



## Management Council Regular Meeting Minutes

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Date: May 11, 2026  
Time: 1:00 p.m.  
Meeting called to order by: Dale Olinger, Board Chair

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The Management Council of the Missoula Area Education Cooperative met for a regular meeting. All motions carried unanimously unless otherwise stated.

### ATTENDEES

Stacia Vaughn, Cooperative Director  
Dale Olinger, Superintendent, Lolo Schools via ZOOM  
Erin Lipkind, Missoula County Superintendent of Schools via ZOOM  
Jason Sargent, Superintendent, St. Ignatius School via ZOOM  
Jim Howard, Superintendent, Bonner School via ZOOM  
Logan Labbe, Superintendent, Superior School via ZOOM  
Rhonda Decker, Cooperative Business Manager

### GUESTS

Melanie Rosenthal, Cooperative Education Association, President via ZOOM  
Ryon Noland, Principal, Dixon School via ZOOM

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Jim Howard moved to accept the Minutes of the April 22, 2026 Management Council meeting. Erin Lipkind- Second. Dale Olinger, Board Chair, requested the record to reflect that each month once minutes have been approved, the Business Manager is approved and requested to use his signature stamp for official minutes.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

2. None

### CORRESPONDENCE

3. None

## **OLD BUSINESS**

4. None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

5. BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT: Information & Action
  - A. Rhonda Decker, Cooperative Business Manager, reported to the Board that May year-to-date expenditures were \$1,287,450.00.
  - B. Rhonda reported that she has received the Missoula County Treasurers February financial reports. The reconciled cash balance for February is \$608,991.81.
  - C. The Board approved the Business Manager to pay June claims and payroll. Jason Sargent moved to approve the Business Manager's report. Jim Howard- Second.

## **PERSONNEL REPORT**

6. Stacia Vaughn, Cooperative Director, presented the following:
  - A. Recommendation that the Board hire Candance Phillips as a full-time (1.00 FTE ) Speech Language Pathologist for the 2026-27 school year, pending background check. Jason Sargent moved to approve the hire of Candace Phillips as a Speech Language Pathologist. Erin Lipkind- Second.
  - B. Recommendation that the Board hire Amy Gonzalez as a full-time (1.00 FTE ) School Psychologist for the 2026-27 school year, pending background check. Jason Sargent moved to approve the hire of Amy Gonzalez as a School Psychologist. Logan Labbe- Second.
  - C. Director's Annual Evaluation. Dale Olinger proposed that this agenda item be moved to the last item to be discussed.

## **GRANTS/CONTRACTS**

7. Stacia Vaughn proposed the following contracts:
  - A. Montana Medical Billing contract for 2026-2027 Medicaid billing services. Erin Lipkind moved to approve the Montana Medical Billing contract for the 2026-27 school year. Logan Labbe- Second.
  - B. Rock Creek Integrated Solutions (formerly Rock Creek Teletherapy) for 2026-2027 Occupational Therapy services. Their rate is increasing from \$80.00 per hour to \$85.00. Jason Sargent moved to approve the Rock Creek Integrated Solutions contract for the 2026-27 school year. Erin Lipkind-Second.

## **POLICY UPDATES**

8. None

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

9. Stacia Vaughn, Cooperative Director, updated the board on the following:
  - A. The Cooperative is fully staffed for the 2026-27 school year with the following in-person professional staff positions for SLPs (combined FTE of 7.0), School Psychologists (combined FTE of 5.46), and Physical Therapist (.40 FTE); in addition, with today's Board approval of the Rock Creek Integrated Solutions (RCIS) contract, the Cooperative will have two Occupational Therapists who will deliver OT via teletherapy to all member school districts at a combined 1.2 FTE.
  - B. Currently in the process of polling all JAB members for availability for the upcoming June JAB meeting, with the hopes that it can be scheduled immediately following the regular June Management Council meeting.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

10. Director's Annual Evaluation. Dale Olinger called the meeting into Executive Session in order to conduct the Director's annual evaluation at 1:16 p.m. The meeting was then opened back up to the public at 1:33 p.m. Jason Sargent moved to approve the Director's annual evaluation. Logan Labbe- Second.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING**

11. NEXT MANAGEMENT COUNCIL DATE: June 11, 2026 @ 9:00 a.m.

**OTHER**

12. None

**ADJOURN**

13. ADJOURN: Dale Olinger called the meeting adjourned at 1:34 p.m.

Rhonda Olin  
Business Manager, Attest

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Dale Olinger  
Chairman

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