4,593.23	165.787.75	(165,523.02)	264.73	Personal Services Restricted Funds	Amounts	Unused Supplemental Funds	15,772.19	Restricted Medicaid Funds	11,534.00	Newborn Health Screening Funds	20,000.00	Total	47,306.19
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PRE-ETS Funds		9,127.18
Total		165,523.02
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The \$141,161.00 Carry-forward amount from FY 2018 has been designated to fix the cottage roofs. The Office of Budget and Program Planning has already moved that balance from FY2019 into FY2020 to be transferred to Architecture and Engineering. 	
Maintenance and Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Cottage Roof Project has been delayed due to unforeseen issues. The project was put out to bid and only one vendor bid on the project. The bid was awarded to this contractor. But immediately after the award, the vendor found out he had a serious health issue, so A & E allowed him to pull his bid. So at this time the project is on hold until January 2020. We decided to hold off, because we didn't want a roof put on in the fall/winter. The bidding will start again in January 2020, with a summer project timeline. 	
Foundation	No news.	
Calendar Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> August 19-23, 2019: Orientation Week August 25, 2019: Cottage open for returning students August 26, 2019: First Day of School September 2, 2019: Labor Day – No School September 12-13, 2019: Regular BPE Meeting September 14, 2019: EIPA Written exam in Helena September 16, 2019: Governor's Award Ceremony in Helena September 20, 2019: Travel Home September 22, 2019: Travel Return October 7-13, 2019: COSB Leadership Institute / APH Annual Meeting in Louisville, KY October 16, 2019: Travel Home October 20, 201: Travel Return October 21, 2019: MSDB Foundation Board meeting October 25-26, 2019: Deaf Enrichment Weekend October 30, 2019: End of First Quarter November 7-8, 2019: Regular BPE Meeting November 8-9, 2019: Visually Impaired Enrichment Weekend November 26, 2019: Travel Home December 1, 2019: Travel Return December 18, 2019: Dress Rehearsal for Winter Program at 9am December 19, 2019: Winter Program at 1pm December 20, 2019: Travel Home January 2, 2019: Travel Return 	
Upcoming BPE Regular Meeting Agenda Items	Action Item: Human Resources Action Item: Second Reading of Web Accessibility and Plan for New Content Policy Action Item: Out of State Travel Requests	