

BITTERROOT VALLEY EDUCATION COOPERATIVE MANAGEMENT BOARD

Wednesday, September 24, 2025
10:00 AM – Cooperative Office/Zoom

AGENDA

1. **Call to Order** – Mr. Stiegler called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM. Board Members in attendance: Mr. Stiegler, Mr. Fiske, Mr. Konen, and Mr. Biesiot and Ms. Weems via Zoom. BVEC admin staff in attendance: Ms. Rammell, Director. BVEC staff in attendance: Peter Goodwin joined at 10:27 via Zoom. Board Clerk: Jill Reynolds.
2. **Consent Agenda** – Motion to approve by Mr. Fiske. Second, by Mr. Biesiot. Discussion regarding the meeting on 10/18/25. If Mr. Stiegler is unable to attend, Mr. Fiske will chair the meeting. Motion carries 4-0.
 - A. Minutes
 - B. Warrants
 - C. Resignations-None
 - D. New Hires-None
 - E. Next Meeting: October 28, 2025
3. **Public Comment** – None.
4. **Correspondence/Communications -**
 - A. Extended Leave Request from Alyssa Larson Occupational Therapist. Ms. Rammell explained the details of the leave request and that Ms. Larson will not have enough leave available to cover her time off, she has chosen not to request days from the sick leave bank and will therefore submit her resignation in the near future. This will be on the October Board agenda for approval. Ms. Rammell also explained that we would be able to offer a contract for the 26-27 school year if Ms. Larson does want to return for the school year. She will not have to go through a full hiring process, but we will have to submit a new fingerprint background check.
5. **Board Action -**
 - A. Budget Amendment -Reviewed and Discussed during Board meeting held on August 26, 2025. Motion to approve the amended Special Education budget for 25-26 as presented in August. Second, by Mr. Konen. Motion carries 4-0.
6. **Information and Discussion -**
 - A. Parent Involvement Survey – Ms. Rammell explained that it is time to distribute the parent involvement surveys, that this is a need and requirement for IDEA. The survey gauges the family involvement in their child's education. Ms. Rammell has the 23-24 results, but 24-25 results are still in progress. Ms. Rammell will distribute the 24-25 data when she receives it.

B. Training for Transition Services Considering Extended FAPE – Ms. Rammell explained that she has been fielding a significant number of questions regarding this change. Darby is the only district in the cooperative that had eligible students this year. One student has returned, the other hadn't replied yet. Mr. Biesiot updated that the student confirmed they will not be back. Ms. Rammell will forward the forms for supplemental funding for the student that is returning. There was group discussion regarding future years because all schools have student who will qualify for extended FAPE. OPI is obligated to provide training and resources and roll that out through Directors and the next update from OPI is due out in October. This will be rolled out to Board members after it is reviewed by Kaleva Law.

7. Adjourn – Mr. Stiegler adjourned the meeting at 10:48 AM.